

City and Borough of Juneau
ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE
Financial Sustainability Review Proposed for Oct / Nov 2019
August 21, 2019

Background:

At the conclusion of the FY20 budget process there was general agreement by the Assembly that it was time to review the fiscal sustainability of the CBJ operating and capital budgets. Factors impacting this decision included use of one time savings for ongoing operational costs, increased staffing for public safety, increases in employee wages and benefits, as well as the potential impact of adding childcare as an ongoing expense and desired capital project investments.

Goals:

To provide budget direction to the City Manager in advance of the FY21/22 budget development and to provide direction to the City Attorney if needed to draft necessary ordinances related to revenue or expense changes.

Process:

- Meeting 1: Overview of Revenue Sources, Debt Capacity and CIP spending
- Meeting 2: Overview of all CBJ Programs & Services to include revenue, expense, staffing and use details.
- Homework: Individual Assembly members prioritize programs and services and send results to staff. Staff will provide an aggregate of the scoring at the third meeting as a starting place for the discussion.
- Meeting 3: Assembly members review/discuss aggregate results. Review/Discuss revenue options and begin to look at how to bring revenues and expenses into balance. Committee flags additional items that need more information/explanation.
- Meeting 4 - 6: Continuation of discussion at meeting three. Assembly flags items for action in keeping with the goals above.

Proposed Time Line:

Time lines were developed with the assumption that action items would be flagged prior to the December 7th retreat in order to provide clear direction to the Manager for the FY21/22 budget preparation.

1. Wednesday, October 2nd, 5:30 – 7:00 (Mayor Weldon will Chair, L. Jones by phone)
2. Wednesday, October 9th, 5:30 – 7:00
3. Saturday, November 2nd, 8:00 – 12:00
4. Wednesday, November 6th, 5:30 – 7:00 (in place or in addition to regular AFC)
5. Wednesday, November 13th, 5:30 – 7:00 (If needed)
6. Wednesday, December 4th, 5:30 – 7:00 (If needed)

Note: It is possible to begin this process earlier in the calendar year, however, education and decision making sessions would span the election and might create duplication of efforts.