

Special Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:01 p.m., December 3, 2012, with the following members present: Sam Bergeron, Dick Coose, Kj Harris, DeAnn Karlson, Matthew Olsen, Robert Sivertsen and Marty West.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all persons in the Chambers.

Staff present were Manager Amylon, Assistant Manager Martin, Finance Director Newell, Assistant Fire Chief Dorman, Port and Harbors Director Corporon, Police Chief Bengaard, Public Works Director Allen, various Public Works staff and City Clerk Suiter.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Williams said there are several budget updates on the table, including: Update No. 17 – employee health insurance contribution percentages; Update No. 18 – previously submitted budget updates that may or may not require further consideration; Update No. 19 – Fire Department Engine No. 1 Replacement CIP; Update No. 20 – interdepartmental allocations; Update No. 21 – funding of seasonal litter program; Update No. 22 – addition of a project to the Port Department’s 2013 Capital Budget; Update No. 23 – KMC Additions-Alterations Project Management Capital Project funding; Update No. 24 transmitting a communication from Patti Mackey of the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau and Update No. 25 concerning an inventory of municipal building heating systems.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Denny Zeiser spoke regarding the budget update concerning employee health insurance contribution percentages. He felt this issue could go two ways with the information provided: either the question is whether the City would afford to pay more toward non-represented employees’ insurance or can the playing field be leveled by raising represented employees’ contribution. He reminded it would be a negotiated issue with represented employees, and he proceeded to provide the history of how the insurance co-pay got to where it is for represented employees. He felt strongly that IBEW did its job for its membership by keeping the premium co-pay down.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 12-2480 – Draft 2013 General Government Annual Budget – Deferred from November 28, 2012

Moved by Coose, seconded by Sivertsen the City Council decrease the Human Resources Division’s Management and Consulting Services Account No. 640-04 by \$63,000 to reflect the postponement of succession planning, job description review and a Compensation Plan benchmark survey as recommended by the Matrix Consulting Group’s Peer Review of the Human Resources Division.

Councilmember Coose felt there may be training being built into the budget in some form, and he requested staff bring back the list of things cited in this motion to show which are high priority and which are medium priority.

Motion passed with West, Bergeron, Harris, Sivertsen and Coose voting yea; Olsen and Karlson voting nay.

Moved by Coose, seconded by Harris the City Council approve funding of the Seasonal Litter Program from CPV funds and amend the 2013 Budget to provide a transfer of \$80,199 from the Port Enterprise Fund to the General Fund.

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Karlson, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea.

In response to Councilmember Coose, Manager Amylon handed out a work-in-progress sheet showing the revenues and expenditures of the port in the 2013 proposed budget. He explained the information and said some language changes in the Code may need to take place. He said staff would try to work that out a little more by next meeting. He and Finance Director Newell answered further questions from the Council.

Moved by Coose, seconded by West the City Council increase the 2013 Public Works Department – Streets Division’s Capital Improvement Program by \$67,050 for the purpose of adding and funding the Third Avenue Bypass Safety/Security Fencing Project Capital Account.

Motion failed with Sivertsen, Coose and West voting yea; Bergeron, Harris, Olsen and Karlson voting nay.

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Coose the City Council approve the addition of the Construction of Canopies Adjacent to Berth III Project in the amount of \$125,000 to the Port Department’s 2012 Capital Budget.

Port and Harbors Director Corporon, Manager Amylon and Finance Director Newell answered questions from the Council.

Motion passed with Coose, Bergeron, West, Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen and Karlson voting yea.

Moved by Coose, seconded by Bergeron the City Council increase the appropriation for the Public Health Department’s KMC Additions-Alterations Project Management Capital Project by \$21,342 in 2012 and decrease the appropriation in 2013 by \$21,342.

Motion passed with Karlson, Harris, Olsen, West, Bergeron, Sivertsen and Coose voting yea.

Public Works – Solid Waste

Public Works Director Allen, Finance Director Newell and Manager Amylon answered questions from the Council. Mr. Allen outlined the interdepartmental charges to the division from Engineering, citing surveying work at the landfill, purchase orders,

personnel issues, staff and management time spent on solid waste issues, mapping work, bid specifications and subsequent follow-up, DEC permitting as well as CIP projects.

In response to a comment about the new building CIP for the landfill, Public Works Director Allen said staff has spent very little time on it. He said they have not been certain of the funding source, and staff has been overwhelmed by CIPs and workloads. He noted the Jackson Project had to be done twice, the Hospital HVAC had to be done twice, the City Hall Project was done twice, the Bawden Street Demolition was done twice – this has cut into staff resources. He went on to say the need is still there and recognized, but it has not been a top priority. He reminded even having an outside consultant do the work requires input from Engineering.

No action was taken.

The Council took a short break at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

Public Works – Wastewater

Public Works Director Allen answered questions from the Council. Manager Amylon noted the proposed increase in rates is 10%. In response to Councilmember Olsen, Manager Amylon reminded of the study to extend sewer and water to Shoreline, noting it would be a multi-million dollar project. Mayor Williams felt the project could be put on the legislative priority list as a place holder.

No action was taken.

Harbor

Port and Harbors Director Corporon answered questions from the Council.

No action was taken.

Port

Mayor Williams said he would like to discuss some of the discretionary projects, so he felt the money could be budgeted, and the Council could make the project decisions after the first of the year.

No action was taken.

Risk Management

Finance Director Newell answered questions from the Council. No action was taken.

Debt Service

In response to Councilmember Olsen, Manager Amylon said he has been in discussions with RISE on the Rasmuson grant, and he will be bringing something back to the Council. He stated there may be issues, and he will elaborate at that time.

No action was taken.

Transfers & Advances

No action was taken.

Capital Improvement Projects

Public Works Director Allen answered questions from the Council. Councilmember Sivertsen expressed, although it might be difficult, it would be good to look at forward funding on vehicles.

No action was taken.

Mayor Williams said he was willing to raise the mill rate 4/10 of a mill, as the Council had cut approximately 1/10 of a mill. He asked management to come back with at least 4/10 of a mill in cuts. Manager Amylon said he was glad to recommend 4/10 of a mill, but reminded they would be cuts the Council will not support. He stated the Council may better off working amongst themselves to determine what it is they want to cut, explaining the things he proposed cutting in the past is what he will bring back this time around. He went on to say the Council has chosen each time not to cut those.

Moved by West, seconded by Sivertsen to defer until the next meeting.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Lew Williams III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Suiter
City Clerk