



## 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, February 5, 2026; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

Development Services, Training Room  
4700 Elmore Road Anchorage, Alaska

**1. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. REGULAR REPORTS**

*~Community Development:*

- a. Development Services
- b. Planning Department
- c. Real Estate Department:
  - i. Heritage Land Bank (HLB)

*~Public Works:*

- d. Maintenance & Operations
- e. Project Management & Engineering
- f. Traffic Engineering

*~Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA)*

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Committee Workplan Review/Update for 2026

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grants
- b. Support Long-Term Risk Mitigation & Fiscal Sustainability in High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface Zones

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

**6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

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**ANNUAL LIST OF COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES****Legislative Priorities & Budget Items for 2026****1. Alcohol & Cannabis:**Ongoing Purpose – Monitor & Review:

- a. Alcohol law changes – updates with State regulations
  - i. Project updates pending – Member Brawley
- b. Cannabis law changes – updates with State regulations
  - i. Draft AO re: Proposed Licensing 10.85
    - 1. Drive-thru
    - 2. Onsite consumption
    - 3. Hemp variants
- c. Local financial integration
- d. Banking
- e. Federal reclassification impacts

New Projects – Monitor & Review:

- f. Hemp industry – Proposed local regulations?

**2. Economic Development:**Ongoing Purpose – Monitor & Review:

- a. Expand tax abatement and Reinvestment Focus Areas (RFAs) citywide
- b. Expand support for Anchorage's creative economy
- c. Establish Anchorage Metropolitan Area Projects program for sales tax w/ACDA
- d. Tourism

New Projects – Monitor & Review:**3. Community Development:**Ongoing Purpose – Monitor & Review:

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

New Projects – Monitor & Review:**4. Housing Activation:**Ongoing Purpose – Monitor & Review:

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

New Projects – Monitor & Review:**5. Continued Improvement & Simplification of MOA Processes/Regulations re: Businesses:**Ongoing Purpose – Monitor & Review:

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

New Projects – Monitor & Review:**6. Expand Public Information:**Ongoing Purpose – Monitor & Review:

- a. Continue housing then vs. now – updates from Planning w/ Title 21
- b. Understand and address economic disparity in Anchorage
- c. Expand Cheers to Anchorage campaign
- d. Codify and confirm appointments for the new Anchorage Childcare and Early Education Fund Accountability Board to provide robust recommendations for marijuana tax revenue for early childhood education for FY25 budget

New Projects – Monitor & Review:**7. Workforce Recruitment and Retention:**Ongoing Purpose – Monitor & Review:

- a. Comprehensive workforce needs study

New Projects – Monitor & Review:


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