

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting

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Assembly Members:

George Martinez, Chair

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Thursday, October 3, 2024; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Development Services, Training Room 4700 Elmore Road Anchorage, Alaska

1. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

2. REGULAR REPORTS

- ~Office of Economic & Community Development (OECD)
 - a. Building Services:
 - Development Services
 - Planning Department
 - b. Public Works:
 - Maintenance & Operations
 - Project Management & Engineering
 - Traffic Engineering
 - c. Real Estate Department:
 - HLB
- ~Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA)
 - Mike Robbins

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Marijuana License Compliance Quarterly Report Quiboloy-Reed (Code Enf.)
- b. 10.80 Marijuana License Re-write Update Honest (Clerk's Office)
- c. DBE Program Update Berry (OEO)
- d. Presentation re Childcare Sector Innovation Erin Baldwin Day
- e. ACDA Presentation re D Street Plan McKenna-Foster (Long Range Planning)

5. COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES (Annual list on pg. 2)

- 6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
- 7. ADJOURNMENT

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**Mission Statement:** The Assembly Community and Economic Development Committee evaluates and refines Municipal Code and processes to promote efficient government, responsible development, and economic growth. We collaborate with key departments and community stakeholders to stimulate diverse economic activity, support local businesses, expand housing development, and attract investments that enhance Anchorage's quality of life and ensure a vibrant, resilient community.

## 1. ANNUAL LIST OF COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES

a. Legislative Priorities & Budget Items for 2024

Annual Work Plan Review Topics:

- a. Alcohol/ Cannabis:
  - Monitor and review
    - a. Alcohol law changes
    - b. Hemp/ Cannabis law changes
      - 1. Licensing
        - 2. Drive-thru
        - **3.** Onsite consumption
        - 4. Local financial integration
        - 5. Hemp variants
        - 6. Banking

## b. Economic Development:

- Expand tax abatement and Reinvestment Focus Areas (RFAs) citywide
  - Expand support for Anchorage's Creative Economy
    - a. Music City AEDC/ Sound Diplomacy/ AKIMI
  - Establish Anchorage Metropolitan Area Projects program for sales tax (w/ AEDC)

## c. Community Development

- Codify and confirm appointments for the new Anchorage Child Care and Early Education Fund Accountability Board to provide robust recommendations for marijuana tax revenue for early childhood education for FY25 budget
- Food security

## d. Housing Activation:

- Monitor HLB and Real Estate land disposals for potential housing development
  - Vacant & Abandoned Properties
    - a. Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust pilot program/ \$1.3M
    - b. ACDA redevelopment initiative federal funding application submitted
- 3 and 4 plex expansion
  - c. Monitor recent code changes
  - Residential zoning changes HOME initiative
- Housing support pilot program w/ MOA Real Estate

## e. Continue to improve and simplify MOA processes and regulations on businesses:

- Expedite permitting during peak season
  - Look into a navigator program for building permits
- Create a catalog of pre-approved plans
  - **a.** A comprehensive study of what other cities have done.
  - b. What does database development look like?

## f. Expand public information:

- Continue housing then vs now presentations w/ Title 21
- Understand and address economic disparity in Anchorage
- Expand Cheers to Anchorage campaign
- Codify and confirm appointments for the new Anchorage Child Care and Early Education Fund Accountability Board to provide robust recommendations for marijuana tax revenue for early childhood education for FY25 budget
- g. Workforce Recruitment and Retention:
  - Comprehensive workforce needs study
- h. Tourism