

Introduced by: Mayor Matherly

Date: January 9, 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 6040, AS AMENDED

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
SECTION 2-120, RULES OF PROCEDURE**

WHEREAS, the rules of procedure for Council meetings are found in FGC Sec. 2-120; in all matters of procedure not covered by that section, the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, governs; and

WHEREAS, Robert's Rules of Order provides that when a motion to postpone to a certain time is passed, the item must be taken up at the next meeting of the body; and

WHEREAS, FGC Sec. 2-120 does not specifically address this issue, but there are times when postponement to a specific time is beneficial.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, as follows:

Section 1. [NOTE: All proposed changes to FGC Section 2-119(a) were rejected per the amendment made at the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2017].

Section 2. FGC Section 2-120, Rules of procedure, subpart (1) is amended as follows [new text in **underlined bold** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 2-120. – Rules of procedure

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- (1) When a question is under debate, the presiding officer shall receive any of the following motions but no other:
- (1) To adjourn.
 - (2) To recess.
 - (3) To raise a question of privilege.
 - (4) To call for the order of the day, or the regular order.
 - (5) To lay on the table.
 - (6) For the previous question.
 - (7) To limit or extend limits of debate.
 - (8) To postpone to a certain time.
 - (9) To refer.
 - (10) To amend.
 - (11) To postpone indefinitely.

When one of the motions referred to in subsections (1)(1)—(11) has been made, none of the others inferior to it in the order in which they stand above shall be made, and in proceeding to vote, motions pending shall be put in the order of their rank as arranged in subsections (1)(1)—(11). The first seven are not subject to debate. A motion to postpone to a certain time, refer, amend or ~~to postpone to a certain time; refer, amend or~~ to postpone indefinitely may be amended; the previous question may be demanded before an amendment, which motion shall be decided without debate. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order provided that business of a nature to be recorded in the journal has been transacted since any previous motion to adjourn has been defeated. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment. **The city council may postpone a motion to a certain time other than the date of the next regular meeting if specified in the motion to postpone.** When a matter has been especially assigned to be taken up at a fixed time, or at certain stage of proceedings, such matter shall, at the appointed time or at any subsequent time, be in order upon the call of any member, and take precedence over all other business.

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Section 3. That the effective date of this ordinance is the 28th day of January 2017.



Jim Mathely, City Mayor

AYES: Pruhs, Therrien, Huntington, Cleworth, Norum, Rogers
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ADOPTED: January 23, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk



Paul Ewers, City Attorney