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Mayor's Overarching Framework

Mission

A new Anchorage - a city that honors the promise of our past and the integrity of our ideals - creating a safe, secure, and strong, accessible, innovative, inclusive Anchorage.

Goals



Public Safety – Improve public safety and strengthen Anchorage neighborhoods.



Homelessness – Eradicate homelessness and improve the health of the community.



Administration – Make city government more efficient, accessible, transparent, and responsive to the citizens of Anchorage.



Strengthen Anchorage's Economy – Build a city that attracts and retains a talented workforce, the most innovative companies, and provides a strong environment for economic growth



Community Development – to make Anchorage a vibrant, inclusive and affordable community.

Goals that Contribute to Achieving the Mayor's Mission:



Public Safety – Improve public safety and strengthen Anchorage neighborhoods

Mayor Berkowitz is focused on rebuilding the Anchorage Police Department to 400 officers so our police officers can expand community policing strategies that prevent crime and strengthen Anchorage neighborhoods. He wants to expand the force to reflect the diversity of Anchorage and encourage greater partnerships between APD and neighborhood and business leaders.

Department Goals that Contribute to Achieving the Mayor's Mission:

Development Services Department

- Continue to make progress eliminating duplicate street names to ensure the uniqueness of each address, thereby improving E911 response times.

Fire Department

- Improve outcomes for sick, injured, trapped and endangered victims.

- Reduce fire damage, eliminate fire deaths and injuries.
- Maintain one of the highest cardiac arrest survival rates in the nation.
- Timely and effective response.

Maintenance & Operations Department

- 100% of Fire & Medic apparatus have working, certified electronic defibrillators.
- Support the efficient, safe operations of emergency services by providing expeditious maintenance of public safety radio equipment.
- 98% of police-assigned automatic electronic defibrillators are certified and operable on any given day.

Municipal Manager Department - Transportation Inspection Division

- Protect the safety and welfare of the regulated vehicle customers.

Police Department

- Reduce the rate of adult sexual assault in Anchorage.
- Decrease the number of drivers Operating Under the Influence (OUI).
- Reduce the rate of fatality vehicle collisions in Anchorage.
- Increase clearance rate in homicide cases.
- Maintain an average response time for Priority 1 calls for service under eight minutes.



Homelessness – Eradicate homelessness and improve the health of the community

Mayor Berkowitz will lead and support community efforts to provide permanent and supported housing for Anchorage's chronic homeless population, to improve public safety and economic resiliency in our neighborhoods. He is also focused on developing long-term housing development strategies to reduce homelessness amongst single parents, families, veterans and youth. This includes expanding workforce housing by partnering with public and private housing developers to bring at least 900 new units on line annually.

Department Goals that Contribute to Achieving the Mayor's Mission:

Development Services Department

- Manage the private development process effectively and efficiently.
- Respond to land use code complaints within established timeframes.

Health and Human Services Department

- Increase community and agency partnerships in public health initiatives.

Planning Department

- Provide timely, clear, and accurate information about zoning and platting cases to the general public and to the citizens serving on Anchorage's four land use regulatory boards: Planning and Zoning Commission, Platting Board, Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals, and Urban Design Commission.



Administration – Make city government more efficient, accessible, transparent, and responsive to the citizens of Anchorage

Decreasing State municipal revenue sharing and loss of the Municipal Light and Power dividend highlights the importance of creating more efficient delivery of services. In addition, the significantly over-budget ERP system implementation has drained Municipal financial and personnel resources. Mayor Berkowitz will focus on data-driven, results-oriented decision making for Municipal administration that ensures Anchorage taxpayers an accessible, transparent and responsive government. He will look for opportunities to develop more public-private partnerships to leverage new opportunities for business development and service delivery. He will also explore new options for shared services with the Anchorage School District, State of Alaska and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

Department Goals that Contribute to Achieving the Mayor’s Mission:

Development Services Department

- Ensure development-related infrastructure is designed and constructed according to municipal design criteria, standards, codes and practices.

Employee Relations Department

- Centralize and streamline administrative functions to improve performance and conserve resources.
- Improve the administration, consistency, and accuracy of the position classification system.
- Negotiate fiscally responsible collective bargaining agreements with economic terms that do not to exceed average 5 year CPI.
- Negotiate and administer collective bargaining agreements that maximize management flexibility.
- Leverage technology to provide employees with self-service access to administrative information and processes.

Finance Department - Controller Division

- Report fairly, without material misstatement, the financial results of the Municipality of Anchorage on an annual basis.
- Maintain a system of internal controls such that transactions are accurately recorded on a timely basis to reduce the risk of fraud and error.
- Pay employees and vendors accurately and timely.

Finance Department - Public Finance and Investments Division

- Maintain at least the current AAA rating by Standard & Poor’s and AA+ rating by Fitch for the MOA’s general obligation.
- Provide an aggregate investment return, net of fees, that outperforms the benchmark for the MOA’s aggregate portfolio.
- Refund any outstanding debt that provides a minimum net present value savings and provide the most cost effective source of financing for all departments of the MOA.
- Invest only securities that comply with AMC at the time of investment.

Finance Department - Treasury Division

- Enforce and increase collections of all valid taxes and delinquent fines and fees owed to the Municipality.
- Promote and improve timely posting and analysis of municipal revenues.

Fire Department

- Prevent unintended fires.

Health & Human Services Department

- Improve response to animal-bites/attacks complaints in the Municipality.
- Maximize industry compliance with safe food handling practices by inspecting facilities and effectively enforcing regulations.

Information Technology Department

- Reduce the total of IT operational cost as a percentage of overall MOA operational cost.
- Improve IT service delivery and the development of processes, standards and policies by applying industry best practices frameworks.

Internal Audit Department

- Provide the Assembly and Mayor with objective information by completing the requested audits and special projects in the approved annual audit plan.
- Reduce expenses by providing audit staff hours to the external auditors for the annual financial and Federal and State Single audits.

Maintenance & Operations Department

- Minimize the downtime of Fire, Police and General Government personnel.
- Improve response times to prioritized work order requests.

Management & Budget

- Improve the quality of the budget-related information provided citizens and decision-makers by continuing to receive the “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award” from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
- Implement the Mayor’s “Performance. Value. Results” performance-based management initiative.
- Improve departments understanding of Intra-governmental charge (IGC) system.

Municipal Manager Department

- Improve organization efficiency and effectiveness by improving process and procedures.

Municipal Manager Department - Risk Management Division

- 24 hour claimant contact and zero Workers’ Compensation late payment penalties.
- Recover \$1,000,000 annually in damage to MOA property.
- Assure a 24 hour turn around on all permits, contracts & Request for Proposal (RFP).
- Hold insurance renewals to expiring premiums or less annually for both the MOA and ASD. Inventory is added as acquired.

Parks & Recreation Department

- Engage residents to actively participate and volunteer in the community.

- Foster private-public partnerships and innovated funding sources to establish a balance in the financing of parks and recreation services and in the development of capital improvement projects through state and federal grants, user fees, volunteer support and private contributions.
- Maximize budgeted resources through effective scheduling of facility operational and program hours by matching demand to capacity.

Planning Department

- Engages the community in land use planning activities to make decisions about land uses and transportation, as well as public facilities, economic development, housing, and other public issues that are vital to a healthy and livable community.

Project Management & Engineering Department

- Design capital improvement projects that are cost-effective, maintenance-friendly and clearly communicate design intent to construction contractor within the schedule specified in the Capital Improvement Program.

Public Transportation Department

- Provide cost effective service.
- Install and maintain hardware and application providing automated operating systems to most efficiently and effectively meet the needs of transit customers.

Public Works Administration Department

- Reduce capital projects construction contracts with change orders.

Purchasing Department

- Provide departments with the knowledge needed to successfully procure items/services at the best value for the City with minimal difficulty (standardize and streamline processes).
- Ensure that procurements are made in compliance with all laws and policies
- Provide contract administration training to departments.
- Provide training to departments on the purchasing processes.
- Continue to work with and explore alternative procurement methods when contracting situations would benefit from their use.

Real Estate Department

- Revenue generated through disposals and use permits of HLB inventory provided to municipal and other agencies, and to the private sector.
- Annual tax foreclosure process: Collection of delinquent property taxes and assessments.
- Annual process for taking Clerk's Deed and subsequent sale of deeded properties via sealed bid auction.

Traffic Department

- Traffic operation improvements that maximize transportation safety and system efficiency.
- Timely investigation and response to community traffic inquiries.



Strengthen Anchorage's Economy – Build a city that attracts and retains a talented workforce, the most innovative companies, and provides a strong environment for economic growth

Anchorage has incredible opportunities to build upon its current economy by seizing on the strengths of its natural resources and cultural diversity. Making Anchorage safe, secure and strong will attract new investment and encourage expansion of Anchorage's existing business sectors. Mayor Berkowitz is proposing a reorganization of several Municipal departments to create the Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD). OECD will focus on supporting and encouraging new development of housing projects, sparking new downtown development projects and strengthening our neighborhoods and community assets through park, trail, library, and transportation assets. Mayor Berkowitz has also set a goal of making Anchorage the most energy-efficient city in the country. He will work with Municipal partners like the Anchorage Community Development Authority, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Visit Anchorage, and others to reach these goals.

Department Goals that Contribute to Achieving the Mayor's Mission:

Development Services Department

- Continue to provide excellent customer service by providing prompt and efficient permit processing, timely plan reviews, and same-day as requested construction inspection services.
- Provide on-site water and wastewater permitting, certification, training and enforcement consistent with goals of protecting public health and environmental quality.
- Protect the traveling public and municipal rights of way, the largest single asset of the Municipality of Anchorage at +\$10 billion.
- Complete final zoning inspections same day as requested.
- Provide timely and accurate services for:
 - Land use reviews/determinations
 - Administrative land use permits
 - Business facility reviews and inspections
 - Assignment of new addresses, and
 - Maintenance of GIS map data layers for roads and addresses

Employee Relations Department

- Attract and retain a productive, qualified workforce while adhering to all federal, state and local laws, regulations and agreements.
- Improve the pool of qualified candidates available to fill Municipal positions.

Finance Department - Treasury Division

- Provide enhanced service to the general public and business community and increase growth in e-commerce (i.e. information sharing and monetary transactions) through increased public use of the Municipal website and other means.

Finance Department - Property Appraisal Division

- Timely annual assessment of all taxable property.
- Completion of annual assessment appeals.

- Improve Property Appraisal assessment functions to ensure accurate data collection for property records and market assessments.
- Advance public education about assessment issues.

Information Technology Department

- Deliver innovative municipal services to MOA departments and citizens via technology.

Library Department

- Improve economic advancement by providing equitable access to computing equipment and resources.
- Improve public safety by providing safe and stimulating places for teens and clean, well-maintained buildings for all.

Maintenance & Operations Department

- Repair reported potholes within 24 hours within Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area (ARDSA).
- Complete declared plow-outs within 72 hours of a snowfall four inches or more within ARDSA.
- Year-to-date percentage of storm drain structures inspected and cleaned as required within ARDSA.
- Assess LED lighting options and design installation plan for LED street lights.

Municipal Attorney

- Maintain high quality, efficient production of legal services through low turnover rate of professional staff, and successful completion by attorneys of subject matter training/continuing legal education.

Municipal Manager Department - Transportation Inspection Division

- Promote a service-oriented ethic within the regulated vehicle industry.

Planning Department

- Examine and track the level of tax subsidy for the processing of zoning and platting cases.
- Provide timely and accurate services for applicants requesting:
 - Land use reviews/determinations;
 - Administrative land use permits; and
 - Zoning and platting services.

Project Management & Engineering Department

- Provide surveys at a reasonable cost.
- Investigate and respond to public inquiries within ten working days.
- Provide land survey review for the Planning Department to meet their needs.
- Ensure watershed management employees perform and are timely with permit plan reviews.
- Flood plain data is maintained as per regulatory (NFIP) requirements and accessible to public in timely manner.
- APDES inspections for commercial projects are performed within approved APDES permit requirements.

Real Estate Department

- Maximize amount of acreage mitigated through appropriate responses to negative impacts on the MOA land inventory due to fire, insect damage, illegal dumping of hazardous or contaminated materials, and/or vandalism.

Traffic Department

- Continuous improvement in the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.



Community Development to Make Anchorage a Vibrant, Inclusive and Affordable Community

Anchorage has amazing natural resources and cultural diversity. We have created a world-class network of trails and neighborhood parks that help bring communities together and link our city. We have a vibrant arts community that is supported through the 1% for Art and the Anchorage Arts Commission. Our libraries are community gathering places where Anchorage's diverse people come together for community events, lifelong learning and civic engagement. Mayor Berkowitz is committed to expanding Anchorage's community assets by supporting creative placemaking, cradle to career education opportunities and new technologies and partnerships to expand inclusiveness and accessibility.

Department Goals that Contribute to Achieving the Mayor's Mission:

Employee Relations Department

- Develop meaningful and cost effective employee benefit options.
- Expand the diversity of the Municipalities' workforce by using innovative recruitment practices.

Equal Rights Commission

- Respond to filed complaints with timely investigations and increased timeliness of case closures.
- Respond to complaints and complete case investigations impartially.
- Eliminate discriminatory practice by providing outreach and education in our community to improve compliance with the law.

Health & Human Services Department

- Improve responsiveness to public health complaints.
- Reduce days non-compliant with federal air quality standards by monitoring key indicators and developing strategies to reduce air pollution.
- Ensure compliance with safe food handling practice by inspecting every permitted food establishment at least once per year.
- Improve the quality of life of those in need of long-term care by increasing the effectiveness of ADRC referrals.

Library Department

- Increase opportunities for our children's success when they enter school by teaching the foundations of reading, social skills and, creative skills through early learning educational activities.

- Improve civic engagement, cultural enrichment, and enhance the quality of life for all Anchorage residents through provision of life-long educational services including library materials, online resources and programs/events.

Municipal Manager Department – Office of Emergency Management Division

- Ensure community education and public outreach programs are effective in preparing citizens for emergencies and disasters.

Municipal Manager Department – Office of Equal Opportunity Division

- Reduce the number of complaints that charge discriminatory practices through a pro-active training program.

Parks & Recreation Department

- Provide opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy Anchorage's parks and facilities.
- Provide recreation opportunities that are safe, secure and enjoyable.
- Through the practice of routine maintenance, maintain Municipal park assets to ensure optimum risk management by keeping parks, trails and facilities in a state of good repair and that are safe and welcoming.
- Through planned and managed development improve the safety, appearance and usability of Anchorage Neighborhood Parks in an effective and cost efficient manner.
- Provide satisfying positive experiences through quality recreation, leisure and civic programs in Anchorage's parks and facilities.
- Aquatic programs will be offered year round for public safety and recreation.

Police Department

- Maintain the rate of Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part I crimes in Anchorage at or below the national average for comparable size communities.
- Answer 911 calls within national standard time range, under National Emergency Number Association (NENA) standards.
- Maintain a rating on the UAA Community Indicators Project wherein the majority of respondents state they are "Satisfied" or "Very satisfied" with police services in Anchorage.

Public Transportation Department

- Provide public transportation services which are safe, convenient, accessible and reliable.
- Increase ridership.
- Expand access to People Mover fare sales using new and existing technology.
- Increase the number of agencies participating in coordinated transportation by purchasing AnchorRIDES trips.
- Increase the number of participants using vanpool services.
- Provide safe and accessible bus stops.
- Ensure effective and efficient bus route planning and scheduling.
- Ensure People Mover buses are operated in a safe and reliable manner.
- Ensure People Mover buses are maintained in a safe and reliable condition.