

Tudor Area Community Council Meeting
Minutes of February 3, 2011
Anchorage Fire Department, Station #4
7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair, Tod Butler. The First Church of God was locked with no access to the building and the Anchorage Fire Department Station #4 was generous enough to allow us access to their conference room at the Fire Station across the street.

Station #4 firefighters gave a brief report on recent fires they had responded to, as well as offering some fire prevention reminders.

Assembly Chair Traini continued to voice his support of the NUSA conference being held in Anchorage and said that if funds are available in the budget, they would like to find a way to contribute to the conference, which might include the possibility of sponsoring the Welcome Reception on the evening of May 25th. He encouraged the NUSA Conference Coordinator to contact him regarding obtaining some MOA Assembly pins.

Chairman Traini also discussed the 3-minute limit in place for parties testifying at the Assembly meetings. He encourages anyone who wants their voice to be heard (regarding whatever matters to you) to take the opportunity to speak at Assembly meetings, however offers a reminder that if you exceed the three minute limit or are unable to maintain appropriate control, there is a “kill switch” that shuts down the microphone.

Assembly member Elvi Gray-Jackson provided the following written assembly report:

- *Assembly Member Birch Sales Tax Ordinance authorizing a majority vote instead of the 60% requirement and a dollar for dollar reduction in property taxes. Public Hearing was opened and continued on Tuesday January 11th. Assembly Member Hall will take the lead on education the business community and public on both issues. Will not be on the ballot until 2012 if approved by eight votes of the Assembly.*
- *Assembly Member Birch introduced an ordinance to include language in the Charter that states “the base amount for calculating the next year’s tax increase limit is the amount of taxes collected in the current year.” This is and has been the intent and practice since 1982 when tax cap was established. Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, January 11th and action was postponed until February 1st. Last night the proposal failed six to five.*
- *Assembly Member Gray-Jackson with support from Drummond Gutierrez introduced an ordinance to make the change proposed by Birch within the Code. The Charter provides guidelines to define the roles and responsibilities of government but allows the legislative branch to expand on its intent through ordinance amendments. Public Hearing will be held on February 15th.*
- *Municipal Vehicle Code Enforcement – Charter Amendment authorizing parking enforcement by a designated municipal agency in the downtown area only and only parking issues will be ticketed (no expired license plates, missing lights, etc.) Ordinance approved 10-1. Will be on the ballot at the April 5th election.*
- *General Government and School Bonds passed last night and will be on the April 5th ballot.*
 - *\$37.1M for additions to and renewals of Service High School*
 - *\$16.8 for educational improvements and extending the life of buildings*
 - *\$17M for Career, Technical and Vocational Facility Upgrades.*
 - *\$30.8 Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area*
 - *\$3M for Parks and Recreation Service Area*

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- \$941K for Public Safety and Public Transit Improvements
- \$1.1M for Fire Service Area
- \$250K for Public Safety Facility Upgrades
- *Other ordinances approved for the April Ballot include:*
 - *Mandatory photo ID for the sale of alcohol by package liquor stores.*
 - *Amending the threshold for a disable veteran's widow to receive the \$150,000 property tax exemption before reaching 60 years of age.*
- *City lost ACLU lawsuit regarding the homeless. Administration is considering its options.*
- *The next Assembly meeting is February 15th*

Assembly Members Gray-Jackson & Traini shared their thoughts on the tax cap and Gray-Jackson states that she believes people need to have a better understanding of what “taxing to the cap” means. She offered to provide the Ordinance she introduced in referenced in regard to the Tax Cap (see attached).

Council members discussed the traffic light at 36th/MacInnes. Some complained about the length of time between the signal changes, others said that it seemed to cycle appropriately and felt there was minimal wait time.

Sheli Dodson provided an updated on the Neighborhoods, USA conference planning. The conference registration booklet was ready for print and expected to be mailed within a week or two. Registration for the conference is now open and individuals interested in learning about what the conference will provide are encouraged to visit the website at www.nusa2011.org or contact the conference coordinator, Sheli Dodson at (907) 227-4036 or sheli@nusa2011.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with no objections.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Federation of Community Councils (Community Councils Center) 1057 W Fireweed Lane, Ste #100 (Anchorage) Phone: 907-277-1977 info@communitycouncils.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">..... Neighborhoods, USA 2011 Anchorage, AK May 25th – 28th www.nusa2011.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Assembly Representatives Dick Traini, TrainiD@muni.org 343-4117 Elvi Gray-Jackson, gray-jackson@muni.org, 343-4118</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Representative Berta Gardner ph: 907-465-4930 or 800-331-4930 or 907-269-0174 Rep_Berta_Gardner@legis.state.ak.us</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senator Jonny Ellis Ph: 907-465-3704 or 800-330-3704 or 907-269-0169 Senator_Johnny_Ellis@legis.state.ak.us</p>