

Turnagain Arm Community Council

Meeting Minutes for

December 12, 2019

I. 7:05 p.m. Call to Order:

II. 7:06 p.m. Introductions

A. Introductions of attendees and visitors

B. Local representative from municipal assembly:

7:07 p.m. John Weddleton

1. Budget passed of \$530 million

a. Represents a tax increase of \$20 per property on a \$375,000 property valuation

b. Budget increases for Anchorage Police

c. Budget increases for Fire Department, increased allocation supports the Fire training academy.

d. Homeless issue is receiving \$750,000 and private donations of \$40 million from private and non-profit groups.

i. “The four funders and their commitments are:

- Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska: \$5 million over three years

- Providence Health and Services Alaska: \$15 million over five years

- Rasmuson Foundation: \$10 million over three years

- Weidner Apartment Homes: \$10 million over five years” (<https://www.ktva.com/story/41101516/dollar40-million-pledged-to-fight-homelessness-in-anchorage>).

2. Municipal concerns about lack of escape routes in certain neighborhoods in the event of large scale fire, practice drill scheduled for this Spring

3. Some Assembly members are proposing new revenue generating measures. An alcohol tax and sales tax proposal are amongst the ideas being put forth.
4. Discussion of proposed new Storm Water Utility (SWU)
 - a. Making progress, should have more information related to costs and areas in a few months
5. Studded tire permission moved to two weeks later than previous allowed. Studded tires in the Fall of 2020 cannot be installed until October 1st.
6. Next Anchorage assembly meeting is 12/17/2019 5:00 PM
Location: Z.J. Loussac Library Assembly Chambers 3600 Denali Street Anchorage, AK 99503.

C. Anchorage School Board Representative

7:20 p.m. Alisha Hilde

1. Pre-K and Special Needs students integrated
 - a. More Special Needs students being mainstreamed into normal classes entering K-12.
2. School Bonds
 - a. Groenig has the biggest demand and allocation of current bond due to earthquake. \$26 million Earthquake repairs and \$16 million to maintenance and renovations. Charter schools included, Inlet View – renovations, new math curriculum.
3. Eagle River Capacity
 - a. Looking at ways to utilize excess capacity in Eagle River. Expect capacity to be utilized by in-zone growth in the future.

III. Candidate Introductions

A. 7:30 p.m. Carolyn “Care” Clift

State Senate Candidate for District “N” (Undeclared)

1. About: Formerly a registered Libertarian, former Special Education teacher for 14 years, and lived in Aniak. Approves “flattening” of the state budget and a “full” PFD. Libertarian stance on Rights. She has issues with children being unnecessarily removed from parents by Child Services. She is running on a petition, not a primary ticket. She is against a binding caucus.

B. 7:40 p.m. Rick Castillo

Anchorage Assembly Candidate for District 6.

1. About: Alaska resident for 14 years. Formerly from Florida. Came as member of the U.S. Army. Finished Army commitment in 2011. Is the son of a single mother who worked for Boeing and NASA. He has worked for Carlisle, and he is currently working for AT&T implementing 5G program in Anchorage. His focus is on business, and fostering an environment that is attractive to encourage new businesses to come to Anchorage.

IV. 7:45 p.m. Old Business

A. Update on the Turnagain Arm Police Service Area (TAPSA).

1. Funds from being reimbursed for callouts at “Bird Camp”.
2. Repeat offenders are subject to billing for callouts in excess of 8 times per year for a household or in excess for 100 times per year for a business.
3. Accounting for 2018 shows a bill of approximately \$14,000. For 2019 the bill is approximately \$12,000.
 - a. Questions arose about how a tax cycle is initiated once the original account has been depleted.

V. 7:52 p.m. Minutes from Last Meeting Approved

VI. 7:53 p.m. New Business

A. Rock and Ice Fall on the Seward Highway

1. Gordon Scott makes resolution to ask AK DOT & PF to proactively attack landslide, rock, and ice fall along the Seward Highway.

All in favor, zero opposed – Passes by unanimous vote.

Resolution to be written and submitted by Council

- B. Testimonial endorsement for Greatland Tree Service

V. Next Scheduled Turnagain Arm Community Council Meeting:

Next TACC meeting will be 7 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2020.

VI. 7:58 p.m. Meeting Adjourned