

## 2024 WORKPLAN

### *FOR REFERENCE: 2023 Priorities*

- **Housing Action** – set a long-term housing vision, streamline codes and processes, and spur innovative attainable housing
- **Port of Alaska Modernization** – support rapid timeline that launches Phase II construction by summer 2024
- **Monitor MOA Financial Health** – build reserve funds and recover FEMA reimbursements
- **Public Health and Safety** – fund public safety & mental health services; support the Crisis Now model
- **Assembly Business** – conduct the business of the city with an increasingly open, accessible and transparent process

### Economic Development Goals

- X

### Public Safety Goals

- X

### Housing Goals

- X

### Homelessness Goals

- X

### Assembly Business Goals

- X

### Quality of Life Goals

- X

### Infrastructure and Transportation Goals

- X

## 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - DRAFT

### Economic Development

- Port modernization –Petroleum Cement Terminal opened, approved the Basis-of-Design and tariff structure and hosted successful visit from U.S.D.O.T. Secretary Buttigieg
- Made it easier for bars and restaurants to offer outdoor seating
- Sent a Charter amendment to the voters which passed to use marijuana tax proceeds for childcare and early education
- Alcohol code updated?
- Moved to a 2-year licensing period for marijuana retailers
- Utilized the government-to-government relationship with the Native Village of Eklutna to advocate for full restoration of the Eklutna River

### Municipal Business

- Passed the Open Checkbook ordinance to bring municipal spending into a publicly-accessible online dashboard
- Launched an education campaign on how alcohol tax funds are spent
- Closely monitored FEMA earthquake and COVID reimbursements and secured roughly 98% of reimbursements
- Sent a Charter amendment to voters which passed and created a board to manage the MOA Trust Fund
- Launched a new process to develop bond and state funding requests to be more responsive to community input

### Public Safety

- Secured permanent funding for the Fire Department Mobile Crisis Team and Police Department's Mobile Intervention Team
- Funded a \$1,250,000 increase for snow hauling and plowing in 2024 and held briefings with state and municipal snow removal teams to bring greater funding and efficiency to the process

## 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - DRAFT

### Housing

- Advocated in a statewide roundtable with U.S.H.U.D. Secretary Fudge
- Introduced the HOME Initiative to create a process to simplify residential zoning
- Simplified the process to convert hotels into housing
- Opened the former Golden Lion as low income housing
- Sent a charter amendment to the voters which passed to add powers to the Girdwood Service Area to promote local housing and economic stability
- Held Housing Action Week to bring the community together in the work to solve Anchorage's housing shortage crisis and developed the Housing Action Plan to direct future Assembly work on the topic.
- Funded a pilot program to develop vacant and abandoned buildings into affordable housing
- Supported and advocated for the Municipality's grant application to HUD Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing Funding opportunity. Eliminated parking minimum requirements
- Made it easier to build Accessory Dwelling Units

### Homelessness

- Continued to fulfill the goals of Anchored Home – provided funds for navigation and outreach services, Providence Crisis Stabilization Center, shelter operations, congregate and non-congregate shelters
- Launched Clean Slate task forces to engage community in homelessness solutions
- Held a statewide leadership summit and created a plan for complex behavioral needs of people experiencing homelessness
- Worked with administration to develop and fund a cold weather shelter plan utilizing hotels and stood up the 56<sup>th</sup> Ave Shelter
- Closed the Sullivan Arena as a shelter and returned it to community use

## 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS - DRAFT

### Assembly Business

- Reinvigorated the Youth Representative program and oriented two Youth Representatives
- Conducted the annual Title 28 update of election code and updated the Observer Handbook
- Approved an Assembly communications plan, launched Thankorage on social media to celebrate community member contributions, launched a Housing newsletter and added 688 subscribers to newsletter list
- Cleaned up process for Boards and Commission appointments and verifying municipal sole source contracts (anything else from the Emergency Ordinances?)
- Worksession and meeting documents were posted online in a timely manner
- Onboarded two temporary members and five new members

### Quality of Life

- Made Juneteenth and Indigenous Peoples Day official municipal holidays
- Authorized a paid parental leave program for municipal employees
- Sent a charter amendment to voters which was approved to increase the residential property tax exemption
- Updated traffic laws to promote safety for vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Funded grants for early education and child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence prevention programs through the alcohol tax
- Furthered the process for creating new cemeteries in Eagle River and Girdwood
- Assembly Members helped constituents and community councils navigate drainage, permitting, traffic calming and other neighborhood issues

### Infrastructure and Transportation

- Approved a significant Park bond that was approved by voters and created the Chugach State Park Access Service Area (CASA) to allow for future bonding of projects to improve access to Chugach State Park
- Identified key locations for funding for Safe Routes to Schools
- Compiled and adopted recommendations for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Launched an Assembly Transportation Committee