

Opened at 18:30 by President Steve Beardsley

Agenda: Moved Stan. Second Mike. Approved

Minutes of last meeting: Moved Carol F, Carolyn W. second

Officer reports:

FCC; Handout on 2040 actions

Vice President: Roselynn Cacy,- Email from John Weddleton. Four vacancies on Transit Board. Consider applying.

Treasurer: Stan Moll. Have \$1458.14, up \$0.06 and debt of \$200 for PO Box, which will be reimbursed up to \$75 from FCC. Need to discuss getting new reader boards – on hold depending on room/time for meeting place.

Federation of Community Councils [FCC]: Representative: Nancy J. Went to Meeting.

- Bus barn possibly going in next to Botanical Gardens [Off Campbell Airstrip, not Johns Road] in new lot. Mayor is not in favor of it. Other locations being considered.
- Property taxes should be flat for next budget cycle.
- APD will go up to 450 Officers.
- Homeless count is down.

Senator Natasha von Imhof:

- Candidates for various positions are dropping out and others going in. Watching which candidates will be in.
- Is there a legislative directive for health care? Big sweeping changes are not quite ready. Waiting for two large reports coming in in early 2019. Looking at Medicaid eligibility backlog. About 18,000 cases in backlog. Other states have outsourced the verification process, and have been able to reduce their backlog.
- While the price of oil is up, production is not up to what the spring forecast was. Possibly even out to the same budget as before. Last year about \$350M gap, which is similar to last year.
- In terms of crime – legislature is looking at it very closely. Gave \$2M to APD and \$2M to AST to look at drug enforcement and are looking at opioid problem. SB-91: Attacked aggressively – passing HB 312 to strip things out of SB91 to replace with the newer language. The “Get out of jail free” card is now gone.
- APD had a sweep of arrests with DOE and Post Office to sting people with mail, drugs, money, etc. Ways of addressing crime from before is not working, so this technique is promising.

Representative Chuck Kopp: Eric Cordeira from office.

- Chuck also participated in those [see above] conferences and also met with nursing and other medical providers to look at obstacles for getting health care.
- Kudos to 100th and Minnesota and other improvements in Anchorage roads.
- Noise from airport will probably be reduced soon.
- Chuck continues to be invested in crime prevention and education. Attempting to make certain that new ways are effective and correct. His priority is public safety.

Assembly: John Weddleton:

- Budget. \$522M. Tax cap is flat. Population is decreasing and inflation is low.
- New fuel tax goes dollar for dollar to help relieve property taxes.
- Homeless count is still vague, but seems to be reducing.
- Chugach / MLP merger discussion is two weeks from now. Two public hearing and Assembly meeting on 7 November [day after election] will work with that.
- APD will rent for one year with extension possibilities for the office downtown. Why not buy? ACDA is a part of MUNI team, - we're paying rent to them, which will come back to us to act as a catalyst for other developments in the city.
- 120th Street – new tip for AMATS with design for next year. To be built in next four years or so. Will be a federal money project.
- Cell phone towers of the smaller size are coming in the areas, since we tried to eliminate the large ones. Much less impact to the site.
- Doing a web search for “Anchorage city view portal” to find the code number for public notice information.

Assembly : Suzanne LaFrance:

- Police chief has been looking for about a decade and this downtown property is almost move-in ready.
- Ellen Street as a detour, is not designed for the traffic it has. When Ellen is nearing time to do design, the design folks will be at our meeting to discuss and hear ideas. Steve is asking if we can have Ellen mitigation due to increase in traffic for the construction of Johns and the damage done.
- Did vote to approve \$17M to Solid Waste Services to buy land near the central transfer station to maintain and upgrade the facility that is no so disruptive. Still have 40 to 50 years on the existing Muni landfill and we're trying to extend that. Rates will go up, with the idea of trying to extend the use of the existing landfill. Two types of increases – those who use the transfer station and the landfill. 5% for residential and 6.5% for commercial.
- Issue of mumps outbreak. Child care workers are not required to be immunized. Check with your medical provider about a booster. Alaska is one of the least immunized states. Health department is focusing on STIs. Criminal intent to spread the disease is being considered as muni law for prosecution. There is already a state law, so not certain how the Muni law will improve or help with mitigation.
- Our group will be contacted about survey about drug use prevention. Looking for input and ideas. Sara Richardson will probably be the contact.
- Suzan Caldwell. May be contact for questions about recycling plastics.

Liquor Permit Application notice in the paper. Next door to the greenhouse of Bell's Nursery. Wholesale only. Not yet certain that the location is there, but the mailing address of the ministry is located there. Steve will check with the Alcohol Board to check on progress and when we'll see the actual application.

November is election of officers for OSOVCC.

Public notice on fence for C street Roundabout where the alternative tree lot is. It's the extension of South Anchorage Park on the north side of O'Malley / Minnesota.

Parks and Recreation: Maeve Nevin – NevinsLauterMV@muni.org planner and project manager for South Anchorage Sports Park. Just finished the contract for all of the improvements. Two dog parks – small one – open with big field – may take all next year to establish new field. Larger one – Fence along O'Malley and along radio tower road, but no fencing along back end. \$150K for bike park, Agreement is to make the change to heavy material to squeeze out the moisture. Fifteen feet of peat to surcharge out with the heavy materials. She needs people from here to help with planning. Got the Remote Control track completed with the funding they have. They want an ADA structure higher in the air, but doing from ground level now.

Hamilton Park: Will be on bond in 2019. No surplus money for surveys and engineering. Bond is for \$200K which is not a lot to do a lot of work with. May be able to do a challenge grant to add to it. Bell's may want to help sponsor.

Anchorage Park Foundation worked with a Landscape Architecture firm to make a "walking routes of Anchorage" map. Will probably be available at local sporting stores.

Meeting next month will be back in the library.

Motion to adjourn: Nancy / John. Ajournd 19:52