



Board of Delegates Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 6pm-8pm

In Person: FCC Conference Room

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89600528663> | Meeting ID: 896 0052 8663

Part I – The Board Meeting

ACTION	ESTIMATED TIME
1. Meeting Opening 1.1. Introduction of Parliamentarian – Lem Wheelles* 1.2. Roll Call	10 minutes
2. Consent Agenda 2.1. Approval of Agenda 2.2. Approval of Minutes	10 minutes
3. Decision Topic 3.1. Mailing Notice	10 minutes
4. Discussion Topic 4.1 Bylaw Update – Bylaw Committee	20 minutes
5. Discussion Topic 5.1. Delegate Qualifications	20 minutes
6. Move to second agenda	--

**Pro-Tempore Chair Preskitt has invited Mr. Lem Wheelles to be a Parliamentarian at the meeting. He will be available to answer questions regarding Robert’s Rules of Order and assist in expediting the meeting in accordance with the bylaws, special rules of order, and the adopted parliamentary authority. The parliamentarian’s role during the meeting is purely an advisory and consultative one.*

Community Councils Center 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99503

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 Eagle River Valley | Fairview | Girdwood | Glen Alps | Government Hill | Hillside Huffman – O’Malley | Midtown | Mountain View
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Part II – The Coalition Meeting

ACTION	ESTIMATED TIME
1. Meeting Opening	--
2. Education Topic 2.1 Council Updates – Rabbit Creek thru University Area <i>Council Updates: Rabbit Creek, Rogers Park, Russian Jack, Sand Lake, Scenic Foothills, South Addition, South Fork, Spenard, Taku Campbell, Tudor Area, Turnagain, Turnagain Arm, University Area</i>	15 minutes <i>(1 minute per council, then time for other councils with urgent business)</i>
3. Education Topic – Representative Reports* 3.1. Mayor – Graham Downey 3.2. School Board – Carl Jacobs, President 3.3. Planning Department – Paul Hatcher	20 minutes
4. Comment Period	<i>If Applicable</i>
5. Adjourn	--

*Assembly Vice-Chair Brawley has provided a written report.

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Board of Delegates Meeting**

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FCC Delegates in attendance (29)

Abbott Loop - Lizzie Newell	Midtown – Kris Stoehner
Airport Heights – Emily Weiser	Mountain View – Charlie Welch
Basher – Dirk Sisson	North Star – Jacob Powell
Bayshore/Klatt – Bob Laule	Northeast – Pamela Raygor
Bear Valley – Kaitlyn Jackson	Old Seward/Oceanview – Gary Meaders
Birchwood – Not Present	Portage Valley – Not Present
Campbell Park – Kevin Fimon	Rabbit Creek – John Riley
Chugiak – Darryl Parks	Rogers Park – Marilyn Pillifant
Downtown – Silvia Villamedes	Russian Jack – Kathleen Plunkett
Eagle River – Cliff Cook	Sand Lake – Kari Reese
Eagle River Valley – Not Present	Scenic Foothills – Roger Shaw
Eklutna Valley – Not Present	South Addition – John Thurber
Fairview – Kelly Ittenbach	South Fork – Not Present
Girdwood (GBOS) (non-voting) – Brice	Spenard – Sarah Preskitt
Wilbanks & Mike Edgington	Taku-Campbell – Sarah Alexander
Glen Alps – Not Present	Tudor – Not Present
Government Hill – Bob French	Turnagain – Cathy Gleason
Hillside – Bruce Vergason	Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
Huffman/O’Malley – Jason Norris	University Area – Steven Callaghan

Others in attendance:

Arianna Bellizzi, FCC Executive Director	Mel, Member of the public
Ali Rambo, FCC Office Administrator	Patty Wilbanks, Member of the public
Darrel Hess, Municipal Ombudsman	Dave Syren, Member of the public
Ryan Thibault, BKCC Alternate	Daniel George, Member of the public
Kate Petoskey, BKCC Secretary	Dominick Harnett, Member of the public
Sandy Blomfield, HCC Alternate	Emma, Member of the public
Gretchen Stoddard, HOCC Secretary	Katie Gibson, Member of the public
Gloria Lyons, OSOVCC Alternate	
Irene Quednow, SLCC Alternate	
Donald Handeland, SoFCC Vice Chair	
Zach Gottshall, TCCC Alternate	
Graham Downey, Office of Mayor LaFrance	
Anna Brawley, Vice Chair of the Anchorage Assembly	
Carl Jacobs, Anchorage School District Board Chair	
Julie Coulombe, Alaska State Representative	
Jenn Wingard, Girdwood Board of Supervisors Co-Chair	
Amanda Thompson, Member of the public	
Amanda Tuttle, Member of the public	
Heather Gottshall, Member of the public	

PART I – THE COALITION MEETING

Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Mike Edgington, Board Chair
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Agenda

- i. Motion to approve by Cathy Gleason, seconded by Kevin Fimon.

II. Proposed Amendments to the Agenda:

- a. There are two amendments proposed to be added to the agenda by Zach Gottshall, seconded by Bruce Vergason.

- i. First, add a 10-minute section allowing for a discussion for verification of Girdwood representation, and second limit the board meeting discussion regarding by-law committee discussions to no greater than 10 minutes.

- b. Cathy Gleason made a motion to bifurcate the two amendments being proposed, seconded by Roger Shaw.

- i. There was brief discussion about the status of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) with the Board of Delegates, and whether GBOS was considered a Community Council.

- ii. The motion to bifurcate the amendment brought forward by Zach of 2 agenda items passed without objection via assent.

- c. The amendment allowing for a discussion for verification of Girdwood representation to be added to Part 2 of the FCC Delegates meeting agenda, as item 1b is put to a vote.

- i. The amendment passed with

- 25 yes
- 0 no
- 4 abstains

- d. The amendment to limit the board meeting discussion regarding by-law committee discussions to no greater than 10 minutes is put to a vote.

- i. The amendment failed with

- 6 yes
- 20 no
- 3 abstains

- e. Cathy Gleason made a motion to move talks about a collective Community Council conversation that involves working together to request designated parkland as dedicated land to the November meeting due to time restrictions, Kevin Fimon seconded.

- i. The motion passed unanimously via assent.

f. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve is made by Darryl Parks and seconded by Jason Norris.

III. Education Topic:

a. Council Updates: Girdwood thru Portage Valley

- i. **North Star** – Jacob informed the group that North Star has experienced some low attendance with their monthly Community Council meetings lately but, had an upswing of interest in committees being formed, they're always looking for ways to get folks engaged and keep them engaged.

- ii. **Northeast** – Pamela reported on 3 new committees surrounding Arts & Placemaking, Homelessness, and Planning & Zoning, as well as NECC receiving a Mayor's Beyond the Beige Award.

PART II – THE BOARD MEETING

Meeting Opener: Sarah Preskitt, Chair Pro Tempore

I. Amended Agenda Discussion Topic:

- a. Chair Mike Edgington passed the seat to Vice Chair Sarah Preskitt for the second half of the meeting, as the first discussion would center around his position on the board.
- b. Girdwood Representation
 - i. Pro Tempore Chair Preskitt asked Zach Gottshall to speak to the item he had brought to the board to discuss. Zach reminded the group of the AS code 29.10.200 regarding public officials and that they cannot serve as delegates or officers, along with AMC 2.40.030.
 1. There was some discussion regarding whether the fact that the FCC being a non-profit organization as opposed to a part of government changes the interpretation of the code.
 - ii. Charlie Welch asked for a point of clarification, and asked if GBOS is subject to the rules of APOC / is it an actual public office or is it a Road Service Area?
 1. Mike Edgington commented that Girdwood is a service area that provides 6 different services. Mike noted that the Bylaws were written in 2005 but Anchorage Municipal Code had been updated more recently in 2015 – where it had been changed to include general service area boards but never defined what they were.
 2. Zach inquired if that code was related to the codes that hold jurisdiction and authority over Community Councils.
 - iii. Darrell Hess, Municipal Ombudsman, is given the floor by Preskitt. He stated that there is nothing in AMC 2.40 that governs or directs the Federation, as it is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Darrell explained that AMC 2.40 is a “10,000 ft view of how Community Councils are organized and operated”. He reminded everyone that they are not part of municipal government and that they are private neighborhood associations.
 1. Darrell also clarified the only individuals who could be delegates from Girdwood based AMC 2.40 would be from GBOS. As AMC 2.40 designates GBOS as the Community Council Ex officio.
 - Brice Wilbanks asks a point of information and asked if Darrell Hess is speaking on behalf of the Municipal Ombudsman’s office, or himself. Darrell responded he was speaking on behalf of the Municipal Ombudsman’s office.
 - iv. Brice Wilbanks commented that Mike was not put into the seat of GBOS delegate by vote of Girdwood citizens, and that he was not the representative of the FCC according to the GBOS records.
 1. Mike took a moment to highlight that the GBOS Bylaws lack a procedure for determining a delegate, he welcomed the conversation about the GBOS delegate at the GBOS meeting. He explained that he was sitting out as a delegate during the meeting out of respect for that process but noted there is a delegate removal process as well if that is what others wished to do.
 - v. Pamela Raygor made a motion to vacate the chair’s position, elevate the vice chair and table the discussion until the November meeting, Bruce

Vergason seconded.

1. There was cross discussion surrounding the motion getting clarification of intention from the body. The intention being that GBOS will make their decision at their next meeting, report back to the FCC, allowing the FCC to provide delegates with results before the next meeting.
 2. There were a few questions clarifying the current officers of the FCC Executive Board, along with concerns voiced making decisions with a lack of information.
 3. Pamela Raygor withdrew her motion.
- vi. Jacob Powell made a motion to table this discussion until the November meeting.
1. There was some cross discussion of the motion and amendment amongst the body, with clarifying questions asked regarding verbiage / intent.
- vii. Bruce Vergason made a motion to suspend the rules, and elect a pro temp chair Sarah Preskitt until November meeting when the matter can be handled, this motion was seconded by Zach Gottshall.
1. There was further discussion about this motion, Roger Shaw verified this motion superseded the two previous motions which answered the body's major question.
 2. The motion was put to a vote and passed with:
 - 20 yes
 - 5 no
 - 4 abstains
- viii. Jason Norris made a motion to immediately adjourn the meeting given the importance of the bylaw discussion in the lack of time, Bruce Vergason seconded.
1. The motion was put to a vote and passed with:
 - 24 yes
 - 2 no
 - 3 abstains

II. **Comment Period:** none

III. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

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Board of Delegates
Special Meeting**

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Turnagain Arm – Michael Packard
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Others in attendance:

Arianna Bellizzi, FCC Executive Director
Ali Rambo, FCC Office Administrator
Laurie Wolfe, Foraker Group
Mike Edgington, Member of the Bylaws
Committee
Irene Quednow, SLCC Alternate
Paul Schneider, CCC Alternate
Karen Pletnikoff, TCC Alternate
Phil Cannon, Member of the public
Tim Alderson, Member of the public

Bruce Vergason, Member of the public
Daniel George, Member of the public
Amanda Thompson, Member of the public
Amanda Tuttle, Member of the public
Dave Syren, Member of the public
Keelan Kenny, Member of the public
Jared Goecker, Member of the public
Krystal, Member of the public
Jennifer, Member of the public
Brice, Member of the public

PART I – THE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order and Establish Quorum: Sarah Preskitt, Chair Pro Tempore
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. Election of Temporary Presiding Officer:

- a. Temp Chair Preskitt temporarily removed herself as chair for the purposes of the meeting to allow her to join the Bylaws discussion as a Bylaws Committee Member.
 - i. After some discussion, Charlie Welch is nominated for Temporary Presiding Officer for the purposes of the work session by Steve Callaghan, seconded by Pamela Raygor.
 - There is clarification asked if Charlie should also recuse himself due to being part of the Bylaws discussion and after some discussion Chair Pro Tempore Preskitt ruled that it wouldn't be appropriate for her to chair while also fielding questions / answering in the interest of fairness.
 - ii. Charlie Welch is elected as the Temporary Presiding Officer for the remainder of the meeting by consent vote.

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the agenda is made by Sarah Preskitt, seconded by Steve Callaghan. Agenda is approved by consent.

III. Discussion Topic: Work session – Discussion of Draft Bylaws

- a. There was concern raised by a Delegate about updating the articles of incorporation before discussing the bylaws, as required by Alaska statute.
 - i. The group agreed to have a conversation about the bylaws, not to vote on them that night, leaving the question of the articles of incorporations open for further discussion.
 - ii. There was a point of order made asking why Mike Edgington was present if he was no longer chair or GBOS delegate, there was a clarification that he was at the table as a member of the Bylaws Committee and there to help answer questions.
- b. Laurie Wolfe from the Foraker Group was introduced to guide the conversation during the work session and help the group follow group agreements that included speaking through delegates and not making official decisions during the work session.
 - i. There had been some confusion and debate about the composition of the Bylaws Committee, with a question as to why non-delegates were involved.
- c. A motion was made to revert to Robert's Rules and end the work session by Cliff Cook, seconded by Jade Powell that led to debate amongst members for a few minutes before Pamela Raygor moved the question. The vote for the previous question passed with 2/3rd majority:
 - 25 yes
 - 1 no
 - 2 abstain
- d. The motion to revert to Robert's Rules and end the work session by Cliff Cook, seconded by Jade Powell failed with:
 - 6 yes
 - 19 no

- 2 abstain
- e. The work session continued, focusing on reviewing the proposed changes to the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) bylaws section by section. The current bylaws, last updated in 2005, are being revised to address gaps and improve governance structure.
- f. Sarah presented a timeline of the process, emphasizing that no decisions have been made and that feedback is crucial before finalizing the draft. The difference was explained between the current delegate model and a proposed membership model, noting that the membership model could streamline operations and align with Community Council practices.
- g. The meeting discussion moved to discuss the bylaws draft in structured topics for easier feedback. Each Community Council through their delegate had 1 minute per topic to give their feedback or concerns.
 - i. The topics discussed in this meeting were:
 - Rights of members
 - Relationship to the Coalition in the Bylaws
 - Officer Elections
 - h. Kris Stoechner made a motion that after the work session is completed, not to vote on the bylaws for 60 days, there was no second.
 - i. Cathy Gleason made a motion to move out of the work session and extend the meeting by 10 minutes for the purposes of discussing Kris' motion; there was no second.
 - j. Pamela Raygor made a motion to recess the work session not to exceed 30 days, seconded by Sarah Preskitt.
- IV. **Adjourn:** Sarah Prekitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jason Norris.
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

November 19, 2025

Zackary Gottshall
Taku Campbell Community Council

Subject: Response to Concerns Regarding Federation of Community Councils

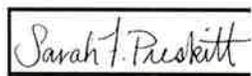
Dear Mr. Gottshall,

Thank you for your letter dated October 29, 2025, outlining your concerns regarding the Federation of Community Councils (FCC). I appreciate your commitment to ensuring transparency and accountability within the organization. As outlined in Article VIII in the Amended Articles of Federation of Community Councils, Inc, “[e]ach recognized community council may designate an alternate delegate who may appear and represent the community council in the absence of the person designated by the community council as its representative on the board.” In this instance, the role of the alternate delegate is intended to serve when the primary delegate is unavailable. Your requests as described are most appropriately advanced in coordination with Taku Campbell Community Council’s (TCCC) primary delegate Sarah Alexander or as a request from the TCCC.

That said, I take the issues raised in your letter seriously and am committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance and professionalism. I would like to address the specific concern you raised regarding the age-related remark made during the October meeting. As chair pro tem at this meeting, my intention was to return the meeting’s focus to the item before the delegates and on moving the meeting forward in a civil manner. The individual who made the comment has since issued a personal apology, acknowledging the inappropriateness of her statement, and has shared this apology with board delegates. While I understand the seriousness of the matter, this apology reflects her recognition of the issue and her commitment to maintaining a respectful environment moving forward.

Thank you for your dedication to the values of transparency and accountability.

Sincerely,



Sarah Preskitt
Chair Pro Tempore
Federation of Community Councils

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2. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval of Agenda**
- b. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Consent agenda approved by assent, passed unanimously.

3. Education Topic: Staff

- a. Arianna touches on what the FCC will do in the event of a Mt. Spur eruption. The FCC will be remote; and Arianna urges the councils to prioritize health & safety over traveling for meetings. The FCC will be happy to support any Community Council looking to run remote meetings during the ashfall.
- b. April Volunteer Recognition month
 - i. Executive Director Arianna gave a brief reminder to delegates that they have until March 30th to submit a name to recognize a volunteer from their councils.
- c. Website Update
 - i. Set to launch April 16th, there will be benchmarks prior to launch. Next week FCC will reach out to Council Presidents to set up meetings with interested Councils for website updates.
 - ii. There will be a Delegates walk-through of the website on March 27th, this will be the rough final draft of the website, not the finished product.
 - iii. There will be 2 trainings, both before & after launch to help Councils learn the new format. Arianna encourages that a single contact person for each council should facilitate website updates.

4. Discussion Topic: Vision Thru Action Follow up

- a. Vision Thru Action 2025 – Strategic Planning
 - i. Arianna & delegates in the room discussed the benefits of in-person trainings, how the Summit highlighted importance of networking & collaboration, and the need for better communication between councils.
 - ii. Also, the delegates highlighted was the challenges of council transitions & the need for resources to support new members. The FCC was recognized and appreciated for its role in providing technical support & resources to councils.
 - iii. Arianna shares plans to publish the summit's graphic summaries from artist Lee Post and the strategic plan from Foraker Group on the FCC website once completed.

5. Discussion Topic: Procedures for Mailers

- a. The discussion involved the FCC using the allotted budget to send out mailers to notify residents that their boundary has changed.
 - i. There was also conversation about the order of the Community Council's getting to send out mailers, whether it should be first come, first serve, or if it should be on rotation. Arianna mentions the existing FCC Bulk Mailings policy from 2017.
- b. Chair Edgington asks the body if the FCC should suspend that policy temporarily to use the budget and instead notify residents that will be affected by the upcoming

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community council boundary changes.

- i. Staff notify the body that there are councils interested in using the mailers this year.
 - ii. Kandi Hayes from Taku Campbell makes a motion to suspend the current Bulk Mailing policy for the remainder of 2025. Remaining unused funds will be released back to councils for use. Sarah Preskitt from Spenard seconds the motion.
- c. The group debates the timeline, content, & design of the potential mailer. Board members suggesting the use of QR codes and simple language to explain the changes & engage residents. There was also a suggestion to do this in the fall.
- i. They also discuss the need to track which councils benefit from the mailing & the importance of maintaining records for future reference. The conversation touches on potential funding sources & methods to make the mailing process more efficient & cost-effective.
- d. The motion unanimously passes by assent.

6. Discussion Topic – Bylaws Committee

- a. Mike Edgington calls for volunteers for a Bylaws Committee.
 - i. The committee aims to complete its work by the end of the year, focusing on structural issues & proposing changes to be discussed with the full body.
- b. Volunteers for the Bylaws Committee
 - i. Mike Edgington – Girdwood, Chair
 - ii. Kandi Hayes – Taku Campbell CC
 - iii. Kaitlyn Jackson – Bear Valley CC
 - iv. Sarah Preskitt – Spenard CC
 - v. Evan Leaf – Sand Lake CC
 - vi. Paul Schneider – Chugiak CC

7. Comment Period – None.



Assembly Report for Federation of Community Councils | November 2025

Update from the Vice Chair

Hello, Community Council delegates! I am missing tonight's meeting, typing this before boarding a flight, but we had a big meeting last night with passage of the FY26 budget, and there are many other things as well. Below is a brief update, and happy to follow up by e-mail, or at next month's meeting. Plus, reminder about signing up for the Assembly e-news.

- **FY 2026 Budget – approved on November 18!**

- At Tuesday's meeting, we approved the FY 26 Muni budget, which is actually 8 items total, including any reorganization of the org chart (also tied to the budget). This allows the administration, OMB and departments to get the budget queued up and ready to go for the new fiscal year on January 1.
- We mostly accepted the Mayor's budget, which is a continuation budget (few changes between 2025 and 2026). Members offered several amendments to the operating and capital budgets, and the Budget & Finance Committee Co-chairs (myself and Daniel Volland, Dist. 1) prepared omnibus amendments for both budgets, incorporating many of the amendments. Both passed after some robust discussion, and consideration of other amendments.
- Some highlights of adopted amendments: summary lists attached.

Operating: *budget-neutral (a nominal reduction overall of \$23,000), which allowed for funding some priorities while continuing the work to look for offsets and modest cuts that will not negatively impact core services.*

- Reduce budgets in both executive and legislative branches by \$192,280 and \$16,520. Unallocated cuts allow departments to adjust budgets where they have flexibility.
- Fund improvements to public services, including shifts toward more full-time Parks and Recreation maintenance positions (and fewer seasonal positions), and \$100,000 for an additional weekday for seniors to ride People Mover for free.
- Funding for a Comprehensive Plan update and ongoing community engagement on our fiscal future.

Capital: *added some specific projects that are priorities for 2026, if voters approve proposed bonds this coming election:*

- Added a few priority projects for the ARDSA (road and drainage) bond to repair and upgrade existing roads in multiple districts.
- Funds to continue the Downtown Wayfinding project, which supports tourism, placemaking, and economic development.



ANNA BRAWLEY

VICE CHAIR | DISTRICT 3, WEST ANCHORAGE

- Setting clear priorities for the Chugach Access Service Area (CASA) 2026 bond, while holding off deciding the full 2027-2031 list until the already-formed community advisory group continues to fully develop a multi-year program for CASA projects that reflects community priorities, improving the infrastructure and amenities all residents use to access public trails. For 2026, CASA projects include:
 - \$1,500,000 for Basher Trailhead improvements
 - \$150,000 for Lost Cabin Trail extension
 - \$70,000 for Stewart Trail signage and wayfinding
- Operating budget is \$656.8 million, approx. \$198,000 below the tax cap. We do anticipate this will change in the next few months, as there are many unknowns and needed adjustments: we need to complete the 2024 audit to know any available fund balance; our largest bargaining unit contract (AMEA) is being moved forward; there is ongoing work to revise the Fire Department budget to meet our needs beyond time-limited grants for safe staffing and the Wildfire Division; and other items.
- The budget process has 2 main phases throughout the year: approving the budget before January is the first phase. The second step, First Quarter Revisions (1Q) in April is also important: by that time, we will have the proposed ASD budget for their new fiscal year, we will know what bonds voters approved for capital projects, and we will set the tax levy for 2026.
- Speaking of bonds: the deadline for deciding all items for the ballot will be the Assembly meeting on Tuesday, January 27. Amendments to the CIB now helps build that list, but we will make the final decisions for the 2026 ballot in the next 2 months. For all things budget, visit:
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/FOCUS-Budget-and-Taxes.aspx>
- **Proposed Revenue Measures**
 - There are currently 4 broad-based revenue measures proposed for consideration on the April 2026 ballot: each of these needs 8 Assembly votes to place it on the ballot, and would need voter approval to become law.
 - AO 2025-96(S): 1% sales tax, sponsored by Member Martinez
 - AO 2025-97: 5% short-term rental tax, sponsored by Chair Constant and Member Volland
 - AO 2025-117: 2% bed tax increase, sponsored by Vice Chair Brawley
 - AO 2025-133: 3% sales tax, sponsored by Mayor LaFrance.

I can't predict what will happen, but personally, I find it very unlikely all 4 of these would be placed on the ballot, so part of the discussion will likely include narrowing down what most people support to put before voters.



ANNA BRAWLEY

VICE CHAIR | DISTRICT 3, WEST ANCHORAGE

- Visit the Budget & Taxes website (linked above) for more information, sponsor statements, and where things are in the process.
- The public hearing has closed on 3 items, and the Mayor's proposed sales tax will have a hearing at the Tuesday, December 2nd Assembly meeting. But it's never too late to give your feedback: e-mail Assembly members with your thoughts on this and any other topic at assembly@anchorageak.gov
- **MOA 50th Anniversary (Munification)**
 - We had a great celebration at the Anchorage Museum on Friday, November 7, with community members, organizations like FCC and others, and current and former local elected officials who played a part in building our city.
 - For all things Munification, check out our website – lots of great resources, images, stories, and more! www.muni.org/50

Stay Informed: Assembly E-newsletter

Did you know that the Anchorage Assembly produces a regular e-newsletter? Each issue has updates on big topics, a run-down of what happened at the most recent Assembly meeting, and a heads-up about items coming up on a future agenda. It's a great way to stay involved, especially if you're interested in the nuts and bolts of what we do.

Sign-up link [here](#) (written below):

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=96d4f04dc79ed1192b16097db&id=620cd57b2c>

Side note: if you are in West Anchorage, or you just want to stay in the loop with what I'm up to, you can also sign up for my e-newsletter [here](#)! (also written below)

<https://gmail.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6f6b1a5fa6c8965a9e9550acc&id=1c1c63ff45>

Thank you,

Anna Brawley

Vice Chair and Member for District 3, West Anchorage

Anchorage Assembly

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Amendment				Assembly	
Source	Department	Description	2026 Amount	Sponsor	Ref
Bonds	PM&E	ARDSA: Downtown Anchorage Wayfinding	500,000	DV	1
Bonds	PM&E	ARDSA: Tasha Dr. Reconstruction	5,100,000	AB,KPV	2
Bonds	PM&E	ARDSA: Turnagain St Upgrade	500,000	AB,KPV	3
Bonds	M&O	ARDSA: Chip-sealing Equipment	1,200,000	EBD	4
Bonds	PM&E	ARDSA:Thimble Berry Drive Storm Drain Improvements	2,000,000	Mayor	5
Bonds	PM&E	ARDSA:Tudor Centre Storm System Water Quality Improvements	1,000,000	EBD	6
Bonds	PM&E	Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	500,000	Mayor	7
Bonds	PM&E	CASA: Basher Dr Upgrade with Trail	(500,000)	YS,GM	8
Bonds	PM&E	CASA: Basher Trailhead Parking Lot	1,250,000	YS,GM	8
Bonds	PM&E	CASA: Extend Lost Cabin Trail (NEW)	150,000	YS,GM	8
Bonds	PM&E	CASA: Stewart Trail Wayfinding and Signage	70,000	DV	9
Bonds	PM&E	ARDSA: West Bluff Dr/Ocean Dock Road Area Storm Drain	4,500,000	Mayor	10
Bonds	PM&E	CASA: Canyon Rd and Upper DeArmoun Rd pavement replacement	-	CC	11
Bonds	PM&E	CASA: Glen Alps Rd pavement replacement	-	CC	11
Bonds	PM&E	CASA: Toilsome Hill Dr reconstruction	-	CC	11
Bonds	PM&E	CASA: Upper O'Malley Rd and Trails End Rd Pavement Replacement	-	CC	11
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Submitted by: Assembly Vice Chair Brawley and Member Volland

PROPOSED AMENDMENT INCREASE DECREASE NEUTRAL

This omnibus amendment reduces recommended appropriation by (\$23,800) to the following departments for the items described. Additional information can be found on the subsequent pages of this packet.

Amendment				Assembly	
Department	Description	R/1	Amount	Sponsor	Ref
Parks	Part-time positions to full-time positions	R	Net-0	AB,CC	1A
Public Transportation	Additional Budget for 65+ transportation	R	100,000	DV,EBD,GM	1B
Planning	Additional budget for Comp Plan	1	50,000	EBD	1C
Office of Management and Budget	Additional Budget for Fiscal Public Engagement	R	10,000	AB	1D
Chief Administrative Office	Additional Budget for Fiscal Public Engagement	R	10,000	AB	1D
Multi	Reduction for Non-Recruited Positions	R	(175,000)	JG,KM,SM	1E
Municipal Manager	Reduction for non-labor	R	(17,280)	JG,KM,SM	1F
Assembly	Reduction for non-labor	R	(16,520)	JG,KM,SM	1F
Health	Additional Budget for ATAX Use Communications	R	15,000	AB	1G
Health	Grant to Best Beginnings	1	Net-0	DV	1H
-	Conforming Amendment	-	-	-	1I