



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting

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Thursday, April 3, 2025; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Development Services, Training Room
 4700 Elmore Road Anchorage, Alaska

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. REGULAR REPORTS**
 - ~Planning, Development & Public Works (PDPW)
 - a. *Building Services:*
 - Development Services
 - Planning Department
 - b. *Public Works:*
 - Maintenance & Operations
 - Project Management & Engineering
 - Traffic Engineering
 - c. *Real Estate Department:*
 - Heritage Land Bank (HLB)
 - ~Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA)
- 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Annual Report & Recertification – McArdle (Anchorage Chamber)
 - b. Brief introduction to the Jones Act – Martinez
- 5. COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES (Annual list on pg. 2)**
 - a. Update List
- 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 2025

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
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#### g. Workforce Recruitment and Retention:

- Comprehensive workforce needs study

#### h. Tourism