

Special Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:02 p.m., November 8, 2010, with the following members present: Dick Coose, Kj Harris, Matthew Olsen, Jack Shay, Robert Sivertsen and Marty West. Councilmember Jason Harris joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all persons in the Chambers.

Staff present were Manager Amylon, Assistant Manager Martin, Finance Director Newell, Public Works Director Allen, Port and Harbors Director Corporon and City Clerk Suiter.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Williams said there were several items laid on the table, including: 2011 General Government budget update No. 2; 2011 General Government budget update No. 3, revised Port & Harbors organizational charts; 2011 General Government budget update No. 4, estimated costs for Museum Department administrative secretary; 2011 General Government budget update No. 5, ambulance billings; 2011 General Government budget update No. 6, restoring the Police Department K-9 program; 2011 General Government budget update No. 7, KPU funding of community agencies; and 2011 General Government budget update No. 8, cost to restore Fire Department firefighter/medic position.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – None

Mayor Williams said he would like to consider the new business items first if there were no objections; none were heard.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of the City Attorney

Mayor Williams said in the haste of trying to get something done on this issue, he may have led the Council in violating the Open Meetings Act. He apologized to the Council and the public, noting there should have been an executive session to talk about the issue and make a decision in public. He thanked Councilmember Shay and Acting City Attorney Seaver for bringing the violation of the OMA to his attention.

Moved by West, seconded by Coose that consideration of this agenda item be deferred until a special meeting of the Council to be held at a time to be determined by the Council.

After discussion, the Council determined to meet on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion passed with West, Olsen, Shay, Kj Harris, Sivertsen and Coose voting yea; Jason Harris absent.

Councilmember Jason Harris joined the meeting at this point.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Resolution No. 10-2361 – Draft 2011 General Government
Annual Budget – Deferred from November 1, 2010**

Tourism and Economic Development

Patty Mackey, Ketchikan Visitors Bureau, answered questions from the Council. No action was taken.

Public Health

No action was taken.

Public Works

Public Works Director Allen and Manager Amylon answered questions from the Council.

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Coose to eliminate the half-year building inspector position.

Motion failed with Coose and Sivertsen voting yea; Kj Harris, West, Shay, Olsen and Jason Harris voting nay.

No further action was taken.

The Council took a short break at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

Small Boat Harbors

Port and Harbors Director Corporon answered questions from the Council. Mayor Williams asked for a report of what it would cost to cover the harbors more effectively using surveillance cameras. No action was taken.

Port Department

Councilmember Coose felt there were too many port security people standing around much of the time, and we could get by with about 20% less. No action was taken.

Other

Finance Director Newell answered questions from the Council. No action was taken.

Capital Improvement Projects

Public Works Director Allen answered questions from the Council.

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Councilmember Coose questioned the remodel of the entrance to City Hall, asking if this can be delayed by one year. Manager Amylon said he will take another look at it and provide an updated report.

Mayor Williams went over the schedule for special budget meetings. Councilmember Sivertsen reminded there were issues relating to reinstating the City garage mechanic and the building maintenance person. Councilmember Olsen said the Museum administrative assistant position was deferred as well as the firefighter/medic position.

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Coose the City Council increase the Police Department 2011 proposed budget by \$41,680 for the purpose of restoring the K-9 program.

Mayor Williams noted the funding would come out of the U.S. Marshal Seizure Fund.

Motion passed with Coose, Jason Harris, West, Kj Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen and Shay voting yea.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kj Harris said a mill increase has been running through his mind because we might have to have it.

Councilmember Shay said China has upped their rare earth regulations which is good news for us because of the wonderful deposits of elements we have. He felt it was a real possibility for our future.

Councilmember West said there would be a public meeting tomorrow night to talk about chloramination at the Ted Ferry Civic Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the KPU Advisory Board members would be there and will be available to talk to members of the public.

Councilmember Sivertsen said, as Councilmember Kj Harris mentioned, the mill rate is an important issue that is still to be wrestled with. He noted the Council has a bond issue that was passed and the debt service is going to have to be paid for. He said the Council may need to consider tying the mill levy to that debt service. He felt it was disappointing that we've lost a position in the House as far as hoping to get things done this year, and hopefully we can salvage what we can.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Lew Williams III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Suiter
City Clerk