

Bayshore/Klatt Community Minutes

December 16, 2021

Remote Zoom Meeting

1. Consent Agenda

- A. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm
 - i. Sign-Up Sheet passed out by President Schulte
 - ii. Members Present: President Schulte, Vice President Carter, Secretary Ayers
 - iii. Quorum was Attained. Attendance was 23 people, including guests.
- B. Previous Minutes approved by Dave Weir and Seconded by Bruce Schulte
- C. Treasurer's Report: No Change
- D. Legislator & Representative Reports
 - i. Legislator Natasha Von Imhof (Not Present)
 - ii. Representative Tom McKay
 - 1. Session Reconvene on January
 - 2. Governor Presented new Budget for 2022
 - a. Reimburse School Bond Debt
 - b. Spring PFD \$1200 suggested
 - 3. Port of Alaska – Meeting with Municipality
 - a. \$600 million upgrade/replacement
 - 4. Planned Ride-Along with community patrols
 - 5. Redistricting Plan
 - a. www.akredistricting.org
 - b. Maps are going to court
 - c. New map earliest in 2023
- E. Assembly Reports – At Assembly Meeting
 - i. Suzanne LaFrance / 907-351-7199 / suzanne.lafrance@anchorageak.gov
 - ii. Supplied notes:
 - 1. **Homelessness**
 - a. The primary focus on homelessness has been on the mass care exit strategy out of the Sullivan Arena through a facilitated process between members of the mayor's team and members of the assembly.
 - b. This group has collectively spent 850 hours working together to implement a solution for housing/sheltering those individuals who are being sheltered at the Sullivan Arena. At the December 7 regular meeting the assembly reappropriated \$6M for the possible purchase of two hotels (Sockeye – medical convalescence for 120 clients and Barratt Inn – workforce and permanent supportive housing for 120 clients) and possible design of a navigation center/ home less shelter (see attached).
 - c. The facilitated process is a successful model for working through complex issues and while it has required a big time and energy commitment from the participants, the group has made

excellent progress. (I think we should use this approach for tackling other tough community problems.)

2. Budget

- a. The general operating budget for 2022 passed unanimously (second one in MOA history) at the meeting of November 23.
- b. This is largely a continuation budget that maintains services and is balanced with revenues and is under the tax cap.
- c. The mayor vetoed some of the budget amendments and most were overridden at a special meeting on Friday 12/9.
- d. The budget is a living document. It gets formally updated after first quarter but it can be changed at any time.
- e. For example, there is a pending increase to the firefighter's contract that is about \$1M. The contract was still being finalized and wasn't included in the budget.
- f. That will need to be addressed along with any changes resulting from the reorganization, which was passed at Tuesday's, 12/14 special assembly meeting.
- g. It's typical for new administrations to make changes to the muni's organizational structure. The changes take the form of an ordinance, which is amendable by the assembly.
- h. On Tuesday there were four amendments: 1) kept the library as a department, 2) kept the code the same for the chief equity officer (this issue needs to be settled in court), 3) retained several divisions as departments – Development Services, Planning, Maintenance and Operations, Project Management and Engineering, Traffic Engineering, and 4) a requirement to change the budget to conform to the reorg.
- i. There will be some budget true up that needs to occur. We'll be working with the administration to make those adjustments in the coming weeks.

3. The yearly process to update Title 28 – Elections Code is underway — Annual Review

- a. The purpose of this review is to streamline the administration of municipal elections and improve efficiency and voter accessibility.
- b. The Assembly Ethics and Elections Committee discussed the proposed changes in three meetings that occurred on September 22, September 29, and October 13.
- c. The Anchorage Election Commission met in a public meeting to discuss the proposed changes on September 30 and adopted a resolution recommending a few additional changes and the adoption of the proposed changes.
- d. The ordinance (AO 2021-110) was introduced on October 27.

- e. The full Assembly held a work session on the ordinance on December 3.
 - i. The first public hearing was scheduled for 12/7 (held 12/14) and the second public hearing is 12/21.
 - ii. There is an S (substitute) version (attached) and one proposed amendment that are available on the Elections webpage at www.muni.org/elections.
 - iii. The goal is to submit the S version of the Title 28 ordinance to the addendum on Friday, December 17. The Elections Team has been incorporating public feedback into the draft.
 - iv. For more information, please contact the Elections team by emailing elections@anchorageak.gov or calling 907-243-VOTE – 907-243-8683.
 - v. You can email the entire assembly: wwmas@muni.org
 - vi. The proposed changes to Title 28 in AO 2021-110 help to clarify the law, address unanticipated issues, and improve election procedures.
 - vii. Proposed changes to clarify and improve current election procedures include:
 - 1. A definition is added for the word “tabulate” and several changes are made to provide more clarity regarding the difference between “counting” and “tabulating.”
 - 2. Amendments are made to provide consistency within the code that a runoff ballot does not contain a space for a write-in.
 - 3. Voters in list maintenance (LM) status in the state voter registration database are added to the list of voters who will not be mailed a ballot.
 - 4. The voter assistant oath and requirements are made consistent with the special needs representative oath and requirements.
 - 5. The observer section is revised to set a registration period and to clarify observer requirements, such as training.
 - 6. The Observer Handbook, adopted by reference and included as an attachment to the ordinance, is revised consistent with the changes proposed in this ordinance.
 - viii. One area of interest concerns election observers. Regarding the observer program, the ordinance does not change the number of observers allowed or the times when observers are authorized to observe election activities.
 - ix. How write-in votes are adjudicated is more specifically set forth.
 - x. Various sections have minor rewording for clarity and accuracy.

- xi. For example, stating that a run off ballot won't have a space for a write-in
- xii. John's amendment - This amendment requires voters registered in Alaska and Anchorage with out-of-state mailing addresses (except for voters identified by their address as military or overseas voters) to actively request to be mailed a ballot in an election, rather than having a ballot mailed to them automatically.

4. MOA Reapportionment Process

- a. The MOA reapportionment process is underway – a committee of four assembly members Christopher Constant (chair), Crystal Kennedy, Pete Petersen, Austin Quinn-Davidson has been formed.
- b. Malapportionment occurs when data shows that district populations differ significantly in size.
- c. Census data shows a shift, plus there is the addition of the twelfth assembly member (a second member for District 1) per voter approval of Measure 12 in April 2020.
- d. The Charter states that within two months of adoption of a final state redistricting plan the assembly must determine if malapportionment exists.
- e. The state plan was adopted 11/5 and was followed by a Proclamation of Redistricting on 11/10. The assembly passed a resolution (AR 2021-382) on 11/23 declaring malapportionment.
- f. A fact sheet (attached), draft maps, timeline and comment form are available on the Assembly Reapportionment Committee page:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Municipality-and-Assembly-Reapportionmant-Committee.aspx>.
- g. The next committee meeting will be January 6, 11am-12:30pm. Town halls are planned for January 12 and 13 and the Committee expects to submit the reapportionment plan for introduction at the February 1 assembly meeting with public hearings on February 15 and March 1.
- h. The changes to the maps will not be in effect for the April 2022 election.

5. Rules of Procedure AO (attached – also available on [muni.org](https://www.muni.org), click on assembly, worksessions at top)

- a. An AO addressing assembly rules of procedure, AO 2021-117 is set for public hearing for 12/21.
- b. This AO seeks to codify practices and customs that are not formalized but the assembly follows.
- c. It also addresses instances where practice differs from Roberts Rules, such as the assembly's laid on the table procedure.
- d. The intent is to clarify and improve meeting efficiency.

- iii. John Weddleton / 907-770-0685 / weddletonj@muni.org
- F. JBER Update
 - i. Represented by: Joy Boston
 - ii. Wreaths across America at Army National Cemetery 12-2PM Saturday, December 18. You can pre-register with Security Forces to access the National Cemetery. Dates of early registration: 15/16/17 December Hours of operation: 8-11AM and 12-4PM Call 907-552-6910
 - iii. Information required to pre-register: full name, date of birth, driver's license number or state issued ID and issuing state
 - iv. Check before you head to base to see which gates are open
- G. Anchorage Police Department
 - i. Represented by: No Representation
- H. Anchorage Fire Department – Station 15
 - i. Represented by: No Representation
- I. Anchorage School Board
 - i. Represented by: Dave Donnelly (Not Present)
- J. FCC Reports
 - i. Represented by: Bob and Marie Laule (Not Present)
- K. Bayshore/Klatt Community Patrol
 - i. Represented by: Dave Weir
 - ii. Gentleman with pick-up stealing packages
 - 1. Impersonating parcel delivery
 - 2. Armed and Dangerous
 - 3. Oceanview, off of Old Seward
 - iii. Be cautious, and keep your packages inside, or delivered elsewhere
- 2. New Business
 - A. Liquor/Cannabis License Renewals (None)
 - B. Community Council Resolution -
 - i. Brought by Dave Carter
 - ii. Discussion Opened
 - 1. A number of people who have not been present at previous meetings spoke against the resolution
 - 2. Vote discussion
 - 3. Vote Called
 - a. 12 No, 2 Yes – Motion Fails
 - C. Election of Officers
 - i. Vice President – Nominee Dave Weir
 - 1. 12 Yes - Voted
 - ii. Secretary – Nominee Ken Ayers
 - 1. 12 Yes - Voted
- 3. Other Notices of Community Interest
 - A. Bayshore/Klatt Community Patrol is looking for volunteers
 - i. <http://www.accpatrols.org/>
 - ii. Bkcp907@gmail.com

iii. 907-529-9347

4. Adjournment

A. Meeting Closed at 8:45pm

B. Next Scheduled Meeting is January 28, 2022, and will most likely be via Zoom, attempting to have a hybrid in person group as well.