

MIDTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2022 @ 12:00-1:30 Noon

ADDRESS 3000 C STREET CONFERENCE ROOM

OPEN MEETING

Sign in and call to Order. Al Tamagni President

Al Tamagni, President called the meeting to order at Noon.

Approval of Minutes: IF AVAILABLE

Approval of Agenda:

PRESENTORS:

1. The Anchorage Police Department will give a presentation on Crime Statistic Reports in the Midtown Council Area such as Person Crimes, Property Crimes, and Other General Offences for the year 2022 to date. They will also discuss the best ways to contact the Police Department requesting Assistance. Questions and Answers (15 Minutes.)
 - APD Officers Mark Bakken and Galen Graves, Community Action Policing (CAP) Team presented. They reported that code 880 (excessive calls) were down primarily due to the callers being charged when they exceed the call limit.
 - It was questioned why the presence of homeless individuals appeared to be down, and they said there is no logical reason for the ebb and flow of the homeless population. They handed out a limited number of statcal reports on crime.
2. Assembly Person Felix Rivera will give an update on the Homeless in regards to the success of moving them into employment and becoming self sufficient and off the homeless list. What is the future of the programs and how many homeless are listed. Questions and Answers. (10 Minutes).
 - Assembly Person Rivera reported on the Homelessness Emergency Shelter Plan. He said that additional emergency shelter capacity has been added at the Alex Hotel, Bean's Café, former Golden Lion Inn, and 150 additional to the Sullivan Arena. These additions meet the need until 12/31/22 and 1/1/23 – 4/30/23 needs to be addressed.
 - Budget works sessions have been scheduled with public hearings scheduled for 10/25/22 and 11/9/22.
 - APD body cameras have been an issue with the union and an arbitrator has been brought into the negotiations.

- Ballot propositions include a shift of the marijuana tax to the education fund.
 - There are vacancies in the Assembly and Administration offices and committees that need to be filled.
 - The Assembly needs more information from the Administration regarding the Navigation Center.
3. Owen Hutchison of the Anchorage Coalition to End Homeless (ACEH) will give an update on their Services and Benefits and an estimate of Annual Costs of Operation year to date. (10) Minutes.
- Hutchison reported that there are the following working subgroups: Facilities, Operations, Communications, and Data.
 - The emergency shelter locations must have 24/7 access, meal preparation areas, laundry, and shower facilities for a total of 350.
 - Tier I shelters are MOA owned facilities or current shelter facilities.
 - Tier II shelters include the Arctic Rec Center, the former GCI call center, and the ACS site, all of which total 150 beds.
 - The cost to operate the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) was questioned. Hutchison said that the Foraker Group sited an organization like ACEH costs approximately \$100,000 per staff position. The ACEH has 12 staff which equates to \$1.2 M. The funding source was questioned, and Hutchison and he said from a variety of sources.

Reports:

Mayor's Office: Will give an update on proposed Budget.(5 Minutes)

- There was no one from the Mayor's Office to report.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS: Rivera, Zaletel, Constant and Vollard. They will give an update on property taxes, income and expenses.(5 minutes each)

- Rivera said Zaletel, Constant and Vollard were not available.

School Board Representative Dave Donley will give an update on the school budget deficits and operational review of reducing costs to taxpayers.(5 minutes)

- Dave Donley reported that the main goals for the Anchorage School District (ASD) are simple as follow, read by the third grade, know simple math, and be citizen ready with life skills; and the ASD is not meeting their goals.
- Donley handed out a document from the FY24 Budget Solutions (Phase I – Research) presented at the Joint School Board – Assembly Meeting, September 23, 2022. The information included the Alaska Foundation Formula, ASD School Funding since 2017

and FY24 Projected Deficit Scenarios. The budget gap for FY23 ranged from nearly \$68M to over \$100M.

State Senate Representatives: Elvie Gray Jackson will give a report on the plans of the upcoming legislative session of the Senate.(5 minutes)

- No one was available to report.

State House Representatives: Harriet Drummond: She will update on the plans of the upcoming legislative Session of the House.(5 Minutes)

- No one was available to report.

Reports:

- Ric Davidge reported that his book on homelessness has become the standard bearer and has been reprinted and updated several times, and many municipalities are using it for their template to address the issue.

Capital Projects Committee Report if any:

Election of Officers and Board Members: The Midtown Community Council is having it's Annual Election. If you are interested in running for an office or a board member, please e-mail to atamagni@alaska.net, as we have a number of openings. The list is attached as part of this agenda.

- Rosemary moved and Greg seconded that the proposed ballot be accepted as presented and the vote was unanimous, as follows:
President – Kris Stoenner
Vice President – Ric Davidge
Secretary – Open
Treasurer – Kirk Hastain
Board Members – Rosemary Borchardt, Bill Borchardt, Greg McDonald, Brian Schwartzentruber, and the Officers.

Hearing Notices: Package Liquor & Marijuana Renewals? None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Open

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.