

Minutes: Scenic Foothills Community Council – March 1, 2018

Call to Order: President Jamie Lang, 7 p.m. February Minutes were approved as presented.

Legislative Report:

Representative Lance Pruitt called in from Juneau. Public testimony on Saturday, March 3 in Anchorage. Senate is set to work on budget next. There is an increase in retirement funding.

Municipality Light and Power proposed sale to Chugach Electric (Ballot Proposition 10) –

Julie Hasquet and Arthur Miller, Chugach Electric, and Mark Johnston, Municipal Light & Power: Looking at ways to streamline the two power companies to give savings to customers.

ML&P and Chugach Electric have been looking at doing this merger since 1989.

poweranchorage.com is a website that explains the benefits that this merger might give. A passing of Prop. 10 does not mean that this will go forward but will allow them to look at the merger closer, including presenting to the regulatory committee, gaining approval from the Assembly, and the approval of both electric company boards.

Arthur Miller explained why this merger is a good idea, including eliminating duplications. They would hope to get through all the process by 2019.

Municipality of Anchorage Report: Assemblymen Pete Petersen and Forrest Dunbar

We are encouraged to take a tour of the [Vote By Mail](#) website.

Working on the taxi ordinance as taxis are regulated heavily while UBER and LYFT are not.

Looking closely at some package liquor store renewals in Mountain view and the Carousel Bar.

Voting on school board budget.

Passed an ordinance about rooftop gardens/greenhouses.

Passed continued law enforcement on the Seward Hwy. (higher taxes for Indian and Girdwood).

Expansion of APD continues to get us up to stronger numbers.

School Board Report: Jim Farrington, Assistant Controller

[School Bond](#) will include \$50.6 million of projects for Anchorage School District. Big things are roof replacement and roof improvement. This will be \$10.90 per \$100,000 assessed valuation. Some of this cost will be offset with debt retirement.

Anchorage Tomorrow: Dan Kirsch

Non-profit corporation that are proponents of bond proposals. They are most strongly supporting Bonds 3-8 that are road bonds. Pleasant Valley in our area will have road and drainage work. They have 95% drawings done. Bonds 3-8 would mean about \$6 per \$300,000 for each homeowner. You can find out more at anchoragetomorrow.org

Homelessness and Crime: ACLU, Casey Reynolds

Explained position of ACLU on homelessness. The muni rolled back the days needed to notice prior to the eviction of camps to 10 days. ACLU has not challenged it. The city can remove people and their things without notice; cannot destroy property within the waiting period.

They also work on rights of transgender, immigration, net neutrality, personal privacy and the use of drones. You can find out more at: alaskaprivacyproject.com/

Call the governor to have him sign Net Neutrality into law.

Chugach Foothills Playground Improvement Project: Park Planner, Maeve Nevins-Lavtar

Presented a resolution of support for Chugach Foothills Playground, which will include ADA compliant equipment with a science and music theme. A committee has met three times for planning meetings and they now have an artist's rendering in place. The improvements would happen this summer. Our neighborhood has a high percentage of people living with disabilities, which further reinforces the need for this all-inclusive playground. SiteLines Playground Equipment is what they are looking at, with Astroturf surface. Resolution of support passed unanimously with 11 yes votes.

Neighborhood Concerns:

- Concerns about gas tax and whether there will really be property tax reduction
- Concerns about vote by mail and we were told you can call and check on the receipt of your ballot for 10 days after the election.
- Senate bills on handicap sticker for those needing chiropractic care and Naturopathic Physicians SB 120.
- Governor Walker and Byron Mallott will be at the Reardon home March 30th. Call 338-1183

Meeting Adjourned, 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2018