



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting

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Assembly Members:

George Martinez, Chair

Scott Myers, Vice-Chair

Erin Baldwin Day

Anna Brawley

Christopher Constant

Zac Johnson

Thursday, September 4, 2025; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Development Services, Training Room

4700 Elmore Road Anchorage, Alaska

1. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

2. REGULAR REPORTS

~Planning, Development & Public Works (PDPW)

a. Building Services:

- Development Services
- Planning Department

b. Public Works:

- Maintenance & Operations
- Project Management & Engineering
- Traffic Engineering

c. Real Estate Department:

- Heritage Land Bank (HLB)

~Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA)

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion re AO 2025-96 Penny for Progress
- b. Discussion re Alaska Botanical Gardens Expansion Plans – Mike Monterusso

5. COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES (Annual list on pg. 2)

- a. Review & Update

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

### a. Legislative Priorities & Budget Items for 2025

Annual Work Plan Review Topics:

- **Alcohol/ Cannabis:**
  - Continued monitoring and review for alignment with SOA
    - a. Alcohol law changes
    - b. Hemp/ Cannabis law changes
  - Review of Regulatory Parity (voter mandated)
- **Economic Development:**
  - Expand support for Anchorage's Creative Economy
    - a. Music City - AEDC/ Sound Diplomacy/ AKIMI
    - b. Anchorage Arts Festivals
  - Establish Anchorage Metropolitan Area Projects program for sales tax (w/ AEDC)
  - Economic Mobility and Opportunity - Understand and address economic disparity in Anchorage
- c. **Community Development**
  - Food security and land use.
  - Expand public transportation users and services
- **Housing Activation:**
  - Continued Re-activation of Vacant & Abandoned Properties
  - TSDO – Activating 2040 land use plan
  - Exploring our public housing Authority
- **Continue to improve and simplify MOA processes and regulations on businesses:**
  - Expedite permitting – from buildings to businesses
  - 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:**
  - Understand and address economic disparity in Anchorage
  - Expand Cheers to Anchorage campaign
  - Better Public Meetings Project with FCC
- g. **Workforce Recruitment and Retention:**
  - Update - Comprehensive workforce needs study
- **Tourism**
  - Bed tax review
  - Visit Anchorage – contract renewal
  - Placemaking and connectivity
- **Improving Government Efficiency:**
  - Continued review of the size, scope, and effectiveness of MOA.