

**Campbell Park Community Council**  
**Minutes**  
**May 16th, 2024**  
**Via Zoom and in-person at**  
**St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cay's Room**

**1-4. Call to order, approval of agenda and minutes, and expressions of gratitude.** Chairwoman Cupp called the meeting to order at 7:06. She expressed gratitude for the return of the sun. The agenda for the meeting and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**5. Guest Speaker.** Pastor Michael Burke described the background, rationale and extremely early stage status of a new proposal to develop ninety units of workforce housing on the grounds of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The church has not yet identified the funding partners required for the project or the operator required to manage the housing units. Responding to a question, he noted that the discernment process had rejected the "tiny house" concept. An optimistic timeline for the project start would be three to five years. A realistic timeline would start at five years. A complete presentation on this proposal is available online at <https://www.dreamingourfuture.com>. He invited comments and questions about the proposal in person or by phone (except on Fridays, his day off).

**6. Old Business. Capital Improvement Program** After discussion of some of the many capital projects listed on the Muni's page at <https://www.muni.org/communitycouncilsurveys/homepage/>, the meeting decided to rank the bridge over Lake Otis Parkway as the number one priority and the Traffic Calming Project on Waldron Drive and Chiricof Court as the number

two priority.. When our project priorities are updated prior to the deadline (June 15), obsolete and out of scope proposals will be deleted from our priority list.

**7. New Business. Meeting schedule, Campbell Park Community Council.** After discussion, the meeting voted to not meet in July or in December. Members were urged to attend the annual picnic of the Federation of Community Councils on Wednesday evening, July 17. The picnic will be an opportunity to meet the new Executive Director of FCC, Arianna Bellizzi.

**8. Housing and Homeless Committee.** Michael Burke, T.J. Andrew. No report.

**9. FCC Kevin Fimon.** New officers at FCC are:

President: Amanda Moser  
Vice-President: Daniel George  
Treasurer: Mike Edgington  
Secretary: Evan (last name?)

The FCC had presentations on the municipal election process, the Anchorage Protected Bike Lane Pilot Project, and the Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust.

As a result of the new contract with the municipality, funding for the Federation of Community Councils will increase from about 80K to more than 200K, providing renewed capacity for training council officers. Carry-over of unexpended funds from the current fiscal year will provide funding for bringing the FCC website up to current web standards.

**10. Vice-Chair** Andrew Satterfield. No report.

**11. Treasurer.** T.J. Andrew. No report.

**12. Chairwoman** Nicole Cupp. No report.

**13. Government Reports** (Three minutes each plus q&a)  
**Legislature**

**Sen Forrest Dunbar** End of the legislative session saw passage of the budget and the Governor's pledge not to veto the budget. Legislation that did not pass included an increase in funding of legal services for survivors of domestic violence. There was an inflation increase and broadened eligibility for the Alaska Performance Scholarship, which can now be applied to career and technical education.

**Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson** Sen. Gray-Jackson's monthly report is included in the appendix to these minutes.

**Rep. Andy Josephson.** Successful bills include assault in presence of a child, increased penalties for vandalism of churches and synagogues, and a bill presuming that officers and firefighters who have experienced PTSD could be eligible for workers compensation after a psychiatric diagnosis.

**Rep. Andrew Gray** My alcohol and cancer bill, passed as part of an omnibus alcohol bill, will require warnings at points of sale that alcohol can cause cancer, including breast and colon cancer. An in person town hall, held jointly with Sen. Dunbar and Rep. Genevieve Mina, will be held at 5:30 PM on June 13<sup>th</sup> in the student union at UAA. My most recent podcast featured Jeremy Applegate, Dept. of Commerce, discussing workers rights, including minimum wage and

overtime requirements. The East High swimming pool will reopen this summer with management by the YMCA.

**Mayor's Office** - no report, not present.

### **Assembly**

**Felix Rivera** So far the Next Step pilot program has housed 118 individuals, with a goal of housing another 32 individuals by the time the emergency shelter closes. Responding to questions about trash on public trails and camp abatement, he noted the importance of reporting trash and active and abandoned camps on the Anchorage Works page, <https://www.muni.org/anchorageworks/>, despite the long waits for actual cleanups. The Assembly will be debating changes to the rules on camps and camp abatement.

**Meg Zaletel** Streets with inordinate damage and potholes should be reported to Felix and to Meg, who have a working relationship with the Director of Community Development, who works with street maintenance on solutions. The phone number for reporting potholes is 907 343-6363. Tomorrow the Enterprise and Utilities Oversight Committee will meet to receive the final economic study on the port and an independent cost analysis on cargo terminal 2. Should terminal 2 continue to be a "roll on, roll off" terminal in which cargo comes on and off via trucks or be developed so that cargo come on and off using cranes.

Later, in response to a question about flooding and extensive damage to streets leading to Polaris school, she said that the reconstruction of the sewer on Quinhagak Street has been scheduled for 2025, assuming the road bond passes.

**School Board** . Dora Wilson introduced Cindy Shapoo, who gave a brief presentation on the Academy program planned for year by year implementation in eight Anchorage comprehensive schools starting in the Fall of 2024 with the Freshman Academy for career exploration for ninth graders. In tenth grade students will choose the Academy they would like to join. In the eleventh and twelfth grade, students will build skills within that academy. The program is not solely vocational training, but also for students who want to go to college.

**14. The Chair** adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM. The next meeting is Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Appendix**

**Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson.** May report.

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As we honor Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month this May, it provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of recognizing and celebrating the diverse AAPI communities in Alaska.

As mentioned in earlier notes, I introduced Senate Bill 131 which requires AAPI education acknowledging the history and contributions of AAPI. This bill moved out of the Senate Finance Committee on April 26<sup>th</sup> and will be on the Senate floor for a vote on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**This Session**

The following is an update of my current legislative priorities for this session.

**Public Schools: Mental Health Education (SB 24)** – The Bill had its first hearing in the House Education Committee on April 29<sup>th</sup> and is now waiting for a 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing.

**Stay at Work/Return to Work (SB 206)** – Moved out of Senate Finance on April 24<sup>th</sup> and is now waiting to be heard on the Senate floor for a vote.

**Budget Updates**

**Capital Budget**

On April 14th, the Capital budget passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 15 to 3. The Capital Budget is \$3.5 billion (\$3 billion in federal funds and \$500 million in state funds. Highlights Include:

- \$36 million for major maintenance projects in K-12 schools (including Northwood Elementary which is in my district).
- \$26.4 million for the renovation of various University of Alaska buildings statewide
- \$30 million split between rebates for homebuyers for new energy-efficient homes; weatherization projects to help reduce power bills; and new housing in rural Alaska for teachers and public safety workers, among others.
- \$15 million to help fund a nursing facility at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium which is intended to alleviate pressure at the Alaska Native Medical Center.

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- \$2 million for the 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue Surface - Taku Lake to Old Seward Highway project
- \$330,000 for the Midtown Park Family Chalet
- \$1 million to complete the Northern Lights Sound Barrier Fence
- \$20,000 for Outreaching Lives which seeks to address houselessness in our city.

**Operating Budget**

The operating budget was passed by the House on April 11th and is now on the Senate Floor for a vote. Although the House included a PFD check in the amount of \$2,273, the Senate Finance Committee used the 75/25 (75% to fund services, 25% to fund the PFD) formula which is more sustainable and will provide for a balanced budget which is required by law. The Operating budget also includes:

- \$8.9 million to improve support for children grades kindergarten through third grade
- \$44.9 million for school bond debt reimbursement
- \$3.5 million for 10 additional Village Public Safety Officer positions
- \$3.7 million to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- \$2 million for 11 new positions from the Department of Law to assist with domestic violence and sexual assault cases.
- \$4 million to address the Anchorage homeless shelter – facility at the former Solid Waste building.
- \$20 million in Alaska Marine Highway System backstop funding was added to ensure the ferry system is there for rural communities.
- \$7.5 million for childcare assistance
- \$76.8 million for fire suppression
- \$14.9 million for the Department of Corrections
- \$3 million for the Department of Commerce for Food Bank grants
- \$5 million for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
- \$30 million for Community Assistance (formerly called Revenue Sharing)

The Senate budget reduced the governor's budget by \$12.2 Billion and includes a \$1,360 PFD (using the 75/25 split) and a \$222.00 energy relief check. If oil remains at \$93-95 per barrel, we will receive \$500 in energy relief money in FY26. The budget also includes:

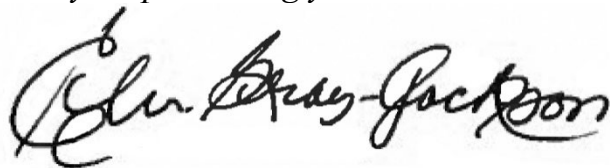
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- \$680 Base Student Allocation increase
- \$5.2 million for K-3 Reading (to fund the Alaska Reads Act)
- \$15.1 million for Disaster Relief
- \$20 million for the Alaska Marine Highway System
- \$7.3 million for Pupil Transportation
- \$35.1 million for Fire Suppression
- \$30 million for Community Assistance (formerly called Revenue Sharing)
- \$5 million for Alaska Travel Industry
- \$10 million for Alaska Seafood Industry
- \$5.2 million for Headstart (to match Federal Funds)
- \$5 million for Senior and Disability Grants
- \$15 million for reimbursement for in-home personal assistant

**Elections**

There are two important elections as we move into May: First, the Anchorage Mayoral Runoff election will determine the next mayor of Anchorage. The last day to vote in the runoff is May 14th. Second, Chugach Electric is holding board elections open to all member-owners through May 17th.

*Always representing your interests!*



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