



FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Monday, October 17, 2022 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Finance and Budget Committee met on Monday, October 17, 2022, in the City Council Chambers, Dillingham, AK, and via Zoom video conference call. Curt Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being four):

Alice Ruby

Robert Mawson

Perry Abrams

Anita Fuller

Curt Armstrong

Aksel Buholm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of September 19, 2022, Finance & Budget Committee Meeting

MOTION: Aksel Buholm moved, and Perry Abrams seconded the motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022.

VOTING: the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Anita Fuller, moved and Alice Ruby seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

VOTING: the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

STAFF REPORTS

2. September Financial Report

- FY21 Audit is waiting for final review.
- FY22 Audit, auditors will be in town the week of 10.25.2022 to begin work on the audit.
- Staffing: cashier position is vacant.
- Foreclosure: 2018 foreclosure action is in the final stages. Title search has been completed, final notice of foreclosure action sent to owner of record. 2019 foreclosure action has four properties remaining. Title searches pending. 2022 foreclosure list contains 31 properties.
- Notice for past due utilities have been sent, 13 accounts have been scheduled for shut off. Curb stop repairs are in progress.
- September revenue and expense report reviewed. Budget is at expected levels.
- Corrections, jail is still closed due to staffing issues. No state contract due to closure of jail. State has not been able to assist with rotational staff to date. Contract issues are being discussed with the State.
- Road condition, maintenance, and potential repair reviewed. Local contractors have been contacted regarding assistance with road maintenance.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3. Fish Tax

- Excise tax vs. sales tax explored.
- Bristol Bay Borough fish tax and forms, and public interaction provided for review. Reach out to Sand Point for information regarding what they have in place.
- Proposed per pound amount on excise tax needs to be investigated further to determine the best way to apply consistent and fair amount taking into account fish vary in type and amount per pound year to year.
- Sales tax applied to value of a sale could be considered, this would be subject to voter approval and cannot be adjusted by council.
- Conversation with processors could be considered to discuss possible taxation and/or explore other options.
- Attorney states existing language in code for voter approved fish tax could be updated to make it viable.
- Committee options: contact processors to determine suitable level of taxation, investigate Sand Point method to see if might be viable for Dillingham to consider.

PUBLIC/COMMITTEE COMMENT(S)

- AML is recommending communities with a sales tax cap consider ending this practice. The Supreme Court Wayfair decision provides more uniform taxation which was the intent of a cap. Administering a program with a tax cap for remote sales is complex and problematic.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Neil C. Armstrong, Chair

ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approved: _____