

## **1. Call to Order**

The Eagle River Community Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on May 16, 2024.

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with a correction to the spelling of Assemblyman Mark Weifield's name.

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes was made and passed.

## **5. Public Safety Reports: AFD, APD**

There were no public safety reports from the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) or the Anchorage Police Department (APD).

## **6. Elected Officials Reports:**

Assemblyman Mark Weifield provided an update on recent Assembly actions, including failed and passed ordinances, budget allocations, and veto overrides. He also discussed upcoming items, such as the potential postponement of most items due to the new mayoral administration, and efforts to address issues like homeless encampments and property tax exemptions.

## **8. Committee Reports:**

### **Treasurer Report**

The treasurer reported that there were no changes in the financial status.

### **Parks & Rec**

The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was moved from April 22nd. There will be upcoming presentations on capital improvement projects, including the Cross Drive to

Centerfield Drive connection and Mountain View Road improvements.

## **Road Board**

The Road Board discussed several road and bridge projects, including the Cross Drive/Centerfield Connection, Mountain View Road improvements, the Starter Bridge replacement, and the Aurora Borealis road project. They also discussed the need for CIP requests for the 2025 legislative session.

## **Federation Community Councils**

The Federation of Community Councils (FCC) meeting was held, and updates were provided on the new executive director, website redesign, software updates, and strategic committee roles. The meeting also included discussions on eliminating emergency placement temptations for the homeless, economic development and tourism updates, and housing initiatives.

## **9. Community Updates**

### **Eagle River Community Patrol**

The Community Patrol reported working with Assemblyman Scott Myers to address issues at Birchwood Apartments, resulting in significant improvements. They also discussed their involvement in Brad Blast, the upcoming Torch Run, and the Bear Paw Festival. The patrol emphasized the importance of reporting petty crimes and encouraged residents to keep their vehicles and garages locked.

## **10. Old Business:**

### **Glenn Highway and Hiland Road project**

The Glenn Highway and Hiland Road project was discussed, with information provided on three different scenarios being considered by the state to fix the intersection. These scenarios include taking VFW Road over to Wolf Bend Drive, using a cloverleaf or diamond interchange, or adding a double left-turn lane. The most cost-effective option appears to be the double left-turn lane. The public can provide comments on the project through the State of Alaska Department of Transportation website.

## **11. New Business:**

### **2025 CIP Survey**

The council discussed and ranked the priority of projects for the 2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) survey. The top three priorities were:

1. Farm Avenue sidewalk and improvements to collector street standards.
2. Brooks Road/Chugiak Drive/Cross Road upgrade.
3. Eagle River traffic mitigation phase one.

Other projects discussed included the Eagle River Greenbelt Trail, Fire Lake public use facilities, repair and restoration of Eagle River bus stops, CBERRRSA traffic calming, Fire Eagle/Fire Lake drainage and erosion study/mitigation/relief, and funding to create a collection of small business chalets in downtown Eagle River.

## **13. Upcoming Events:**

- The FCC meeting for June was canceled due to Juneteenth and a new date will be determined.
- Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 24th.
- The Torch Run is on Saturday, May 25th.
- The Community Patrol will be helping with the Bear Paw Festival parade and beer garden.

## **14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.