

Special Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:00 p.m., September 22, 2011, 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 Manager Amylon, Assistant Manager Martin, City Attorney Seaver, Library Director McQuerry, Acting Police Chief Dossett, Public Works Director Allen and City Clerk Suiter.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Karen Eakes informed the Council that Challenge Day would be held at the schools for the third time. She handed out a flyer, noting it will occur on October 11, 12 and 13 at Kayhi and Schoenbar. She explained the people and financial support involved, and encouraged people to take time to participate in this event.

Pat Cassin expressed concern about the library being built on fill, and asked other questions about the library. He discussed landslide possibilities, and asked the reason why pilings are recommended to be drilled instead of driven. He suggested the City could work with Amazon to provide everyone with Kindles with a cover for \$1.9 million instead.

Mike Carney spoke to the per-square-foot cost of the library, and suggested the library be kept at the original budgeted amount and make adjustments elsewhere in the project. He also spoke regarding the tax holiday, commenting he didn't know if it penciled out at the end of the day.

Bill Rotecki addressed the library foundation, expressing concern we didn't have the best information yet to make a decision. He questioned the idea that it is a nominal fix to grout any settling, and he explained his experience in this area. He also discussed mass movement of soil, which may cause the piling to be under considerable strain. He encouraged the Council to get good information to make a good decision.

John Stewart also addressed his concern about the library, stating he has had an equal number of questions to answers. He wondered if it is possible, should it turn out not to be the location, to utilize the funding at another location. He questioned the stability of the fill and the strain on the piling.

CONSENT AGENDA

Exempting the Procurement of the Hardware Component of a Dispatch Supervisor Console from Competitive

**Bidding/Quotation Requirements of the Ketchikan
Municipal Code – ProComm Alaska, LLC**

Moved by West, seconded by Jason Harris pursuant to subparagraph 6 of Section 3.12.050(a) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, the City Council exempt the procurement of the hardware component of a dispatch supervisor console from ProComm Alaska, LLC from competitive bidding/quotations at a cost of \$57,114; authorize funding in the amounts of \$33,058 and \$24,056 from the Police Department's 2011 Supervisor's Dispatch Console and E911 System Upgrade & Enhancement Capital Accounts; and direct the city manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the City Council.

Deputy Police Chief Dossett answered questions from the Council.

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

NEW BUSINESS

**Reconsideration of Council Action Regarding the
Exemption from the Sales Tax Holiday on Tobacco and
Alcohol – Councilmember Sivertsen**

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Jason Harris to reconsider Council action taken at the regular Council meeting of September 15, 2011 regarding the amendment relating to the exemption of tobacco and alcohol from the sales tax holiday.

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

The motion before the Council was:

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Jason Harris to amend by removing the suspension from all sales tax occurring from the sale of alcohol and tobacco.

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Jason Harris to amend the amendment by removing the suspension from all sales tax occurring from only package store sales.

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

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

The main motion was then back on the table:

Moved by West, seconded by Sivertsen pursuant to Section 3.04.035 of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, the City Council declare a Sales Tax Holiday on October 15, 2011 and suspend the collection of the sales tax on goods and services during the Sales Tax Holiday as outlined in the finance director's report dated September 9, 2011.

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

Ketchikan Public Library Foundation Design and Cost Analysis

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by Sivertsen the City Council direct staff to proceed with an alternative foundation option for the new Ketchikan Public Library as determined appropriate by the City Council.

Manager Amylon explained staff looked at various alternatives that the Council might want to consider for a foundation. He expressed his perspective that a lot of time has been spent on the issue, and he isn't sure there is a 100% right or wrong answer. He felt the Council needed to look at it in terms of degree of confidence of what the engineers and architects are telling them.

In answering questions presented by the public, Kent Crandall said local contractors are good with driving piling through rock because they can use a rock bit. He noted as soon as they encounter wood or other timbers, the pile will not advance because the wood absorbs the energy. He continued several attempts may need to be conducted before finding a good place to drive the piling.

Mr. Crandall described the foundation options that were presented, explaining each one.

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West to amend the motion to direct staff to move ahead with the mat slab foundation and work with the engineers and contractors to proceed.

Mayor Williams ruled, should it pass, the amendment would be considered as the main motion.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sivertsen said our streets crews have been very busy with the recent rainfall and drainage issues we've had, and he thanked them for all their hard work.

Councilmember West said she is going to miss Councilmember Jason Harris.

Councilmember Olsen said he attended a spirited Joint Tax Committee Meeting, the end result of which were the recommendations discussed earlier relating to the Borough's recommendations for the tax free holiday. He noted recommendations were also passed along to the Borough Assembly that they mirror the City's non-profit agencies form.

Councilmember Shay informed a bill was passed to extend the federal aviation and airport program by four months, which could be very valuable for us. He felt this showed AML's importance to communities.

Councilmember Kj Harris reminded everyone that elections are coming up, and he hated the thought of 20% of the voters making the decisions for 100% of the people. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Councilmember Coose expressed when there are committees recommending the two elected bodies take similar action, it might be wise to have the recommended action come to the Cooperative Relations Committee first to make sure it is tuned in, rather than pitching it both ways. He said several attended the meetings by the DOT on the Shelter Cove Road, and the road is probably something that will benefit this community. He stated we've been after it for at least 15 years, and he asked for four hands to authorize the mayor to sign a letter to DOT supporting the construction on the road. He felt it should state the Council recommends the completion of it, and that the Council supports what appears to be the state's preferred Alternative No. 1. He said if the road is out there, it provides public access to Forest Service land, which we don't have now. He said it would open up hunting, fishing, fire wood gathering activities, recreational activities, etc. At least four hands were shown.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Lew Williams III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Suiter
City Clerk