



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 18, 2015
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 7:00 p.m. on the above date, 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
 Jim Matherly, Seat D
 Jerry Cleworth, Seat E
 David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent: Bernard Gatewood, Seat C (excused)

Also Present: Ernie Misewicz, Assistant Fire Chief
 Margarita Bell, Grants Administrator
 Paul Ewers, City Attorney
 D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk (arrived at 8pm)
 Carmen Randle, Controller
 Ben Barrio, IT Director
 Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
 Pat Smith, Development Manager
 Randall Aragon, Police Chief
 Verg Scott, General Foreman
 Bob Pristash, Engineer IV

INVOCATION

City Attorney Paul Ewers performed the duties of the City Clerk until she arrived later in the meeting. The Invocation was given by Mr. Ewers.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Eberhart led the Flag Salutation.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Ryan Ackles, 433 Cindy Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Ackles stated he has an issue with beekeeping within City Limits; he stated both himself and his neighbor's son are allergic to bee stings. Mr. Ackles stated that people that live inside of the City limits have small parcels of land and if a neighbor has a bee hive the bees fly across property lines. Mr. Ackles stated this issue is very important to him, and he would like the Council to do something about it.

Mr. Matherly asked Mr. Ackles if he had been stung by the neighbor's bees. Mr. Ackles answered he could not be positive that the bee that stung him was from that hive but that he would have to spend 20 minutes picking bees out of his kiddie pool before he could let the kids play in it.

Mr. Pruhs referred Mr. Ackles to the borough to check if his neighbor was violating some zoning issue. Mr. Ackles stated that the zoning in Shannon Park is G1 (general use) and that his neighbor was not violating any zoning issues.

Frank Turney, 329 6th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney stated he attended the Memorial Service for fallen officers and that he was treated as if he were not welcomed. He stated just because he is an active police critic does not mean he does not feel remorse for those who have died in the line of duty. Mr. Turney stated it was advertised as a public meeting and if it was supposed to be for family only that it should have been advertised that way. Mr. Turney thanked Mr. Cleworth for bringing the Fact Finding Committee back on the radar, and he asked the Mayor and Council to use the committee to listen to citizens' complaints.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger stated it is beautiful pothole-repairing weather and that he was hoping the big pothole on Lathrop had been fixed. Mr. Buberger stated he would like to know who is in charge of street repairs now that Mike Schmetzer is gone. Mr. Buberger stated his son has bad bee allergies and that he agrees bee hives in City limits is a hazard.

Lee Despain, 352 Driveway Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Despain stated he had not come to the meeting to talk but after hearing Mr. Turney's statements about not being treated well at the Fallen Officer Memorial he felt the need to speak. Mr. Despain stated being critical does not make Mr. Turney a bad person and that it was wrong for the officers to harbor ill will toward Mr. Turney.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Cleworth pulled Resolution No. 4673 from the Consent Agenda.

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

City Attorney Ewers read the Consent Agenda, as Amended, into the record.

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 Renewal:

Lic #	Establishment Name	License Type	Premise Location	Owner Name
5051	Asiana Restaurant	Restaurant/Eating Place	2001 Airport Way	Young Mi Jin

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

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Renewal.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Matherly, Cleworth, Walley, Staley, Pruhs
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Gatewood
Mayor Eberhart declared MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Employee Quarterly Awards Presentation

Mayor Eberhart presented Employee Quarterly Awards as follows: Corey Bolduc for Professional Achievement, Mike Mathers for Safety, and Linda Dewey for Customer Service.

Mayor Eberhart personally apologized for the behavior of any officer that was offensive toward Mr. Buberger and Mr. Turney. **Mayor Eberhart** stated the Acting Public Works Director is Verg Scott. **Mayor Eberhart** stated that the Borough Assembly was able to fund the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) School District's budget shortfall; he stated that he hoped the Assembly would find the money to fund the school resource officers. **Mayor Eberhart** stated that an ounce of prevention can be worth a pound of cure and reiterated the importance of on-site officers. **Mayor Eberhart** stated the Assembly budget also funded \$25,000.00 for the Community Service Patrol (CSP), and thanked the Assembly for their contribution. **Mayor Eberhart** listed the numerous events, meetings, and activities of the Mayor's Office since the last Regular City Council Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 5978 – An Ordinance Amending the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Third Time. Introduced by Council Member Cleworth. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Walley, seconded by **Mr. Matherly**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5978.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Matherly**, moved to SUBSTITUTE Ordinance No. 5978, as Amended, for Ordinance No. 5978.

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

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

Mr. Cleworth stated the Budget Amendment allocated funds for the tank farm; he emphasized the importance of keeping it certified with the State of Alaska. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the City administration should meet to discuss how much fuel needs to be stored in case of a large scale emergency.

Mayor Eberhart, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 5978, as Amended, to fund the Fire Fighters Healthcare Arbitration.

Mayor Eberhart stated that the City has been unable to reach an agreement on Fire Fighter Healthcare through arbitration. **Mayor Eberhart** stated it is difficult to negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement with the issue of healthcare not being resolved. **Mayor Eberhart** stated the fire fighters are Class One Employees under State Law; he stated the fire fighters gave up their right to strike in return for binding arbitration. **Mayor Eberhart** suggested that before painting the fire station that the City take care of the employees; he stated they should be recognized, valued and rewarded appropriately. **Mayor Eberhart** stated the importance of settling on the issue of healthcare in order to move forward in the future.

Mr. Cleworth asked what the cost of the proposed budget amendment would be. **Mayor Eberhart** stated it would cost \$147,870.00 to fund through May 31, 2015. **Mr. Cleworth** asked what the source of funding was intended to be. **Mayor Eberhart** stated the funds would come from what was set aside for the PSEA rejected healthcare proposal. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Mr. Ewers if the Mayor could make a motion from the floor because he has never seen it done before. Mr. Ewers stated the Mayor could make a motion from the floor. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he would speak against the Mayor's motion and spoke of the history of the FFU negotiations. **Mr. Cleworth** stated funding the FFU healthcare was too costly and that he thought the proposed amendment would put the City in a bad place. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the funds that were set aside for the PSEA should not be touched because the offer is still on the table. **Mayor Eberhart** stated the offer has been rejected and so the money is no longer on the table and that the fire fighters should be offered those funds.

Mr. Walley stated he was in opposition of Mayor Eberhart's motion to fund the FFU healthcare. **Mr. Walley** stated that running a business calls for running on projections and operating on the proposed budget would mean a \$53,000.00 shortfall for the City.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 5978, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION FAILED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 5978, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Walley, Matherly, Pruhs, Cleworth, Staley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gatewood

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 5978, as Amended, ADOPTED.

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

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Walley**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5979.

Mayor Eberhart called for Public Testimony.

John Brown, 814 Austin Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Brown stated he was speaking on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club; he stated he has been the Chair of the Advisory Board for 13 years. Mr. Brown shared the positive impacts the club has on the children of the community. Mr. Brown stated the facility is a blessing, and he hopes the Council renews the contract to keep the club open. Mr. Brown asked if it was possible to defer the increase of the space rent because they have lost so much Federal funding over the past several years.

Mr. Pruhs asked Mr. Brown what the current rent for the space is. Mr. Brown replied \$1350.00 per month. **Mr. Pruhs** stated that equates to a potential 45% increase in his rent and asked if the adoption of the ordinance would be a death sentence for the club. Mr. Brown stated he was reluctant to say it was a death sentence but that some relief would be helpful. Mr. Brown stated the club lost a \$50,000.00 grant from the Borough and that they are actively working toward making the club more energy efficient. **Mr. Pruhs** asked if a step rate increase would be affordable. Mr. Brown responded he did not believe there would be a time that the club could afford the proposed \$2,152.00 rent the City was requesting.

Mr. Matherly asked Mr. Brown the amount of the annual operating budget to run the facility. Mr. Brown stated it is \$260,000.00. **Mr. Matherly** asked for a breakdown of the funding. Mr. Brown stated the Have a Heart Auction typically raises \$60,000.00, the golf tournament typically raises \$7,000.00, the Marion Weeks Foundation donates \$3,500.00 and the Stroeker Foundation donated \$13,000.00 last year. **Mr. Matherly** asked if he has seen a decline in revenue generated from fund raisers. Mr. Brown stated there is decline but that the increase in additional cost with no increase in fund raising is making it very hard to continue operating.

Nicole Cundiff, 1383 Dupont Lane, Fairbanks – Ms. Cundiff stated the Boys & Girls Club helped her get through school as a single mother; she stated she was able to rely on the club to watch her children while she attended night classes. Ms. Cundiff expressed the importance of the club in helping parents get through school, and it gives the kids a safe place to go. Ms. Cundiff stated the club works hard to raise money but that Anchorage does not want to fund

Fairbanks at the rate that is being requested. Ms. Cundiff stated the decision could result in the Fairbanks Club being closed down.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger stated he hopes the Council will authorize the program. He stated that the program would help the children of the community. Mr. Buberger stated the Council should consider offering a discount because of the service the club is offering to the community.

Frank Turney, 329 6th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney applauded Mr. Brown for his efforts in making the youth facility a success. Mr. Turney stated he hoped the Council will authorize the lease for the Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Matherly thanked everyone who came to testify on Ordinance No. 5979. **Mr. Matherly** stated he has been involved with the Boys & Girls Club over the years and that the service that they provide to the City is immeasurable. **Mr. Matherly** stated that the Council should let the Boys & Girls Club use the facility for as long as they can and that the rent should not be raised.

Mayor Eberhart asked Development Manager Pat Smith for a staff report before more Council Members continued with questions. Mr. Smith stated he has managed the lease since the day they moved into the space. Mr. Smith stated that when they moved into the space the place was a mess but that Randy Smith had a vision and did a great job cleaning the space up. **Mr. Walley** asked if LED lights had been installed throughout the City. Mr. Smith responded LED lights have been installed and that the savings are dramatic. **Mr. Walley** wondered whether the space would be in demand if the Boys & Girls Club were not leasing it. Mr. Smith stated that he did not believe there would be a line out the door trying to rent the space because it is a historical site and it cannot be converted to office space. **Mayor Eberhart** asked how many children the club serves. Mr. Smith stated he did not know the exact number but that it is impressive how many children they serve.

Sylvia Hutchinson, 1003 22nd Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Hutchinson stated she is the new Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club and that the club currently serves 218 children; she stated she expects that number to spike to 275 by the end of summer. Ms. Hutchinson stated the club has always had a healthy relationship with the City and that she is here to help if the Council needs anything.

Jonathan Dunham, 3030 Peger Road, Fairbanks – Mr. Dunham stated that the Boys & Girls Club got him off of the street and gave him the opportunity that he has now. Mr. Dunham stated the club helps the community immensely and that he hopes the Council will give them a break on the rent because of the valuable service they provide to the children of the community.

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

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 5979 by changing the term of the lease from five years to three years and by replacing the language in paragraph five of the lease agreement with, “As compensation for use of the premises during the life of the lease and any extension thereof, Lessee shall pay monthly rent of \$1355.00.”

Mr. Pruhs stated that losing the Boys & Girls Club would not benefit the City in any way. **Mr. Pruhs** stated the term should be three years and then both the City and the Boys & Girls Club can revisit the issue of raising the rent. **Mr. Pruhs** stated that the Boys & Girls Club is a good investment in the community. **Mr. Pruhs** stated rent for the facility should not go up because the organization is a valuable asset to the families and children of the community.

Mr. Matherly stated the term should not be limited to three years, and he believed it should stay at five years. **Mr. Pruhs** stated he would agree to strike the three year term and that five years was acceptable to him. **Mr. Matherly** stated that the City and the community cannot afford to lose the Boys & Girls Club as a tenant. **Mr. Matherly** stated that rather than raise their rent the City should discount it.

Mr. Pruhs, with the concurrence of the Second, moved to WITHDRAW the first part of his Motion to Amend Ordinance No. 5979 by leaving the lease term at five years.

Mr. Walley stated that the steam heat is very expensive and that the City has to pay for it whether the Boys & Girls Club is occupying the space or not. **Mr. Walley** stated the Boys & Girls Club serves a good cause and that he is in agreement with **Mr. Matherly** that their rent should possibly be discounted.

Mr. Cleworth stated hearing the children's voices in the gym for the three years he was Mayor was a joy. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the problem with the contract that is written is that it falls in the middle of the fiscal year for the Boys & Girls Club. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that at the very least the raised rent should wait until January 1 so they do not blow this year's budget. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he could see the justification for the lower rent but that he worries that it creates a double standard for other tenants that rent space in City Hall. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the Council should be concerned with utility costs and cost increases; he stated he wants them to stay but worries about the impact of the Boys & Girls Club not sharing in the cost of utilities. **Mr. Cleworth** stated rent should be mutually looked at each year, and if utilities stay the same, there should be no increase to their rent. He stated if utilities exponentially increase the Boys & Girls Club should share the cost of the increase with the City.

Mr. Matherly stated he agrees with everyone's points of view but that **Mr. Cleworth** makes a good point about reviewing the utility costs each year, and if there is a big increase, the Boys & Girls Club should have to share the expense.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to AMEND the motion on the floor by adding the language, "Rent is subject to increase or decrease upon annual review of actual utility expenses" to paragraph five of the Lease Agreement.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR BY ADDING THE LANGUAGE, "RENT IS SUBJECT TO INCREASE OR DECREASE UPON ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACTUAL UTILITY EXPENSES" TO PARAGRAPH FIVE OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Matherly, Cleworth, Walley, Staley, Pruhs

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Gatewood

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 5979 BY REPLACING THE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH FIVE OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH "AS COMPNSATION FOR USE OF THE PREMISES DURING THE LIFE OF THIS LEASE AND ANY EXTENSIONS THEREOF, LESSEE SHALL PAY MONTHLY RENT OF \$1355.00. RENT IS SUBJECT TO INCREASE OR DECREASE UPON ANNUAL REVIEW OF ACTUAL UTILITY EXPENSES" AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 5979, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 5979, as Amended, ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4673 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to [Contractor] for the Cushman Complete Street Project FB-15-07 in the Amount of \$X,XXX,XXX.XX. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Walley**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4673.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Walley**, moved to SUBSTITUTE Resolution No. 4673, as Amended, for Resolution No. 4673.

There was no objection to the SUBSTITUTION of Resolution No. 4673, as Amended, for Resolution No. 4673.

Mayor Eberhart asked if a staff report should be given. **Mr. Cleworth** stated if Exclusive is the lowest responsive bidder then a staff report was not necessary but that if they were not the lowest bidder and are being selected a staff report would be required. **Mayor Eberhart** stated Finance and City Engineer Robert Pristash want to make the approval of this contract contingent on the funds being approved out of FMATS at the future Policy Committee meeting. **Mayor Eberhart** stated hearing something from Mr. Pristash or Grants Administrator Margarita Bell would be helpful in determining if an amendment to the resolution would be necessary.

Mr. Pristash stated bids were open the previous Friday, and Exclusive came in at \$9.55 million and that they were the low bidder. Mr. Pristash referenced the \$800,000.00 shortfall in the fiscal note. He stated that the FMATS Policy Committee will consider making up the shortfall. Mr. Pristash stated if the resolution is approved, it does not execute the contract; it will just give the Mayor the authority to execute it.

Mr. Pruhs asked about the original estimate on the Cushman Complete Street project. Mr. Pristash replied \$8.7 million and the lowest bidder came in at \$9.55 million. **Mr. Pruhs** asked if FMATS was anticipating the shortfall. Mr. Pristash stated it is on the agenda for the next FMATS Policy Committee Meeting.

Mr. Cleworth asked Mr. Walley if he had been briefed on the FMATS shortfall. **Mr. Walley** stated he had a meeting the following day and that was the topic of the meeting. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Mr. Walley if he knew what pot of money FMATS intended to use for funding the project. **Mr. Walley** stated he was not aware of where the funds were coming from but that he is concerned about the need for the \$800,000.00. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Mr. Pristash if he had spoken to MPO Coordinator Donna Gardino about the need for funding. Mr. Pristash stated Ms. Gardino said the funds are available, but it will come down to the vote at the upcoming Policy Committee meeting. **Mr. Cleworth** stated if the funds are not approved the project will be cut back. Mr. Pristash stated features can be taken out if the funds are not approved. Ms. Bell stated there are designated legislative grant funds that could be used. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Mr. Pristash the cost impact of keeping one lane of traffic open; Mr. Pristash replied that it would increase the project cost by 30%.

Mr. Pruhs asked Mr. Pristash if features will have to be taken out of the plans should the project go out for rebid. Mr. Pristash stated he would not recommend a rebid.

Mayor Eberhart stated that if Resolution No. 4673 is approved that Section 1 declares the contract to be executed. **Mayor Eberhart** stated there needs to be conditional language in the resolution that says the award of the contract is contingent on the FMATS funds being approved. Mr. Pristash stated he believed the resolution was the first step to finalizing the contract. Mr. Ewers stated that language needs to be incorporated to indicate the 9.95 million dollar award is contingent upon the FMATS funding. Mr. Ewers stated if the language is not included, the Mayor would have to negotiate the contract for a lesser amount.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 4673, as Amended, by adding a new Section 3 stating, "This award is contingent upon FMATS approving \$799,260.00 in funding for the project."

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 4673, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 3 STATING, "THIS AWARD IS CONTINGENT UPON FMATS APPROVING \$799,260.00 IN FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT" AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4673, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Walley, Matherly, Pruhs, Cleworth, Staley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gatewood

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 4673, as Amended, APPROVED.

- b) Resolution No. 4674 – A Resolution Supporting the Advancement of the Interior Energy Project. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Ordinance No. 5980 – An Ordinance Ratifying a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Ordinance No. 5981 – An Ordinance Authorizing Lease of Space in City Hall to Jonathan Dunham, d/b/a Noel Boxing & Fitness Gym. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Golden Heart Parking Services (GHPS) – **Mr. Cleworth** stated that GHPS had not met but that the Code requires there be a City Employee serving on the Parking Board. **Mr. Cleworth** stated with Mr. Schmetzer's absence there is now a vacancy on the Board that must be filled. He requested that a nomination be made to fill the vacancy.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Staley shared her excitement to come back home from the east coast. She apologized for being out of town for so long. **Ms. Staley** thanked the Council for the good meeting and the good decision that was made regarding the Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Walley echoed Ms. Staley's sentiment about the Council's decision to extend the lease for the Boys & Girls Club. **Mr. Walley** stated he was concerned about the FMATS funding and that he would get up to date on the funding and have a report for the Council at the next Regular Council Meeting. **Mr. Walley** cautioned everyone to be careful starting fires over Memorial Day weekend; he stated he is hopeful no forest fires are started.

Mr. Matherly apologized to Mr. Dunham for misinforming him that the Council was going to discuss his lease. **Mr. Matherly** echoed Mr. Walley's warnings about fire danger and the hot weather. **Mr. Matherly** thanked everyone for speaking about the importance of the Boys & Girls Club. **Mr. Matherly** wished Mr. Walley's wife a happy birthday and wished everyone a wonderful Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Cleworth thanked Chief of Staff Jim Williams for the side-by-side changes to the IBEW contract; he stated it made comparing the differences in the contracts easy to follow. **Mr. Cleworth** thanked the Council for the budget amendment that adds funds to Capital for street projects; he stated the importance of being fiscally prudent going into the future because revenue sharing is going to be a thing of the past. **Mr. Cleworth** stated in the past funds were not put into the Capital budget but that tonight was a good step towards funding the City's future street projects.

Mr. Pruhs thanked the Mayor, Mr. Williams, Communications Director Amber Courtney and Mr. Matherly for attending the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) meeting. **Mr. Pruhs** stated that Fairbanks may have a unique opportunity; he stated four new ideas on energy came out in the meeting. **Mr. Pruhs** thanked the Mayor for his support on Resolution No. 4674. **Mr. Pruhs** stated he attended the North West Cannabis Symposium and that he walked through the event with the Anchorage Chief of Police Mark Mew. **Mr. Pruhs** stated the cannabis industry is a unique scientific agricultural industry, and he was surprised and impressed by the information that was presented at the event. **Mr. Pruhs** stated he called Mr. Walley's wife to wish her a happy birthday earlier in the day.

Mr. Cleworth asked Mayor Eberhart if he had met with Mr. Ackles, the gentleman with the bee issue. **Mayor Eberhart** stated he had not spoken to him but that the gentleman had called the office and dealt with Ms. Courtney and Mr. Ewers. **Mr. Cleworth** recommended some kind of follow-up from the Mayor's Office since the citizen took time to come to the Chambers and testify.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Labor Negotiations: Fairbanks Firefighters Union (FFU).

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

Mayor Eberhart called for a five minute recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Labor Contract Negotiations – Fire Fighters Union (FFU)

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Eberhart declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

John E. Williams for Mayor Eberhart

JOHN EBERHART, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. Danielle Snider

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: EB