

Bayshore/Klatt Community Council

Council Meeting - April 25, 2024 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Schulte..
- Board members Petoskey and Thibault were in attendance.
- A quorum of members were present.
- Motion to approve March minutes by Vice-President Thibault; seconded by Secretary Petoskey. Minutes approved.

Matt Claman, AK State Senate

- House has passed Capital Budget and Senate has passed the Operating Budget,
- Other areas of focus are Energy (Cook Inlet Gas) and Crime bill.
- Vice-President Thibault asked about recent court ruling on correspondence schools. Senate is currently working on legislation for Finance Committee. The Court ruled legislation unconstitutional so we have reset to 2014 procedures. Therefore, a constitutional amendment is necessary or new legislation. A constitutional amendment would require $\frac{2}{3}$ majority for each body and the Governor would have no role. If resolutions pass, a public vote is required. Ryan discussed the gray area for private tutors.
- Marvin H. had a question on state policy regarding squatters. The Senator said he doesn't know of any state policy but Alaska does not have adverse possession laws.

Tom McKay, AK State House of Representatives

- Just out of fisheries meeting.
- HB 392 (Education Bill) went to House Finance committee today. Representative McKay expects the governor to sign it.
- 17 days left in session.
- He has 3 bills on Cook Inlet gas, dealing with gas storage and royalty bills.
- Budgets have been exchanged.
- \$1300 PFD, \$200 energy bonus
- Legislation passed to prohibit people from blocking roads for emergency vehicles.
- Current BSA is \$5,590/student. ASD has been talking about closing schools, but the school board has resisted. 6th graders moving to junior high schools will leave some schools less full.
- Representative McKay asks about the May BKCC Council meeting (Scheduled for May 16) and if there are updates on CEA Campbell Lake Substation rebuild (see below).

Old Business

- CEA Campbell Lake Substation - President Schulte said the appeal filed by SPMA with the Board of Adjustment of the Conditional Use Permits granted to Chugach will be heard April 26. He said that it only addresses landscaping and expects an answer two weeks after the hearing. Chugach

is holding a meeting at the Bayshore Clubhouse on May 7 to address designs for the wall/fence and other concerns. Margaret L. commented.

Anna Brawley, Anchorage Assembly

- Assemblymember Brawley asked for clarification on our meeting dates. (BKCC typically meets on the third Thursday of the month. This meeting was out of sequence due to scheduling conflicts, but the next meeting will follow the usual pattern on May 16.)
- Q1 budget revisions are underway by the Assembly. They are working from audited financials FY22. Kate P. asks why we don't have more current audits. Assembly member Brawley responds that the Assembly is asking that as well. She cites a shortage of qualified accounting professionals in both the Muni and private firms to complete the audit.
- Tuesday night is the budget vote and the mill rate will be set. About half of property taxes go towards ASD. Individual home assessments may be increasing, but taxable value is going down because of numerous factors to include a larger percentage of senior exemptions.
- State approved Solid Waste Service cold weather shelter (\$4 million)
- Other Assembly focuses include: port project moving forward, camp abatement, new police chief, Home Initiative to simplify zoning, housing shortage
- Marvin H. asked if organizations receiving funding from the Muni (specifically regarding homelessness) are being audited. Assemblymember Brawley responded that these organizations have to comply with their own auditing requirements, but the Municipality is not currently auditing them.
- Marvin H. asked if the Anchorage homeless population has decreased with the funding the Muni has allocated previously. Assemblymember Brawley responded that certain populations of homeless individuals have decreased, specifically veterans, families, and youth. The current population of homeless individuals in Anchorage is primarily adults.

Bob Laule, FCC Delegate

- There is a new FCC Director.
- FCC is offering advanced training for members.
- Merrill Field has a new traffic pattern.
- Jun 15, 2024 Deadline for Capital projects for Community Council.
- Upcoming mayoral runoff election on May 14. There was 30% participation in the April municipal election.
- The population is down (including working age population). Employment up slightly. Oil production is down. Building permits are flat. Transportation/cargo industry is stable. One in nine jobs are in the tourist industry. Cruise ships and air traffic levels back to pre-pandemic numbers. Average house price is \$481,000.

No JBER, APD, AFD, or ASD reports

Announcements

- BKCC will take the summer off after the May 16 meeting. However, if business arises that requires the community's attention, BKCC will convene a special meeting.

Ryan Thibault moved to Adjourn, Kate Petoskey seconded the motion. Adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2024.