

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING 2023-08

DRAFT MINUTES

April 05, 2023 at 5:30 PM



Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting No. 2023-08: The Special Meeting of the City and Borough Juneau Assembly was held in the Assembly Chambers and called to order by Mayor Beth Weldon at 5:30p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Assemblymember Hale provided the following land acknowledgement: “We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*”

C. ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers Present: Christine Woll (via zoom), ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak (via zoom), Carole Triem, Greg Smith, Michelle Hale, Wade Bryson, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs and Mayor Beth Weldon.

Assemblymembers Absent: Maria Gladziszewski

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, Acting City Attorney Sherri Layne, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Finance Director Jeff Rogers, Adrien Speegle, John Nesmith, Angie Flick

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

Instruction for Public Participation

The public may participate in person or via Zoom webinar. Testimony time will be limited by the Mayor based on the number of participants. Members of the public that want to provide oral testimony via remote participation must notify the Municipal Clerk prior to 4pm the day of the meeting by calling 907-586-5278. For in-person participation at the meeting, a sign-up sheet will be made available at the back of the Chambers and advance sign-up is not required. Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments in advance of the meeting to BoroughAssembly@juneau.org.

E. MANAGER’S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES – *The manager said that there was an updated version of Resolution 3016 A Resolution Adopting the City and Borough Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2029, and Establishing the Capital Improvement Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024 provided as supplemental material; he requested that the supplemental version replace the older version Resolution 3016, which was #4 on the Consent Agenda.*

F. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than Ordinances for Introduction - None

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes - None

C. Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Hale to adopt the consent agenda with the one change, Resolution 3016 item 4 to be replaced by the updated version introduced as a supplemental item on 4/5/2023 and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.***

1. Ordinance 2023-14 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY24 City and Borough Operations.

This ordinance appropriates \$519,655,600 in expenditure authority for the City and Borough of Juneau's FY24 operating budget, excluding the School District. This ordinance appropriates all transfers between funds that support operations, debt service and capital projects as well as the associated expenditures within the funds themselves.

This ordinance also recognizes \$492,395,600 of forecast revenue and transfers-in and decreases fund balances, across all funds, by \$27,260,000. The forecast revenue and draw from fund balance are sufficient to fund the budgeted expenditures. Budgeted expenditures and revenues will be reviewed in detail with the Finance Committee during the budget process in April and May.

The Charter requires that a public hearing be held on the FY24 operating budget by May 1, 2023, and the ordinance be adopted by June 15, 2023.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Special Assembly Meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023.

2. Ordinance 2023-15 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY24 School District Operations.

This ordinance will appropriate to the School District an FY24 operating budget of \$96,317,000. This is an overall increase in the budget of \$9,658,000 from the FY23 Amended Budget. The FY24 school budget is supported with a combination of funding sources including CBJ local funding of \$33,050,800 and state and federal funding of \$58,996,000. The local funding consists of \$30,775,800 for general operations and \$2,275,000 for programs and activities not subject to the state funding cap.

State statute requires the Assembly to determine the total amount of local educational funding support to be provided and provide notification of the support to the School Board within 30 days of the School District's budget submission. To meet this timing provision, it is necessary for the Assembly to determine the amount of funding and provide notice in the month of April. This amount cannot subsequently be reduced, unless the amount exceeds the State funding cap, but it can be increased. If the Assembly does not set the amount and furnish the School Board with notice within 30 days, the amount requested by the School District is automatically approved. By Charter, the Assembly is required to appropriate the School District's budget no later than May 31, 2023.

On April 26, 2023, a meeting is scheduled for the Assembly to state, by motion, the amount of local funding to be provided to the School District.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Special Assembly Meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023.

3. Ordinance 2023-16 An Ordinance Establishing the Rate of Levy for Property Taxes for Calendar Year 2023 Based upon the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

This ordinance establishes the mill rates for property taxes for 2023, which funds a significant portion of the City and Borough of Juneau's FY24 operating budget. The Charter requires the Assembly to adopt, by ordinance, the tax levies necessary to fund the budget before June 15.

The mill levies presented in this ordinance support the Manager's FY24 Revised Budget that will be reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee (AFC). As part of the budget review process, the AFC reviews, amends and recommends to the Assembly the final mill levies.

For FY24, the operating mill rate is proposed to decrease 0.28 mills for a total proposed mill levy of 10.28 mills, the components of which are:

FY2024 Proposed Mill Rate

Areawide: 6.32 (a decrease of 0.28 from FY23 Adopted)

Roaded Service Area: 2.45 (flat from FY23 Adopted)

Fire Service Area: 0.34 (flat from FY23 Adopted)

Debt Service: 1.20 (flat from FY23 Adopted)

Total FY24 Proposed Mill Rate: 10.28 (a decrease of 0.28 from FY23 Adopted)

An opportunity for public comment on the proposed mill rate will be provided during the Special Assembly meeting on April 26, 2023.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Special Assembly meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023.

4. Resolution 3016 A Resolution Adopting the City and Borough Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2029, and Establishing the Capital Improvement Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024.

This resolution would adopt the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2029, as required by Charter Section 9.4, and lists the capital projects that will be initially appropriated by ordinance in FY24.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed the preliminary CIP at its March 6, 2023 meeting and forwarded the plan to the Assembly. The Planning Commission will review the preliminary CIP at its April 25, 2023 meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this resolution, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Special Assembly meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023.

G. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

5. Resolution 3016 RED Folder version

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the Special Assembly meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Beth A. Weldon
Mayor