

MINUTES
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION
October 3rd 2012

Members Present

Amy Demboski
Shirley Nelson
Bob Griffin

Andy Clary
Joe Riggs
Al Tamagni

Bill Webb
Liz Vasquez

Guests:

MOA: Marilyn Banzhaf, OMB
School board

ASD: Kathleen Plunket,

Chad Stiteler, CFO
Mark Foster, OMB

1. Meeting Called to order 8 members present

2. Roll Call 8 members present

Jim Bailey - Excused

3. Approval of Agenda -- approved no objections

4. Approval of July 2012 regular meeting minutes -- approved no objections

5. Reports:

a. OMB, Marilyn Banzhaf

Budget was delivered to the Assembly. No significant issues in the capital budget other than guidance from the Mayor to keep debt "about even"

Operating budget address \$30 million budget gap. Most of the gap was resolved with service reductions.

Discussed A and B options for the budget based on funds that may be available for tax cap capacity that the ASD cannot use because of changes in state law.

An October 12 joint ASD MOA work session is scheduled for discussing the A-B options with public hearings to be taken on November 7th.

A brief tutorial of interpreting the MOA operating budget was conducted including direct budget costs, and function costs. In addition there was a brief discussion of interpreting the capital budget and 6-year plan.

Amy asked questions concerning the Chugiak Fire department and Eagle River/Chugiak Road Service Area budgets

Andy brought up the erratic IGC changes year to year. Marilyn responded that that process was being improved in the future.

b. Assembly-- Non Given

b. ASD, Chad Stitler

Discussed ASD scheduled ASD School Board budget discussion coming up on November 5th at during early School board Meeting at 2:30. Discussion will put out draft budget guidelines framing the budget and anticipated revenue. That proposal will be up for a vote during the November 15th School Board Meeting and open for public testimony. Budget will be prepared for delivery to the Assembly in March.

New Executive Director of ASD OMB was introduced -- Mark Foster.

d. School Board, Kathleen Plunket

Reiterated that November 15 will be taking public testimony on the budget presentation. Internal Auditor position has been approved as a shared services function and the process of applicant search for the position has started.

School Board is setting legislative priorities focusing on funding issues and PERS/TRS liability.

6. Department Assignments

Discussion was conducted on contact information for Muni department heads and member sign-up and the need to provide 7 day public notice to any of the meeting that would more than three commissioners for Police, Fire and Public Works

A Brief discussion of department questions - similar to the questions used last year.

Special meeting was scheduled for noon, October 24th to discuss department reviews

Extensive discussion of coordinating calendar availability for meetings

7. Member comments

A brief discussion of bar charts with a 28 city comparison group for public safety cost and outcomes

A brief discussion of how to approach grant funded positions that would be expiring under the SAFER grant

A brief discussion was conducted "contract spiking" for public safety workers

AI recommended a pie charts be created showing breakdowns of straight-time and overtime costs

A brief discussion of future Collective Bargaining Agreement items that should be discussed to changes work rules productivity increase for the next CBA cycle.

8. Next meeting scheduled for Nov 7th Noon

1:06PM meeting adjourned