

## ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

#### Welcome & Introductions

Participants: Silvia Villamides, Mike Ward, Jason Motyka, Richard Irwin, Alexandria McCormick, Chris Jones, Chris Constant, Tom Begich, Looki, Zach Fields, Portia Erickson, Margo Bellamy, Melinda Gant, Daniel McKenna-Foster, Robert Manley, Ron Alleva, Steven Callaghan, Jim Renkert, Benjamin Kim, Nick Coltman, LG Tobin, Amber McDonald, Larry Michael, Joy Boston, Logan Rammell.

Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda.

Richard Irwin moved to accept the agenda. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed. Agenda approved.

#### Approval of April meeting minutes

Amanda Moser moved to approve the April meeting minutes. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed. April meeting minutes approved.

- **Reports: 3minute limit**
  - **Assembly Report** – Chris Constant
    - Budget process wrapped up
    - Budget was vetoed – working to over-turn the veto
    - Ballots being mailed out
    - LED going thru process with assembly. LED given 6 months to come into compliance with Alcohol Board
  - **Senate Representative Report** – Tom Begich n/a – intern reported Loki
    - Still in caucus. Couple of days for things to be settled
    - Secured resources for the downtown library – at Old City Hall
    - Resources for long trail – includes coastal trail, Salvation Army
    - Sunday May 8 New Sagaya Downtown – 3pm – meet and greet with Begich
  - **House of Representative Report** – Zach Fields
    - House side – budget – operating and capital budget looking good
    - Working on these issues; long term care with disability, fully fund education, trying to lock it in against inflation, adequate teaching funding, school bond reimbursement.
    - HB149 – childcare providers passed the house.
  - **Mayor's Office Report** – Portia Noble
    - Capital Improvement projects – applications are due each June 15<sup>th</sup> for each community council.
    - Events – city wide clean up – with Chamber of Commerce. Every Saturday during May

- Afghan welcome event – business and veteran communities invited. noon, Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ The Dome 6501 Changepoint Drive, Anchorage, AK 99518
- Compost program – solid waste. 300 bins May – Oct. free disposal dump passes
- Memorial Day events
- **Anchorage Police Department** – n/a
- **Anchorage School Board** – Margo Bellamy
  - Celebratory season – graduations.
  - May meeting last night – an hour long. Close out the 21-22 school year. Carl Jacobs VP, Dora Wilson Treasurer, Margo Bellamy President
  - May 11 at Mountain View Elementary – an event
  - Bond did not pass. Finance meeting at May 24 meeting
  - Lottery program still open
  - End of year activities
  - New superintendent – will begin May 16.
- **Anchorage Downtown Partnership** – n/a
- **Our Downtown Update** – Kristine Bunnell – n/a Daniel Foster reporting
  - Plan on 4-26 approved. Code to be ready in about a month.
  - Working on a variety of fundings Block 102 as well
  - 102 West Ave. – project asking for variances in code
- **JBER** – Joy Boston
  - Boniface Visitor Center is open. Richardson Visitor Center is closed until September 2022.
  - Red Flag Exercises – joint (Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps) and coalition (UK, Canada, etc.) field training exercise (FTX) with personnel and equipment located at Eielson AFB and JBER and operations conducted in Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC) April 28-May 13, June 9-24.
  - Noise complaint filing information at <http://www.jber.jb.mil/Contact-Us/>
  - The next unaccompanied veteran committal service will be Wednesday, May 25 at 2:30pm at the National Cemetery; contact Virginia for help getting on base, [Virginia.Walker1@va.gov](mailto:Virginia.Walker1@va.gov)
  - Municipality's Memorial Day event "Anchorage Remembers" will be on Monday, May 30 at 9:30am at the Veteran's Memorial on I St between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, downtown Anchorage.
  - The National Cemetery on JBER will hold a Memorial Day event on Monday, May 30; music will begin at 11:30am and ceremony starts at 12pm at the flagpole. Everyone is asked to park on Davis Highway, outside the cemetery, and walk into the grounds. Handicap and VIP parking will be available inside the cemetery. Please call the National Cemetery at 384-7075 for additional information.
  - ANG Band of the South will perform at the Veterans Wall of Honor in Wasilla on Memorial Day; more info about the Band of the South at <https://www.music.af.mil/Bands?ANG-Band-of-the-South/About-Us/>
  - 48<sup>th</sup> annual Arctic Valley Run (5miles or 12.6miles) will be Saturday, June 4 at 10am, more info and sign-up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AK/Anchorage/ArcticValleyRun>

- Arctic Thunder Open House, July 30-31. Find updates at <https://www.arcticthunderopenhouse.com/> or on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/events/s/arctic-thunder-open-house-2022/868294350700826>
- Afghan Refugee Welcome Event May 2022. Announced by Mayor's office as well. Info. above.
- **ACDA – Melinda Gant**
  - May is construction month - projects to get started. Will involve removal of meters, sidewalk construction.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Ave project: begin construction May 12, 2022, steps forward to get permit for land use.
  - Request a spokesperson from group having concerns on moving of transit center – not received one yet
  - ACDA – frontline Trade show this Saturday 3-6pm at the Denaina – parking for vendors. Tourist vendors
  - Received grant for JC Penney project – teardown of garage should start this summer.
- **New Business: 6minute limit**
  - Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update – Silvia Villamides
    - Focuses on renewal, transfers or issues regarding licensees with alcohol or marijuana
    - Check to see if AMCO has any violations, complaints from community, police,
    - 12 licensees this past month – no problems
  - Treasurer Update – Jason Motyka
    - \$4,066.
  - Russ Reno
    - The downtown has a historical timeline of Anchorage painted on a building – lots of graffiti. Needs fresh paint and cleaning up of sidewalks in the area. Asking: 1. If there are any funds available to help clean it up. 2. DTCC board take it on themselves to clean it up.
    - AARP – sign on a petition to make Alaska safe for seniors to live in. Mayor has signed it. Asking for letter from DTCC. To show support for this. Discussion. No opposition. Petition will be signed by DTCC
- Continuing Business
  - A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DETERMINATION OF SPEED LIMITS IN THE DOWNTOWN STREETS – Voting Approval
    - Jason Motyka made the motion to approve the resolution. Nick Colton seconded the motion. Discussion of the resolution. No opposition. Resolution passes.
- **Presentations: 6minute limit (3minutes -To Speak / 3minutes – For Questions)**
  - Municipality's code relating to accessory dwelling units (ADUs) – Daniel McKenna-Foster
    - Accessory Dwelling Unit Code Update – smaller living units behind larger home. Compact living spaces. Current Proposal includes a list of goals. One of which is to remove owner occupancy requirement.
- **Announcements / Neighbor Comments: (2minute limit)**
  - Nick Colton

- the Guest House on 5<sup>th</sup> and Cordova has been bought by a church working in conjunction with the Coalition for the homeless. It will be considered transitional housing while the building is being remodeled. It will then become housing.
- Benjamin Kim
  - has coffee shop near the Guest House. Concerned about homeless coming into his business
- Bean's houses 75 people. Increasing the capacity to 125 people
- Tudor and Elmore Navigational Center will be created. Mayor will close Sullivan by June 30. People will be placed within the community (300 people)
- Ron Alleva
  - Has concerns regarding; homelessness, church's work in this area, treatment from municipality, no public input.
- Russ Reno
  - Has concerns about the Guest House. Doesn't want it to turn into another "Henry House".

#### **ADJOURN MEETING**

Mike Ward moved to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Moser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30pm