



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting**

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**Thursday, May 2, 2024; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

Development Services, Training Room

4700 Elmore Road Anchorage, Alaska

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. REGULAR REPORTS**
  - Office of Economic & Community Development (OECD)
    - a. *Building Services:*
      - Development Services – Permit Activity Reports
      - Planning Department – AO 2024-24 re Site Access Test Results
    - b. *Public Works:*
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    - c. *Real Estate Department:*
      - HLB
- 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. ACDA Update on Vacant and Abandoned Property Project
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. ACDA - Denali View RV Resort
- 5. COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES (Annual list on pg. 2)**
  - a. Update for 2024 cont.
- 6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

**HOW THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE REMOTELY IN THIS COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Dial-in to the Conference Bridge Phone Number – (907) 273-5190,  
 Phone Conference ID: 721227#

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**Mission Statement:** Evaluate and make recommendations on Municipal Code and process to encourage efficient government, responsible development, and economic growth.

## 1. ANNUAL LIST OF COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES

### a. Legislative Priorities & Budget Items for 2024

Annual Work Plan Review Topics:

#### a. Alcohol/ Cannabis:

- Monitor and review
  - a. Alcohol law changes
  - b. Hemp/ Cannabis law changes
    - 1. Licensing
    - 2. Drive-thru
    - 3. Onsite consumption
    - 4. Local financial integration
    - 5. Hemp variants
    - 6. Banking

#### b. Economic Development:

- Expand tax abatement and Reinvestment Focus Areas (RFAs) citywide
- Expand support for Anchorage's Creative Economy
  - a. Music City - AEDC/ Sound Diplomacy/ AKIMI
- Establish Anchorage Metropolitan Area Projects program for sales tax (w/ AEDC)

#### c. Community Development

- Codify and confirm appointments for the new Anchorage Child Care and Early Education Fund Accountability Board to provide robust recommendations for marijuana tax revenue for early childhood education for FY25 budget
- Food security

#### d. Housing Activation:

- Monitor HLB and Real Estate land disposals for potential housing development
- Vacant & Abandoned Properties
  - a. Anchorage Affordable Housing and Land Trust pilot program/ \$1.3M
  - b. ACDA redevelopment initiative - federal funding application submitted
- 3 and 4 plex expansion
  - c. Monitor recent code changes
- Residential zoning changes - HOME initiative
- Housing support pilot program - w/ MOA Real Estate

#### e. Continue to improve and simplify MOA processes and regulations on businesses:

- Expedite permitting during peak season
- Look into a navigator program for building permits
- Create a catalog of pre-approved plans –
  - a. A comprehensive study of what other cities have done.
  - b. What does database development look like?

#### f. Expand public information:

- Continue housing then vs now presentations w/ Title 21
- Understand and address economic disparity in Anchorage
- Expand Cheers to Anchorage campaign
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#### g. Workforce Recruitment and Retention:

- Comprehensive workforce needs study

#### h. Tourism