



FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Our Vision. To have an infrastructure and city workforce that supports a sustainable, diversified and growing economy. We will partner with others to achieve economic development and other common goals that assure a high quality of living, and excellence in education.

MEETING INFORMATION

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

141 Main Street, Dillingham, AK 99576 (907) 842-5212

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Call to Order:

- Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call:

- Present:** Chairman Armstrong, Mayor Ruby, Councilman Westfall, Anita Fuller (Finance Director).
- Absent:** Not specified.

Approval of Minutes:

- No minutes to approve.

Approval of Agenda:

- No formal motion to approve the agenda as it was a workshop meeting.

Staff Reports:

1. Public Safety Budget:

- Anita Fuller presented budget information for public safety departments, including administration, dispatch, patrol, and corrections.
- Key follow-up actions:
 - Anita to investigate Chief O'Malley's travel arrangements and contract.
 - Anita to explore airline rewards/mileage programs for city travel.
 - Anita to maintain \$700,000 in the corrections budget for state negotiations.
 - Anita to schedule a meeting with the State of Alaska regarding the corrections budget.

2. DMV Revenue and Expenses:

- a. Anita presented budget details on DMV revenue and vehicle tax allocation.
- b. Key follow-up action:
 - i. Anita to investigate how DMV revenue and vehicle tax are recorded.

Follow-up Actions:

1. Anita to confirm Chief O'Malley's travel arrangements and address questions regarding her contract.
2. Anita to explore potential airline rewards programs for city travel.
3. Anita to maintain a \$700,000 allocation in the corrections budget for state negotiations.
4. Anita to schedule a meeting with the State of Alaska regarding the corrections budget.
5. Anita to ensure all materials are prepared by Monday 5:00 PM for review before the next meeting.
6. Anita to investigate how DMV revenue and vehicle tax are recorded.

Citizen's Discussion:

- Key speakers included:
 - **Anita Fuller:** Presented detailed budget information on corrections expenses, DMV operations, and revenue.
 - **Mayor Ruby:** Raised concerns about vehicle tax allocation and expressed concerns about sustainable spending.
 - **Councilman Westfall:** Discussed spending proportions between criminal justice and education.

Committee Comments:

- **Mayor Ruby:** Expressed concerns about sustainable spending and the potential for service cuts.
- **Councilman Westfall:** Suggested balancing spending between criminal justice and education.
- **Chairman Armstrong:** Managed meeting flow and contributed to discussions on historical budget negotiations.

Mayor's Comments:

- Mayor Ruby emphasized the importance of future planning to avoid financial crises. She raised concerns about:
 - Vehicle tax allocation in DMV revenue.
 - Using fund balance for operating costs versus capital investments.
 - Sustainable spending to avoid repeating past service cuts, such as library closures and defunding other services.

Adjournment:

- The adjournment time was not specified in the transcript.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 5:30 PM to complete the review of the remaining budget items before preparing the council packet.

ATTEST:


Abigail Flynn, Acting City Clerk


Approval Date:

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