

## MIDTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA

WEDNESDAY April 14, 2021 @ 12:00-1:30 Noon

MEETING LOCATION 3000 C Street 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room and Zoom

Recording of Full Meeting is Available on MTCC Website

Sign in and call to Order. Ric Davidge. President

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Agenda:

Reports: (15 minutes)

Assembly: Rivera, Zaletel. (get notes from Meg)

School Board Representatives: Open for Schools Update

State Senate Representatives: Open for update on Senate Business

State House Representatives: Status of House Organization

Crime & Homeless Reports: APD Representative

Membership Committee Report:

Hearing Notices: Liquor License (10 minutes)

1. (NEW) # 5940 – SIP, LLC Restaurant and Eating Place 510 W Tudor Rd, #7
  - a. MTCC is NEUTRAL
2. (Renewal) # 3961 Café Amsterdam, #4158 Bombay Deluxe, #5790 Altura Bistro
  - a. MTCC is NEUTRAL
3. (Discuss) #156 In & Out Liquor
  - a. MOU in process
4. (Meeting) Case 2021-0040 Special Land Use Permit for Alcohol Beverage Dispensary for Mariella Valencia dba El Dorado at 4300 O. Seward Hwy
  - a. Hearing Date: May 12, 2021
  - b. Agency and Council Comments Due: April 16, 2021
    - i. MTCC is Neutral

Old Business:

1. Discussion on Midtown Business Partnership. Ric Davidge (5 minutes)  
(list of 4-5 people to join, security scope)

New Business and Presentations:

1. Assembly and School District publish agenda in the newspaper (72 hours prior) (5 min + Q&A)
  - a. Survey to go out from MTCC
  - b. AK Dept of Health and Social Services Vaccine presentation By Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ (5 min + Q&A)
  - c. ~~Request for Rezone 3709 Indiana Street, 909 & 1003 Chugach Way, 3724 Arctic Blvd (5 min + Q&A)~~
    - i. No representative present
2. Providence Alaska House Presentation

3. **Planning & Zoning Presentation** (45 minutes)

- a. P&Z Presentation (? minutes)
- b. Review of MTCC Survey (5 minutes)
- c. Q&A
- d. New public hearing request (5 minutes)

4. **Meeting Adjourned at ~ 2 pm**

NOTES from Assembly Member Meg Zalatel

- IN the Assembly Meeting of April 13, Assembly extended Emergency Declaration to June 11, 2021 which is a month shorter than requested by the Administration.
- Biweekly reports for standing down Emergency Operation Shelter to go back to normal operations
- EO 20 Update – Masking, Physical Distancing, Stay home if you are or suspect you are Covid positive. Vaccination target of 70% appearing to be sole requirement for rescinding EO 20 was met with push back. Discussion on how the population is counted towards the 70%. Assembly is pressing Administration for more clarification on other measures or factors it would consider.
- Question about procurement rules held in abeyance affects only procurements related to the EO, not general procurement.

NOTES from Assembly Member Rivera

- B3 Zone Change and Shelter Licensing: The Assembly is looking at hosting a town hall or other public outreach opportunities for the public to weigh in on two ordinances which will be coming to us in late May or early June. These two ordinances, in the opinion of many Assembly members, go hand in hand. You should hear more about this soon.
- American Rescue Plan Act: We've had our first three meetings and two town halls with regard to determining the best usage of the COVID-19 relief funds heading our way. We expect to get \$50.5M this year and another \$50.5M next year. We've paused our process to see 1) what the state does with their \$1.1B, 2) how federal programs roll out, and 3) for federal guidance to come out. The deadline for the last two is May 10.
- Yesterday, the Assembly voted to extend the emergency declaration to June 11. The administration asked to extend until July, but there was a will among the body for a shorter time frame and to really push the administration to get us back to normal order as quickly as possible. I made it clear to the administration that they were unlikely to get support for another extension of the emergency declaration and that they should work closely with the Assembly to ensure we are ready for normal operations by June 11.



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***Happy Spring!***

- ☐ Today, is day 86 of the first session of the 32<sup>nd</sup> legislative session. As we approach the voter approved 90-day limit, I am confident that we will be in session for the full 121 days required in the Constitution with the possibility of extending for the allowed 10 days.
- ☐ HB76, extending the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency, was passed in the House and is now in the Senate. It was heard in the Finance Committee last week, and again on April 12<sup>th</sup>. I am hopeful that it will pass the Senate soon.
- ☐ The Finance Subcommittees that I serve on – Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce, Community and Economic Development are all in closeout mode which means that budget recommendations will go to the Finance Committee.
- ☐ Below is the status of my bills submitted during this session:
  - SB 1- Chokehold Ban-Ref. to STA, JUD, Awaiting a scheduled hearing.
  - SB 2- Peace Officers; De-Escalation, Misconduct-Ref. to STA, JUD, FIN. First hearing was on March 25th.
  - SB 3- Police Officers; Oral Warning/De-Escalate- Ref. to STA, JUD, FIN. Awaiting a scheduled hearing.
  - SB 4- Prohibit Peace Officers Shooting at a Moving Vehicle- Ref. to STA, JUD. Awaiting a scheduled hearing.

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SB 5- Proclaim Juneteenth Day a Holiday- Ref. to STA. Awaiting a scheduled hearing.

SB 7- State Trooper Policies: Public Access-Ref. to STA, JUD. Awaiting a scheduled hearing.

SB 46- Law Enforcement: Registry; Use of Force- Ref. to CRA, STA, FIN. Tentative hearing April 20<sup>th</sup> in CRA.

SB 47- Vehicle Registration/Persons W/Disability- Ref. to STA. Heard in STA and is now in the Rules Committee awaiting to be sent for a vote on the Senate Floor.

SB 80- Public Schools: Mental Health Education- Ref. to EDC, HSS, FIN. Heard in EDC, and HSS a few weeks ago and public hearing will continue in HSS on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Note: **STA**-State Affairs, **EDU**-Education, **JUD**-Judiciary, **FIN**-Finance

**How to Stay Informed**

- During the session, you can tune into the Capitol happenings by watching Gavel to Gavel, my Senator Elvi Facebook and Twitter pages and, of course, by reviewing my monthly newsletters.

If you are not receiving my monthly newsletter, please let us know.

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