

Municipality of Anchorage

Joint meeting of the Budget Advisory Commission and School Budget Advisory Commission

January 5th, 2011

Jim Bailey, BAC
Andy Clary, BAC
Bill Webb, BAC
Adam Trombly, BAC
Jim Ricks, BAC
Liz Vazquez, BAC
Tam Agosti-Gisler, BAC
David Alexander, SBAC
Greg Gurse SBAC
David Stratton, SBAC
Larry Baker, Mayor's Office
Cheryl Frasca, Muni OMB Director
Ross Risvold, Finance Director
Chad Stiteler, ASD CFO
Marie Laule, ASD Budget Director
Carol Comeau, ASD Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 11:30. The agenda and December Minutes approved.

Ernie Hall: Expressed appreciation to the BAC for the report it submitted during the budget cycle. The Assembly is looking at a resolution to change voter tax approval from 60% to 50% plus one. These proposals have been referred to the Budget Finance Committee and the Community and Economic Development Committee. This will be a slow and time consuming process.

Larry Baker explained the reasoning for the proposed code change to merge the BAC and SBAC which will be introduced to the Assembly in January. This change was recommended by the transition team. Both budgets impact property taxes paid by the community. Initially, the existing members on both the SBAC and BAC will continue, therefore there will be 14 members. As the terms expire, the commission will eventually have only nine members. There are additional changes to the code overseeing Boards and Commissions.

Cheryl Frasca distributed a packet to the group including the above mentioned ordinances, a First Quarter Budget revision schedule (including dates relevant to the ASD Budget approval), and Code/charter for the Commissions.

Ross Risvold reviewed the three reports in the packets related to the status of bond funding. The Muni and School District are federally mandated to spend the bond allocation within three years. The Finance Department has worked hard to have realistic expectations of a spending schedule and only issue bonds to cover expenses in a 12 - 18 month time frame.

Carol Comeau presented discussed the ASD budgeting process, including the proposed bonds that have been approved by the district. These bonds will be authorized by the Assembly for the April ballot.

Historically, the SBAC has participated in the School Board budget review and then submitted a report to the Assembly. The Superintendent will present the 2011-12 budget January 19 and 20. There is approximately at \$10 Million dollar gap that will need to be addressed during reductions. ASD hosted public dialogue sessions in December regarding the upcoming budget cuts.

NEXT MEETING: City Hall 8th Floor February, 2nd Wednesday at 11:30. Both BAC and SBAC members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Adjourned at 12:55.