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In September 2016, former Fairbanks Police Chief Dan Hoffman wrote a letter to the Fairbanks City Council which alleged that Randall Aragon, who was FPD's Chief of Police at the time, had committed serious ethical violations by using his position as Chief as a platform for his private security business.

City Council and the then-Mayor, John Eberhart, requested an outside investigation be launched in October by Russell Consulting, LLC. The executive summary of that investigation was received by the Mayor's Office on January 10th, 2017. The investigation substantiated Mr. Hoffman's concerns regarding the potential conflict of interest from the secondary employment that Mr. Aragon engaged in while employed as a full-time officer of the Law. The investigation further confirmed that no political agenda or motivation was discovered on the part of former Chief of Police Dan Hoffman in bringing his concerns to light.

The City of Fairbanks is reviewing its secondary employment policy and making changes in order to ensure that similar situations do not arise in the future. The City would also like to thank former Chief of Police Dan Hoffman for bringing these concerns to the attention of the city.

Mr. Aragon resigned his position as Police Chief in October of 2016. Mayor Matherly has reviewed the full report from the investigator and is confident that a thorough job was done and that this issue can be put to rest. Additionally, Mayor Matherly is confident that Fairbanks Police is moving forward in a positive manner and will thrive under the direction of Police Chief Eric Jewkes.

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