

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE

April 26, 2022 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Worl called the Systemic Racism Review Committee to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Lisa Worl, Grace Lee, Kelli Patterson, Gail Cheney, Ivan Nance

Absent: Dominic Branson, Carla Casulucan

Staff: Robert Barr, Robert Palmer, Katie Koester and Di Cathcart

Others in attendee mode: Adrien Speegle, Jeff Rogers, Sherri Layne, John Bohan

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

A. 2022-04-12 SRRC Work session Minutes - Draft

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Barr read the ordinances into the record.

MOTION: by Ms. Lee to approve the consent agenda as presented, *hearing no objection, motion passed.*

A. Legislation Introduced at April 25, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting

The following ordinances were up for introduction on the consent agenda at the April 25, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting. The SRRC checklists associated with the ordinances are in this SRRC packet. Legislation and materials associated with the legislation are located in the Assembly packet (copy/paste link into preferred browser for access to the Assembly agenda page):<https://juneau.org/assembly/assembly-minutes-and-agendas>

Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AO) An Ordinance Transferring \$70,000 from Police's Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget to the Drug Enforcement Unit Building Expansion Capital Improvement Project.

Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AP) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$800,000 to the Manager for the Eaglecrest Gondola Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds.

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Engineering/Public Works Director Katie Koester walked the committee through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) review process and noted that FY23 CIP's are mostly maintenance related.

General CIP Timeline:

October - Engineering solicits prioritized CIP nominations from Departments and offers assistance on scoping and cost estimation.

December - Finance provides revenue projections for Sales Tax funded CIP categories, which dictate available funding for priorities.

January - Draft CIP resolution introduced at Assembly Public Works & Facilities Committee (PWFC)

March - Six year CIP introduced at PWFC. The CIP book includes appropriating resolution for current year, 6-year plan, and unfunded Department priorities.

April through May - Review by Assembly Finance Committee, Planning Commission and SRRC.

June 15th - Charter deadline for the Assembly to pass the CIP resolution.

Funding for CIP's comes from voter approved sales tax, marine passenger fees and enterprise funds. Voter approved sales tax covers general government operations, police, fire, street maintenance, parks and recreation,

transit and other general services. Marine Passenger Fees (MPF) are \$4.095 million for FY23 from State Marine Passenger Fees. The Manager's Office receives requests from CBJ departments as well as outside organizations with a connection to summer visitors. The City Manager creates a recommendations list of projects to fund via MPF's, the public has an opportunity to comment, when the comment period ends the final list is presented to the Assembly for action. Enterprise funds are from departments that generate revenue and contribute to the CIP based on their available funds and priorities. Enterprise funds include: Bartlett Regional Hospital, Lands & Resources, Docks & Harbors and Water/Wastewater utilities.

CIP project selection for funding comes from priority lists submitted from CBJ departments. There are always more project requests than available funding so Engineering works with the departments to identify specific priorities that fit within available funding limits with unfunded project priorities moving to the next fiscal year priority list.

Ms. Cheney asked about capital improvement for wastewater, do we have any policies around being equal for what we fund for various neighborhoods. Ms. Koester responded that CBJ does not base improvements on neighborhoods but on aging infrastructure; what has aged out and needs replacement.

Chair Worl asked if there is a mechanism for the public to give input.

Ms. Koester, Engineering has a pavement preservation program to review pavement every year and see what needs to be fixed working closely with the Streets Division and how to prioritize those needs as well as utilities – old tanks, lift stations and pipes that need replacing. When Engineering solicits requests from Departments, they work through their needs and a lot of maintenance needs end up on the 6-year list. We work closely with Building Maintenance and the School District to help prioritize their projects and cost estimates. When the CIP resolution is before the Assembly in January and works through the committee process that is a time for the public to give input. AFC Chair Triem has opened up the CIP process to Assembly members to add any addendums or requests to the CIP list for consideration prior to final approval.

Chair Worl, for me it is about the process and what systems do we have in place for the community or public to give their input, where are the holes, who aren't we hearing from and how can we better that process. For Parks & Streets process, 90% is for deferred maintenance and repair so for the other 10% where does that discussion come from. Thinking about the process and how decisions are made and if the public has a mechanism during the budget

process to easily comment or know who to reach out to.

Chair Worl, appreciate everyone's time working on this process.

A. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Review

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): <https://juneau.org/engineering-public-works/cip>

2022-04-13 Assembly Committee Packet:

[https://packet.cbjak.org/MeetingView.aspx?](https://packet.cbjak.org/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=1723&MinutesMeetingID=-1&doctype=Agenda)

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IX. STAFF REPORTS

None

X. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Cheney asked about the process around community engagement as well as CBJ taxes and disbursement of taxes collected within CBJ. Chair Worl spoke to the community engagement piece noting that community engagement is currently not part of the scope of the SRRC; however there is the Juneau Human Rights Commission (JHRC) and community engagement is part of that commissions charge. Chair Worl added the SRRC and JHRC could look at holding another joint meeting as they did in June 2021 for systemic racism training if that was the will of the body.

Mr. Barr spoke to the tax question. There are two major pieces, property tax and a current 5% sales tax which breaks down to a permanent 1% and voter approved temporary 3% and temporary 1%. The temporary 3% was voter approved during the 2021 municipal election and the temporary 1% will be on the 2022 municipal ballot. The Assembly is looking at how to eliminate sales tax on food using the SNAP method as a guideline. There are two types of property tax; commercial and residential, the Assessor's Office is responsible for the property assessments and the Assembly sets the mill rate. There is a mill rate cap in CBJ code on how high the assembly can set the mill rate and historically the Assembly has always looked at ways to lower the mill rate.

Chair Worl, may not be able to attend the May 3 meeting and may need the support of Vice Chair Lee to start the meeting.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. Placeholder for SRRC Work session: May 3, 2022 at Noon

B. Regular SRRC Meeting for Legislation Review: May 17, 2022 at Noon

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.