

Special Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:00 p.m., November 29, 2010, with the following members present: Dick Coose, Jason Harris, Kj Harris, Matthew Olsen, Jack Shay, Robert Sivertsen and Marty West.

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

Staff present were Assistant Manager Martin, Finance Director Newell, Police Chief Talik, Public Works Director Allen and City Clerk Suiter.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

Mayor Williams recited the agencies and the amounts for each that is included in the draft 2011 budget.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Joann Flora, representing Big Brothers Big Sisters, thanked the Council for including them in the budget. She continued by asking the Council to add another \$500 to their request to keep them at the \$5000 level.

Laurie Thomas, representing Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council, explained the Council has worked effectively to increase membership in giving levels, and their Board of Directors increased giving levels by 50%. She continued by stating the Torch Night season has been reduced. She felt the cut in funding is very difficult for their organization to manage.

Kathleen Light, also representing KAAHC, said a state grant has been received to almost fully pay off the construction loan for the building. She stressed the funding from the City is crucial to the organization. She thanked the Council for the funding over many years.

Ruth Dulin, representing Southeast Alaska Independent Living, requested the Council continue to partner with SAIL to provide services, which she outlined. She noted they are hoping to work with Akeela soon to serve the mental health community.

Bonnie Gunselles, speaking in support of SAIL, explained how they have helped her.

Mark Harris explained how SAIL has helped him following a brain injury he suffered.

Elizabeth Nelson, representing First City Players, said they are very aware that not everyone participates in theater music and dance. She maintained that the strength of arts in the community has contributed to benefit everyone. She provided a brief history of the funding for First City Players. She felt they are a success story and they do a lot of fundraising to keep going. She explained that during the past funding cycle with the State Arts Council, First City Players received the highest rating and the most funding of any

community theater in the state. She requested the Council reinstate last year's cut. She said the organizations the Council is funding are the heart and soul of the community.

Bess Clark, representing Community Connection's OARS Program, introduced Board Member Dr. McGrath. Dr. McGrath thanked the Council for the past funding. He recited his experience of working with the OARS program, noting that the funding the City provides is a bridge as Medicaid cuts funding.

Tom Schulz, representing Women In Safe Homes, said their request is for a specific item. He said it will help them install a central communications system to assist in clearing the building if necessary.

Jamie Barber, WISH shelter manager, provided several statistics that pointed out the increased use of the shelter. She explained some of the services they provide, and thanked the Council for considering their request.

Marianne Mills, representing the Ketchikan Care Coordination Program of Catholic Community Services, thanked the Council for its past support. She outlined the program and the services they provide for seniors.

Katherine Wylie, representing Ketchikan Senior Center, provided statistics on the meals and transportation they provide for seniors. She thanked the Council for its past funding.

Nancy Tietje, representing Rendezvous Senior Day Center, said they have improved their services and doubled their numbers. She said the thrift store is one of their primary sources of funding, and she thanked the Council for helping them serve in the future.

Devra Milam spoke on behalf of Alaska Legal Services, specifically addressing their service to seniors. She said they are dealing with a lot of foreclosures this year.

Dave Kiffer, speaking on behalf of Historic Ketchikan, thanked the Council for funding some of these organizations for twenty years. He encouraged the Council to do what it could to support them.

Major James Halverson, representing the Salvation Army, said they are trying to establish an emergency shelter for the winter months. He said their request is \$3,000 and he handed out a budget worksheet showing costs.

Dawn Rauwolf, representing PATCHWorks, thanked the Council for their inclusion in the proposed budget. She related what the organization is known for, and explained some of the free events they have done over this past year.

Eric Muench, speaking on behalf of the Ketchikan Volunteer Rescue Squad, said when they got the letter from the City about applying, it got lost in the shuffle so they never

actually formally applied. He stressed they would like to continue to get reimbursed for the power and moorage.

Jeffrey Johnson spoke in support of the emergency shelter, stating he has had unfortunate circumstances. He said without the support of those at the Salvation Army, the food and shelter he was given by them, he would be dead. He said they need the money to keep it going.

The Council took a short break at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

Samantha Ball, representing the Boys and Girls Club, said they have been in Alaska since 1966, offering a safe place for kids and teens to go. She said it is different than other non-profits because they are site based. She noted they customize programs for the community, providing snacks after school for the kids. She expressed appreciation for the Council's continued support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Coose felt the Mill Street resolution still commits us to maintenance, noting the intent and the resolution do not match. Councilmember Sivertsen said most of the maintenance is committing to maintain the iron in the streets, which we already do.

Revocable and Limited Permit to Encroach Upon Platted and Developed Right-of-Way – Crescent Key, LLC – Deferred from November 23, 2010

Moved by West, seconded by Jason Harris the City Council approve the Revocable and Limited Permit to Encroach upon Platted and Developed Right-of-Way to Crescent Key, LLC for the purpose of installing a marquee, window boxes, a clock tower and other assets at USS 437, Block 14, Lots 17, 19 and 20 of the Ketchikan Recording District, said property bearing the addresses 301, 305 and 309 Dock Street and 300 and 310 Front Street.

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

Resolution No. 10-2347 (Revised) – Nominating the Tongass Highway (Mill Street) Road Reconstruction as a City of Ketchikan Transportation Infrastructure Priority Project for Inclusion in the State of Alaska's Needs List – Deferred from November 23, 2010

Moved by West, seconded by Jason Harris the City Council approve Resolution No. 10-2347 (revised) nominating the Tongass Highway (Mill Street) Road Reconstruction as a

City of Ketchikan Transportation Infrastructure Priority Project for inclusion in the State of Alaska's Needs List; and establishing an effective date.

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

Resolution No. 10-2350 (Revised) – Nominating the Schoenbar Road Asphalt Overlay Project as a City of Ketchikan Transportation Infrastructure Priority Project for Inclusion in the State of Alaska's Needs List – Deferred from November 23, 2010

Moved by West, seconded by Jason Harris the City Council approve Resolution No. 10-2350 (revised) nominating the Schoenbar Road Asphalt Overlay Project as a City of Ketchikan Transportation Infrastructure Priority Project for inclusion in the State of Alaska's Needs List; and establishing an effective date.

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

Resolution No. 10-2352 (Revised) – Nominating the Waterfront Promenade Phase II As a City of Ketchikan Transportation Infrastructure Priority Project for Inclusion in the State of Alaska's Needs List – Deferred from November 23, 2010

Moved by West, seconded by Jason Harris the City Council approve Resolution No. 10-2352 (revised) nominating the Waterfront Promenade Phase II as a City of Ketchikan Transportation Infrastructure Priority Project for inclusion in the State of Alaska's Needs List; and establishing an effective date.

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

Resolution No. 10-2353 (Revised) – Nominating the Waterfront Promenade Phase III as a City of Ketchikan Transportation Infrastructure Priority Project for Inclusion in the State of Alaska's Needs List – Deferred from November 23, 2010

Moved by West, seconded by Jason Harris the City Council approve Resolution No. 10-2353 (revised) nominating the Waterfront Promenade Phase III as a City of Ketchikan Transportation Infrastructure Priority Project for inclusion in the State of Alaska's Needs List; and establishing an effective date.

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

**Resolution No. 10-2361 – Draft 2011 General Government
Annual Budget – Deferred from November 8 ,2010**

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution No. 10-2362 – Draft 2011 Ketchikan Public
Utilities Annual Budget**

Moved by West, seconded by Shay to increase funding for Women In Safe Homes to \$8,000.

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

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Olsen to fund the Salvation Army emergency shelter program at \$3,000, as first-year funding.

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

Moved by West, seconded by Shay to increase the appropriation for the Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council to \$50,000.

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

Councilmember Jason Harris expressed concern that the Council has not heard from Park Avenue Temporary Home, and last year they were strapped. He requested staff call and find out their status. Councilmember Sivertsen said the person who would have spoken on their behalf was called out of town for a family emergency.

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Coose to remove the funding for the Ketchikan-Kanayama Exchange Program.

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

Moved by Olsen, seconded by West to freeze funding for those agencies listed in the draft General Government Budget not already acted upon this evening at the 2010 appropriation level.

[Clerk's Note: The agencies listed at the 2010 appropriation included: Alaska Legal Services - \$11,000; Park Avenue Temporary Home - \$39,720; Catholic Community Services - \$57,465; Ketchikan Senior Services - \$22,500; Rendezvous Senior Day Center - \$30,600; PATCHWorks - \$18,000; Big Brothers/Big Sisters - \$5,000; First City Players - \$7,500; Boys & Girls Clubs - \$12,500; Ketchikan Youth Court - \$6,600; Community Connections (OARS) - \$34,321; Southeast Alaska Independent Living - \$5,400; Ketchikan Volunteer Rescue Squad - \$2,000.]

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Coose thanked Chief Talik for the work done on the docks, as he heard there is less stealing going on. Relative to the non-profits, he said he would like to see the total budget from each of where the income is coming from and where it is going. He requested this detail for the future. He also requested more information when new vehicles are requested in the budget.

Councilmember Kj Harris reminded there is a little over a half million dollar bond payment coming up. He also pointed out the library is coming up next year.

Councilmember Shay acknowledged the study provided by the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau, as well as a sheet covering many of the questions previously asked. He agreed with Councilmember Coose about the detail needed on community agencies. He hoped by working with the Borough it will be easier for licensing and permits.

Mayor Williams said the Chamber called to thank KPU and Public Works for helping install the Christmas tree on the dock. He reminded there is a meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. He also noted there was a regular meeting here on Thursday, at which there would be an executive session relative to the telephone sale.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Lew Williams III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Suiter
City Clerk