

## Downtown Community Council Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2018

5:30 PM

-Call to Order

-Approval of April Minutes

-CIP/CIB Report - Patrick McDonald, Member-at-Large

Patrick McDonald presented on the status of the CIP/CIB. Every year the state designates money for improvements around our community. This year, DTCC has identified 25 projects that group would like to see accomplished. CIP/CIB group met in April to prioritize projects. Next step is to finalize for submittal.

-Assembly Report - Chris Constant

The Anchorage Assembly is considering an ordinance that's discussing the rule of exemptions for non-profits that exceed the number of emergency calls allowed. There will be work sessions on the topic. There was a homeless camp clean up in April that displaced people and ultimately generated a lot of press. During the clean-up, there was a lot of drug paraphernalia and stolen property found. There is an on-going conversation on how the Municipality can better provide resources to those displaced people during camp clean ups.

Property tax values are being released and homeowners should be receiving their green note cards that list property value. The 2017 Municipal taxes are not yet complete. Assembly is waiting to spend significant amounts of money until they realize their actual bottom line.

-House of Representatives Report - Les Gara

The session is looking to end in a week, depending on agreement with both sides. Mr. Gara has been working for two years on a support bill to reduce the number of people on welfare. It has gone through the House and Senate Committees.

-Senate Representative Report - Josh Spring

There are two main projects that are being worked on this summer: crime and homelessness. Josh has been collecting dozens of emails from concerned citizens about how the crime is affecting their lives. There is a request for law enforcement personnel to contact local Representative to explain how Senate bills are affecting how they do their jobs.

-Anchorage Downtown Partnership Report – Jamie Boring

ADP has secured a great lineup of bands planned for the Live after Five celebrations at Town Square Park, which happen every Thursday evening this summer. There was a great celebration for Olympic champion Kikkan Randall at the Park Strip. 5,000 people turned out to congratulate and celebrate the Olympians.

-FCC Report - Michelle Gallagher

There was a nice presentation done at the last FCC meeting for the mail-in ballots for local election. There is a lot of supports for the new method.

-Marijuana and Alcohol Committee Report - Jordan Huss

Nick Coltman with Tip Top LLC presented on his proposed marijuana retail store on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. He proposed that he will invest into his building to develop a nice cannabis shop and museum. He will increase security and lighting. Mr. Coltman is looking for a memorandum of understanding from the DTCC. The DTCC has agreed to write a memorandum of understanding for Tip Top LLC.

-New Business - Michelle Gallagher

Committee Communications Guidelines have been introduced. The public will provide comments and suggestions. The Downtown Improvement Committee has been dissolved by the DTCC board. The DTCC Treasurer has resigned. There are now two board openings and those will be filled in upcoming elections.

-Adjourn – 7:20 PM