

2024 ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY WORK PLAN

PRIORITIES

- **Housing Action** – communicate the Assembly’s housing vision, streamline codes and processes, and spur innovative attainable housing
- **Municipal Workforce** – support recruitment and retention of a productive and qualified municipal workforce
- **Port of Alaska Modernization** – support rapid timeline that launches Phase II construction by summer 2024
- **Public Health, Safety and Quality of Life** – fund public safety & mental health services; support the Crisis Now model; invest in outdoor and public spaces
- **Fully Functional Municipal Services** – closely monitor service delivery to ensure high quality, accessible, and transparent municipal services and operations

Q1 2024 PROGRESS REPORT – 4/1/2024

Housing Action Goals

Goal	Lead	Actions	Status
Finalize HOME Initiative to simplify residential zoning	MZ, DV, AB	Brought HOME Initiative (AO 2023-87) to PZC in a series of meetings and worksessions, introduced adopted plan amendments (AO 2024-44), launched HOME webpage, met with 19 community organizations as of May 7 with 4 more presentations through the end of May.	In Progress
Launch a program to track short-term rentals	RS, MZ	AO 2023-110(S-1), As Amended on 3/5	Complete – vetoed
Develop a program for third party review for commercial development	KC, RS	AO is No. 2023-136(S)*, As Amended on 2/27	Complete
Reduce hurdles for rehabbing old buildings that have nonconforming characteristics	CC, AB, KC	AO No. 2024-15 Removing 10% Nonconformity Fee passed on 2/27	In Progress
Review open space requirements for multi-family housing	KC	AO 2024-16 Private Open Space reduction on 2/27	Complete

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Create catalog of pre-approved residential building plans	MZ, KC	Decided to focus on ADUs, putting together a working group	In Progress
Adjust Planning appeal fees	DV, KC		
Investigate infrastructure funding solutions			
Review and update Residential Design Standards	AB, CC?	Developers have brought suggested changes – currently reviewing	In Progress
Continue to utilize vacant and abandoned buildings for housing	GM, FR	Provided funding for x; ACDA seeking federal funding for larger program	In Progress
Investigate and update tax incentives for housing development and upgrades			
Create code “safe harbor” program to encourage development of old housing stock	AB		
Continue to refine Code to reduce the cost and timeline to build in Anchorage	RS		

Quality Municipal Services Goals

Goal	Lead	Actions	Status
Wage Increases for MOA employees	MZ	Q1 Budget included funds for employee retention initiatives; Assembly funded \$150K for MOA workforce study	In Progress
See MOA fully staffed	RS		
Update Public Records code to bring to date with current technologies i.e. video and electronic	MZ		
Ensure full implementation of Online checkbook	CC, AB	Online checkbook launched; ready to add additional data	In Progress
Review of code for community councils for procedures of operation to ensure a system that adds value	CC		
Review and update MOA hiring practices	RS, CC, KC		

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Economic Development Goals

Goal	Lead	Actions	Status
Establish Anchorage Metropolitan Area Projects (MAPs) program with AEDC for a sales tax	RS	AEDC committee will soon have proposal ready for review	In Progress
Continue to improve and simplify Muni processes and regulations on business	AB	Funded year one of online bidding system; set policy for free applications for users	In Progress
Codify and confirm appointments for 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	AB, KPV, KC	ACCEE Fund Implementation Team (IT) will provide recommendations for FY25 budget and strategic direction for the fund. Assembly Worksession on IT progress to be held on 5/10. Accountability Board AO drafted and will be introduced after Assembly Counsel review.	In Progress
Understand and address economic disparity in Anchorage	GM		

Homelessness Goals

Goal	Lead	Actions	Status
Create public dashboard on Assembly home page of homelessness data and metrics to drive data-based decision making	RS		
Ensure Emergency Cold Weather Shelter is funded through 23-24 winter, with a smooth transition to summer operations	AB	ECWS funded through 6/1 and for first months of fall – waiting for State for summer funding	In Progress
Identify sustainable policy and funding for emergency cold weather shelter	AB		
Prioritize housing investments & policies to reduce number of people experiencing homelessness and demand for shelter	AB		

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Continue to implement the recommendations from the Complex Behavioral Health Task Force report	Health Policy	AHD issued RFP for Behavioral Health Mobile Case Management	In Progress
Refine camp abatement code and prepare for US Supreme Court ruling	FR	Unsure of current status and proposals	In Progress

Assembly Business Goals

Goal	Lead	Actions	Status
Join people together to solve local problems and help residents engage in local government	All	Held Public Finance Nerd Nite, Made over 20 presentations to community councils and organizations	In Progress
Adopt Assembly Code of Ethics & Conduct	KC		
Establish equitable funding for the Legislative branch	MZ		
Build and strengthen relationships with State & Federal counterparts	CC, AB	Have been holding regular meetings with Congressional Delegation and Anchorage Delegation of Legislature	In Progress
Continue to build systems and strengthen the branch to make it a desirable place to serve and work	CC		
Rollout Assembly meeting public engagement improvements, including production upgrades and civic engagement materials	staff	A/V upgrade underway, purchasing new video equipment and transitioning production to the post-Crabb era as of June 3.	In Progress
Secure at least two of the MOA's state legislative requests	AB, CC	Sent delegation to JNU, worked with lobbyist and Admin on meetings with legislators – several priorities are poised to pass	In Progress
Develop strategic plan for equitable and effective use of the alcohol tax	KB, DV, AB	Draft plan developed – will be before Assembly on 5/10	In Progress
Improve CIP and CIB process to broaden input from community on capital project priorities	AB	Promoted CC survey; WS on CIP & CIB scheduled for 5/17	In Progress

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Public Health, Safety and Quality of Life Goals

Goal	Lead	Actions	Status
See APD and AFD fully staffed	RS		
Revise purpose & composition of Public Safety Advisory Commission (sunsets Oct. 2024)	AB		
Continue wildfire mitigation and response			
Continue to push for AFD Mobile Crisis and APD Mobile Intervention Teams to 24/7 service			
Continue monitoring of Body Worn Camera implementation for Police Department			
Determine a path for Eklutna River Restoration that includes full dam removal	CC, MZ	Submitted comments on Draft Plan (AR 2024-40, As Amended); will work on outreach to Governor over summer; pursued technical and legal routes to protect water rights and MOA funds	In Progress
Invest in housing, parks and trails to make sure we have a city where people want to live, work and play	All	Voters approved CASA and Park Bonds; anything else?	In Progress
Hold State of Alaska accountable to increase the Base Student Allocation and address inequities in Anchorage funding formula	KB, GM, AB	Passed resolutions of support; included the request in the Legislative Program	In Progress

Infrastructure and Transportation Goals

Goal	Lead	Actions	Status
Complete a decision on design for both Terminals 1 and 2 in Port of Alaska Modernization program	MZ, CC, AB	Need update	In Progress
Snow Planning - review various snow removal plan costs (84hr.,	MZ		

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72 hr., 48hr.) in terms of labor, equipment etc.			
Assume snow plowing and funding of all state roads except Glenn, Minnesota and New Seward	RS		
Increase investment in safe streets, road maintenance, and non-motorized transportation	AB		
Revive the Stormwater Utility plan and identify sources for infrastructure funding	DV		
Secure local control of 5 th and 6 th Avenues	MZ, DV		