



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 11, 2015
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 7:00 p.m. on the above date, following a 6:00 p.m. Work Session on 2015 City Abatement Projects, to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor John Eberhart presiding and with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Renee Staley, Seat A (telephonic)
 Perry Walley, Seat B
 Bernard Gatewood, Seat C
 Jim Matherly, Seat D
 Jerry Cleworth, Seat E
 David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: Clem Clooten, Building Official
 Ernie Misewicz, Assistant Fire Chief
 Margarita Bell, Grants Administrator
 Paul Ewers, City Attorney
 D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
 Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
 Carmen Randle, Controller
 Ben Barrio, IT Director
 Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
 Pat Smith, Development Manager
 Randall Aragon, Police Chief
 Robert Pristash, Engineer IV
 Amber Courtney, Communications Director
 Verg Scott, Interim Public Works Director

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Eberhart led the Flag Salutation.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Frank Turney, 329 6th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney stated he has a few issues to address, the first being the old dairy on 2nd Avenue; he stated it is an eye sore and should be demolished. Mr. Turney thanked the Mayor and the Diversity Council for allowing him to speak to public restrooms

being placed downtown. Mr. Turney stated he believes it is a racial issue that the City does not have public restrooms. Mr. Turney voiced his amazement that cannabis can be made legal but that a \$100 fine could be imposed if the smoke travels off private property. He stated barbecue smoke is more harmful than cannabis; Mr. Turney stated he believed the cannabis ordinance to be a waste of time.

Mr. Cleworth asked Mr. Turney if he has seen people living over night at the old dairy. Mr. Turney stated he did not spend all day every day there and in turn asked Mr. Cleworth when he last visited the old dairy. Mr. Turney stated that the problem with the old dairy has spanned five Mayors and that something needs to be done with the structure. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the dairy was discussed in the work session just before the meeting and that the Dairy was a low priority because nobody was inhabiting it or camping out in the structure.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger stated what a loss the City has experienced by losing Mr. Schmetzer and that he will really miss him. Mr. Buberger reported a few potholes he has seen around town. Mr. Buberger spoke about the old dairy; he stated that he has a few friends that live near there and that it was always a mess. Mr. Buberger stated he has seen too many political payoffs and that it has become expected. Mr. Buberger stated he believed there should be an Ordinance against crack, cigarette and cigar smoke. Mr. Buberger spoke to the lack of public restrooms in the City limits; he stated there are nice vandal-proof restrooms and that he has given Council Members information on them. He stated the City does not want chronic inebriates sleeping in restrooms but that he thought it would be a safer place for them to sleep.

Jerry Evans, 1641 Kassi Court, Fairbanks – Mr. Evans stated he used to go to school in The City Hall building. Mr. Evans spoke on behalf of Explore Fairbanks and talked about the services they offer. Mr. Evans stated that he became the Public Relations Manager on December 1, 2014. He stated the two most important things he deals with in his position are press releases (locally, nationally and internationally) and media tours. He stated that he is the liaison for writers, reporters and others coming to Fairbanks. Mr. Evans stated he has done six press tours since he started working at Explore Fairbanks. He stated that everyone that has come to town has been very impressed with what the City has to offer.

Hearing no more requests for public comment, **Mayor Eberhart** declared Public Testimony closed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Walley**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Mayor Eberhart called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda into the record.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2015.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council, Sitting as a Committee of the Whole, heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership, Location and Name Change:

Type: Beverage Dispensary, Lic #4547
To: No DBA / North Star Dining, LLC
No Premises
From: Chili's Grill & Bar / Duke Investments, LLC
506 Merhar Avenue, Fairbanks

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Gatewood** moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Transfer.

Mayor Eberhart called for Public Testimony and, hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE #4547 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Gatewood, Walley, Pruhs, Matherly, Staley, Cleworth
NAYS: None

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) The Fairbanks City Council, Sitting as a Committee of the Whole, heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership and Restaurant Designation Permit:

Type: Restaurant / Eating Place, Lic #4772
To: Ajimi Japanese Restaurant / J & BY, Inc.
550 Third Street, Fairbanks
From: Ajimi Japanese Restaurant / Kwang Yul Lee
Same Location

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Walley** moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Transfer.

Mayor Eberhart called for Public Testimony and, hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE #4772 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Matherly, Cleworth, Walley, Staley, Gatewood, Pruhs
NAYS: None

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- c) The Fairbanks City Council, Sitting as a Committee of the Whole, heard interested citizens concerned with the following Abatement Issue:

Determination of demolition costs and method of recovery for the property located at 2022 Rickert Street, (Tax Lot 5, Tract A, Bjerremark East), Fairbanks, Alaska.

NOTE: The purpose of this hearing was to:

- 1) Hear and pass upon the demolition expense report prepared by the Public Works Department;
- 2) Hear any objections or protests to the proposed report;
- 3) Make such revision, correction or modification to the report or the charges as the City Council may deem just, and;
- 4) Determine whether to assign a personal obligation of the property owner or to create a lien against the property.

City Building Official Clem Clooten reported the total cost to the City to demolish the structure located at 2022 Rickert Street was \$34,947.15.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Walley**, moved to ACCEPT the Demolition Costs Report.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DEMOLITION COSTS REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Walley, Matherly, Gatewood, Pruhs, Cleworth, Staley

NAYS: None

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to PLACE A LIEN against the property for the full cost of abatement.

Mr. Pruhs questioned what the timeline for repayment of the costs would be. Mr. Ewers stated the lien typically rides until ownership changes hands. **Mr. Pruhs** asked if the City typically bills an individual. Mr. Ewers stated that the City does not bill individuals because the property owner has no resources. **Mr. Pruhs** asked if the City has an annual interest rate. Mr. Ewers responded that it does not. **Mr. Pruhs** stated he did not believe the City would ever be able to collect the abatement costs because the property is assessed at less than what is owed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO PLACE A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY FOR THE FULL COST OF ABATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Staley, Matherly, Gatewood, Pruhs, Cleworth, Walley

NAYS: None

Mayor Everhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

a) 2014 Independent Audit Presentation

Garry Hutchison came forward to present the 2014 Audit information. He stated he was pleased to be in attendance and report that the audit is complete. Mr. Hutchison reported no compliance deficiencies and that all financials were in good working order. Mr. Hutchison gave an overview of the financial reports from 2014. He commended the City employees for their organization and timeliness.

Mayor Eberhart thanked Mr. Hutchison for the financial presentation. **Mayor Eberhart** congratulated Mr. Soileau and Ms. Randle for earning their certificate of achievement in financial reporting. **Mayor Eberhart** reported the Mayor's Office has been very busy and listed many meetings and events he has attended since the last Council Meeting. **Mayor Eberhart** stated the downtown foot patrol will begin very soon. He reported that a group of high school students walked to City Hall to raise awareness for youth suicide. **Mayor Eberhart** spoke against Ordinance No. 5977 and stated he hopes there is not a motion or a second to adopt the ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Ordinance No. 5975 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Release of an Easement in Lemeta Subdivision. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Matherly**, moved to APPROVE Ordinance No. 5975.

Mayor Eberhart called for Public Testimony and, hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

Mr. Pruhs stated Mr. Smith did a good job of preparing the ordinance.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 5975 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Pruhs, Walley, Staley, Matherly, Gatewood

NAYS: None

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 5975 ADOPTED.

b) Ordinance No. 5976 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Engineering Department to Enter into a Developer's Agreement for the Construction of the Bentley Retail Area Loop Road and for the Public Works Department to Take on Additional Road Maintenance Responsibility in the Bentley Retail Area. Introduced by Council Member Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Gatewood**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5976.

Mayor Eberhart called for Public Testimony and, hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

City Engineer Robert Pristash and Property Manager Pat Smith provided a Staff Report. Mr. Pristash stated the Ordinance allows for the continuation of the project to alleviate congestion in the area of the Old Steese Highway. He stated it was in the original plan but it was dropped because the Northern Region Director did not think the Loop Road would be built. Mr. Smith stated that at the first reading of the ordinance, the Developer's Agreement was not ready; he stated they are now ready to move forward. Mr. Smith stated the City will be issued a bond for the entire cost of construction of the loop and that is assurance that no matter what the Loop Road will be constructed:

Mr. Pruhs asked Mr. Pristash if the road design will be built to City standard. Mr. Pristash stated it would be and it would be inspected by City Engineers. **Mr. Pruhs** stated he looked at the ordinance and weighed out the cost versus the revenue income and came to the conclusion that he supports the Ordinance because it makes economic sense.

Mr. Walley asked what the maintenance cost of the new Loop Road would be. **Mr. Pruhs** replied that it would be roughly \$1,200-\$1,500 per year.

Mr. Cleworth complemented Mr. Pruhs on his work on the Ordinance. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he had issues that go way back because when the area was developed the roads were to remain private. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that all of the businesses that bought property in that area knew that the roads were to be constructed by the private developers. **Mr. Cleworth** shared his frustration with the DOT for pulling the roundabout from the original project. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the City then agreed to take over the Bentley Trust Road and Helmricks maintenance in exchange for a new snow dump area. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that in the trade some money was left over and now the developers are concerned that the money will be used for a different project. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that now that the property is the City's that the roundabout should be put in to tie the roads together and that no stipulations should be put on the developer except that the cost should be on the developer. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he is not excited about the City taking on additional road maintenance without any kind of remuneration.

Mr. Gatewood stated that he thought that Lowe's had a contract with an outside agency and that the maintenance with the outside company was poor. **Mr. Gatewood** stated it is the City's residents that are driving on those roads and that they should be maintained to the City's standard. **Mr. Gatewood** stated he would be supporting the Ordinance.

Ms. Staley stated she thinks taking on the additional maintenance project would benefit the citizens of Fairbanks.

Mayor Eberhart stated he attended meetings and work sessions and that many big box stores will not come to Fairbanks without natural gas. He stated that Fairbanks is closer than it has ever been before to that happening. **Mayor Eberhart** stated this economic development would attract new businesses and that there would be an eight to ten percent increase in tax revenue each year.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 5976 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Pruhs, Gatewood, Staley, Matherly, Walley

NAYS: Cleworth

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 5976 ADOPTED.

- c) Ordinance No. 5977 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-118.1 to Provide for Council Appointment of Public Members of the Finance Committee. Introduced by Council Member Matherly. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5977.

Mayor Eberhart called for Public Testimony.

Frank Turney – Mr. Turney stated that he thinks this Ordinance looks like grandstanding by Mr. Matherly because he will be running for Mayor.

Hearing no more requests for public comment, **Mayor Eberhart** declared Public Testimony closed.

Mr. Pruhs asked Mr. Ewers if there any other committees where the City Council chooses the members. Mr. Ewers replied that he did not believe so.

Mr. Matherly stated that long before he spoke of running for Mayor that the subject of having two public people on the Finance Committee came up. **Mr. Matherly** stated everyone was excited about the suggestion and that it was not his intent to grandstand. **Mr. Matherly** stated he would support the ordinance at any time and that its intent was just to get two citizens appointed by the Council, not just by nomination of only the Mayor.

Mr. Gatewood stated he remembered the discussion about having a second Finance Committee Member but that he was not clear as to why they could not be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

Mayor Eberhart stated that this Ordinance would take away the power of the Mayor to nominate the members, which is unlike any other board or commission.

Mr. Cleworth stated the Finance Committee was formed in the early 2000's with only two Council Members and that others were added later. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the controversy came in several months ago after Jeff Johnson was not asked to remain on the Finance Committee; he expressed his disappointment with the situation. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the Mayor nominated someone to the Committee that nobody on the Council knew and the Council voted it down. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that Mr. Matherly presented a compromise of the nomination of two members when the nomination was introduced again. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he has been frustrated with the process because normally when a member's term is up they are given a courtesy offer to keep serving; he stated now that is not the case. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that Mr. Johnson has done so many good things that have saved the City money. **Mr. Cleworth** reported several cost savings that came from Mr. Johnson's intuitional knowledge; he expressed disappointment that Mr. Johnson was overlooked for the nomination.

Mr. Gatewood agreed with Mr. Cleworth's assessments of Mr. Johnson and that he should have been offered the opportunity to continue to serve. **Mr. Gatewood** stated that developing new talent is also important because institutional knowledge eventually moves on. **Mr. Gatewood** stated that Mayor Eberhart has done a good job of bringing in new blood and that it is a good thing. **Mr. Gatewood** stated that he did not believe that every time a member of a committee terms out that they should automatically be reappointed. He stated that is how one would end up on a committee for 30 years. **Mr. Gatewood** stated he sees value in both institutional knowledge and with new blood; he complimented Mr. Matherly on the great idea for compromise he came up with. **Mr. Gatewood** stated he was not interested in punishing the mayor for not automatically reappointing Mr. Johnson to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Cleworth stated nobody is being punished and that the Mayor is part of the Council. He stated everyone gets a vote and that the whole Council is part of the decision.

Mr. Pruhs stated he has issues with the separation of powers. **Mr. Pruhs** stated the Mayor has the power to nominate a person and the Council has the power to reject the candidate. He stated the process as it stands is the best way to operate because it is much easier for one person to nominate than an entire Council coming to an agreement on a candidate. **Mr. Pruhs** stated that Mr. Johnson was an excellent source of knowledge but that it is time for fresh blood on the Finance Committee.

Ms. Staley stated she was uncomfortable with the fact that they were not able to appoint someone to the Finance Committee during the last round of appointments. She stated she liked the idea of adding a second public member. **Ms. Staley** agreed with all members that Mr. Johnson was a wonderful source of knowledge and he helped the City immensely; she also agreed that it is time for fresh blood and that is why she thinks adding a second member would be vital for the community. **Ms. Staley** agreed that it is not a punishment but that the body needs to pull together and make the decision as a unit.

Mr. Walley spoke to all Council Members' points of view and stated he sees where everyone is coming from. **Mr. Walley** stated creating the second position would allow the new blood to be mentored by the person with institutional knowledge.

Mayor Eberhart stated that when Mr. Johnson's term expired that he had made the decision to look for someone new for the position. He shared that the City is in good shape and that now would be a good time to bring in new blood. **Mayor Eberhart** stated he asked Ms. Snider to advertise on the City website and also on social media for the open position and that Ms. Sisto applied. **Mayor Eberhart** stated that he was not present at the meeting that she was to be nominated and that it was his understanding that it was pulled from the Consent Agenda but that no action was taken. **Mayor Eberhart** stated that in the meantime Mr. Matherly came up with the Ordinance that adds a second public member. **Mayor Eberhart** stated that Mr. Woolf applied and that the Council approved his appointment so now the issue of the additional member is moot. **Mayor Eberhart** stated he asked Ms. Courtney how previous mayors found candidates for boards and commissions and she told him by picking up the phone and calling who you know might be interested in the position. He declared that he wanted every citizen to know of the position and have the opportunity to apply. **Mayor Eberhart** stated as the Mayor he can receive multiple applications and meet with multiple possible candidates. He stated that Council Member's can only meet with two other members and any more than that would violate the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Matherly asked Mr. Ewers if Mayor Eberhart's comments about the Open Meeting Act were correct. Mr. Ewers stated that there would have to be a public meeting to hold interviews of the candidates if the Council wished to make nominations.

Mr. Cleworth stated that when he became Mayor his Council seat was left open. He stated that he gave the Council Members the applications for the open seat and had them choose who the best candidate was. He stated at that time they chose Mr. Eberhart.

Mayor Eberhart stated that if there is a vacancy on the Finance Committee in the future he would love to hear input and feedback from the Council Members. He stated Mr. Johnson did a wonderful job but that it was not right to have the same person serve indefinitely. **Mayor Eberhart** stated that the Council still has the power to turn down someone that he nominates. He stated the normal procedures for boards and commissions should be no different for the Finance Committee.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 5977 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Matherly, Staley, Cleworth
NAYS: Gatewood, Walley, Pruhs, Eberhart
Mayor Eberhart declared Ordinance No. 5977 FAILED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4671 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Funds from the Alaska Highway Safety Office for the FFY2016 DUI Traffic Enforcement Unit as Revised by Grantor. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 4672 – A Resolution Authorizing the city of Fairbanks to Accept Funds from the United States Department of HOME Land Security for Driver Certification Training. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- c) Ordinance No. 5978 – An Ordinance Amending the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Third Time. Introduced by Council Member Cleworth.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Ordinance No. 5979 – An Ordinance Authorizing Lease of Space in City Hall to the Boys & Girls Club of Alaska, Inc. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Committee Reports

Permanent Fund Review Board (PFRB) – **Mr. Gatewood** stated the PFRB met and that the balance of the City's Permanent Fund as of May 5, 2015 was \$124,131,980.00. He stated the Fund is performing decently and spoke to how the funds were invested. **Mr. Gatewood** stated the funds are in safe, low risk investments and the plan managers are doing a good job. He stated the next meeting will be July 22, 2015.

Mr. Cleworth asked if there is any discussion of taking some of the profits and reinvesting them. He questioned, for example, whether there is any talk of investing while the price of oil is so low.

Mr. Gatewood stated the committee did not discuss reinvesting because he believed it to be too risky. **Mr. Gatewood** stated that Jason Roth is the lead and that he is not as conservative as the past person in charge but that they do not discuss high-risk/high-reward investing.

Mr. Cleworth spoke to more investment strategies. He suggested that capitalizing on an investment that is at the top of its market in order to purchase something that is at the bottom of the market is a good investment strategy.

Mr. Gatewood stated he gets the feeling that the investors are intrigued by international markets but that the City is not in the position to dump a lot of money in that area.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

a) Appointment to the Public Safety Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

b) Appointment to the Fairbanks Diversity Council

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

c) Appointment to the Council Finance Committee

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

d) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2015

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Pruhs requested to be excused from the Regular City Council Meeting of June 8, 2015.

Mayor Eberhart called for objection to Mr. Pruhs' request to be excused on June 8, 2015 and, seeing none, so ORDERED.

Mr. Pruhs stated he thinks the Council should look into the cost for the City of Fairbanks to be self-insured. He stated he did not know if it would be a viable alternative but it should be checked into. **Mr. Pruhs** stated he would send Mayor Eberhart a request for staff to put together a cost/benefit analysis of becoming self-insured by November 1, 2015. **Mr. Pruhs** spoke to the amount of money employees have to pay for health care and that it would be cost prohibitive to find out if there are other options. **Mr. Pruhs** stated the City was self-insured up until the mid-1990's and it is something that should be revisited.

Ms. Staley stated she will be back in town on May 22, 2015 and thanked the Mayor and the Council for their patience while she calls in.

Mr. Cleworth stated Mr. Williams has been looking into the City becoming self-insured and that he may already have some information about it. **Mr. Cleworth** asked if there was a Finance Committee meeting the following morning. Ms. Snider stated there was and read the agenda for the meeting. **Mr. Cleworth** asked the status of the Buzz Otis property off Badger Road. Mr. Ewers stated that paperwork has been filed with the Local Boundary Commission (LBC) and that it is under review. Mr. Ewers stated it has been a slow process but that it is now up to date and it should not take too much longer because it is a smaller matter than annexation. **Mr. Cleworth** asked if hours spent on this project were being tracked and Mr. Ewers replied affirmatively. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the Abatement Work Session went well and shared his frustration with the old dairy property. He stated he heard what the Building Official had to say but that it is time to abate that structure. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the email he received on revenue sharing was scary because of the 4% hit that the City will be taking next year and possibly more the in the future. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the City has become dependent on that money.

Mr. Matherly stated he attended the Borough Assembly meeting where he pitched funding for the Community Service Patrol (CSP) but that no vote was called on it. He encouraged the City Council to attend the Borough Assembly meetings and visa-versa. **Mr. Matherly** reported that Clean-up Day was well attended but that there is still more work to do. **Mr. Matherly** spoke to the Senior Citizens lunch that the Borough puts on every year and how well organized and fun it was. He stated Mr. Buberger was correct that Mr. Schmetzer is a tough guy to lose with big shoes to fill. **Mr. Matherly** stated he appreciated the Mayor sharing great news about the Apache helicopters.

Mr. Walley stated he was pleased by the efforts of the community to clean up Fairbanks. **Mr. Walley** shared his excitement for the Bentley Trust area project going forward. **Mr. Walley** stated he was happy to see the Permanent Fund growth and shared Mr. Cleworth's concern for the decline of State funds. **Mr. Walley** asked if the Chili's building had been purchased yet and **Mr. Pruhs** confirmed that it is still up for sale. **Mr. Walley** stated he hopes to attend the Town Hall meeting the following evening at Pioneer Park.

Mr. Gatewood stated he would not be at the Finance Committee meeting the following day because he is heading out of town. He reminded the Council that he would not be at the next Regular Council Meeting because he has a graduation to attend that evening. **Mr. Gatewood** congratulated all the graduates and their proud parents and wished them the best on the new chapter in their lives.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Matherly**, moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Labor Negotiations: Fairbanks Fire Fighters Union (FFU) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

Mayor Eberhart called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Eberhart called for a five minute recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Labor Contract Negotiations

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations. Direction was given to staff and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Gatewood**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.


Mayor Eberhart called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Eberhart declared the Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.



JOHN EBERHART, MAYOR

ATTEST:



D. DANYELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: EB