



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 7, 2017  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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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 Jim Matherly presiding and with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present:        June Rogers, Seat B  
   Valerie Therrien, Seat C  
   Jonathan Bagwill, Seat D  
   Jerry Cleworth, Seat E  
   David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent:                                Joy Huntington, Seat A (Excused)

Also Present:                        Paul Ewers, City Attorney  
   D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk  
   Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director  
   Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff  
   Stephanie Johnson, Dispatch Center Manager  
   Eric Jewkes, Police Chief  
   Jackson Fox, City Engineer  
   Jim Styers, Fire Chief

City Clerk Danyielle Snider read aloud the Mission Statement of the City of Fairbanks.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to EXCUSE Ms. Huntington from meeting.

**Mayor Matherly** called for objection, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

**FLAG SALUTATION**

**Mayor Matherly** led the Flag Salutation.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

a)        Mr. Jonathan Bagwill, Appointed to City Council Seat D on July 24, 2017

City Clerk Snider swore in newly-appointed Council Member Jonathan Bagwill, and he assumed his seat on the Council.

**Mr. Bagwill** introduced his family and members of his church to the Council and community.

## CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Brittany Smart, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks – Ms. Smart reported on the progress of the Central Recycling Facility and invited everyone to the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 1 at 11 a.m. She invited everyone to attend the upcoming air quality events and stated registration and a tentative schedule of events is available online.

Charity Gadapee, 1576 Madeline Street, North Pole – Ms. Gadapee stated she is the Director of Visitor Services for Explore Fairbanks, and she spoke to the many events the organization has been involved with. She spoke to the establishment of a Tourism Hall of Fame that recognizes outstanding people who have made iconic and significant contributions to the local tourism industry. She spoke to the citizens who were honored the previous year.

Tim Berg, 3536 Vian Way, Fairbanks – Mr. Berg spoke to an email he sent Council Members the previous week, and he thanked Ms. Rogers for responding. He stated he filled out the well testing paperwork, and Shannon & Wilson came out and tested the two wells he has on his property. Mr. Berg stated City Engineer Jackson Fox and Engineer III Tim Zinza have been extremely helpful in keeping him informed as to what is going on with the contamination project. He stated he has hauled water for years, but he hoped that would not cause him to be left out of the remediation project. He asked the Council whether they intend to approach other entities that used the Fire Training Center and contributed to the groundwater contamination.

**Mr. Cleworth** thanked Mr. Berg for his testimony and apologized for missing his email. He stated he would search his email. **Ms. Rogers** thanked Mr. Berg for contacting the Council and creating a dialogue. **Mr. Pruhs** thanked Mr. Berg for coming to the meeting; he stated that the City is still determining the depth of the contamination.

Toni Abbey, 3538 Vian Way, Fairbanks – Ms. Abbey stated she is a resident of the contaminated area whose property recently tested above the threshold for perfluorinated compounds (PFCs). She stated the Engineering Department has been very helpful, and they have made a troubling situation as positive of an experience as it could be. She asked the Council to hook up everyone on Vian Way at once instead of a few homes at a time so as to not inconvenience the residents. She asked the Council to improve infrastructure and make Fairbanks a better place to live.

Frank Turney, 329 6th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney spoke of a quote he saw on a sign that made him think about nepotism in the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). He stated former Police Chief Randall Aragon told him he has never seen such nepotism in any of the departments he has worked. Mr. Turney stated he wants to know how many City employees are related to each other and asked if the polygraph tester is related to a City employee. He welcomed Mr. Bagwill to the Council and mentioned Bagwill's quote in the newspaper which stated that he would be willing to go down any "rabbit hole" to look into matters. Mr. Turney stated it is silly to keep the front door to Council Chambers closed because it is too hot and people may need to step out of the meeting quickly.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger stated he had hoped the pothole problem would be solved under a new Mayor, but it is not. He suggested changing the name of Fairbanks to Pothole City. He stated too many people are concerned about smoking pot but that they should be focusing on pothole repair. Mr. Buberger stated the temporary pothole filling only lasts until the

next time it rains. He stated the Public Works department is repairing the holes with a temporary solution so they can stay on the payroll with their buddies. He spoke to the shrubs, bushes, and other objects blocking some intersections and stated they should be trimmed back. He stated he is going to drive around and write down where the potholes are so he can share the information at a public meeting.

Michael Farrell, P.O. Box 83327, Fairbanks – Mr. Farrell spoke to the need to look into the salaries of some of the employees in organizations that receive City bed tax funds. He reported that one of the employees is paid \$144,000 per year; and another went from \$128,000 in 2014, to \$138,442 in 2015, and then up to \$142,595 in 2016. Mr. Farrell reported that those numbers are for salary only and do not include travel or reimbursements. He stated taxpayers deserve to know how tax dollars are being spent. He stated that when the City writes a check on the taxpayer's behalf, it should be getting the most out of those dollars. He added that some employees in those organizations are making more in salary than the industry average.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Mr. Farrell if he understands that anyone can apply for bed tax funds. Mr. Farrell stated he is aware of the process and knows someone who is working on an application for bed tax funds. **Ms. Rogers** encouraged Mr. Farrell to attend the Hotel/Motel Discretionary Fund Meetings; Mr. Farrell expressed interest in attending the meetings.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated that he believes Mr. Farrell's concerns lie more with the City Code that states how the tax dollars will be allocated each year; he stated it would be up to the Council to amend the Code. He asked Mr. Farrell if he had ever visited Golden Valley Electrical Association's (GVEA) webpage where they disclose tax forms. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that there are half-a-million dollar employee compensations listed there. Mr. Farrell stated the rabbit holes run deep, and he asked the Council to look into them.

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

**Mayor Matherly** 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 May 8, 2017.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

b) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2017

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

c) Correction to page 4 of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2017.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

- a) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership:

Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #426  
DBA: Composite Holdings  
Applicant: Composite Holdings, LLC  
No Premises  
From: Frontier Club / Boulder Investments, Inc.  
No Premises

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership.

Robert Christian, 290 Woodland Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Christian reported that Composite Holdings is negotiating with a national chain that is interested in the building, and they are working with a legal team to secure a liquor license for the property.

**Mr. Bagwill** asked whether the legal battle referenced at a previous meeting had been resolved; **Ms. Therrien** replied that the legal issue was in regard to a different liquor license.

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

YEAS: Cleworth, Pruhs, Rogers, Bagwill, Therrien  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Huntington  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership, Location, Name Change and Restaurant Designation Permit:

Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #3381  
DBA: Beijing Hot Pot Asian Cuisine  
Applicant: C J Hot Pot & Asian Cuisine, Inc.  
1694 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska  
From: Food Factory / CNR Enterprise, LLC  
275 Bentley Trust Road, Fairbanks, Alaska

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Mr. Bagwill**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership, Location, Name Change and Restaurant Designation Permit.

**Mayor Matherly** 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 LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP, LOCATION, NAME CHANGE AND RESTAURANT DESIGNATION PERMIT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Bagwill, Cleworth, Rogers, Therrien, Pruhs  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Huntington

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- c) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following New Liquor License Application and Restaurant Designation Permit:

Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #5585  
DBA: Jazz Bistro on 4th  
Applicant: Bluenote Create, Inc.  
527 4th Avenue, Suite B, Fairbanks, Alaska

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Application for a New Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Permit.

Dorothy Bradshaw, P.O. Box 72426, Fairbanks – Ms. Bradshaw stated she is a senior citizen and a widow; she reported she purchased the property where the proposed liquor license would be located in 2004. She stated she lived in the building until recently when moved to a senior care facility. Ms. Bradshaw stated she holds a lease with Jazz Bistro and that she has no idea who Bluenote Create is; she stated that the entity has no lease agreement with her. She stated she bought the building after selling her personal residence and that she has been making improvements to the building ever since. She stated when she lived in the building she could check the halls every night to ensure that it was secure. Ms. Bradshaw stated the doors of Jazz Bistro are open to access the rest of the building, and she shared her concern with building security. She indicated that she has tenants in the building who should not have access to alcohol. She stated she has occasionally found the door left unlocked after 10 p.m. which is against the rules in the lease agreement. Ms. Bradshaw stated that tenants are now reporting that people are sleeping in the hallway and on the front doorstep. She stated her facility is too close to the School District Administrative building and that children should not be subjected to alcohol. She stated she rents to single women and that rape and alcoholism rates are high in Alaska. She requested that Bluenote Create, Inc. not be approved for a liquor license at the location. She repeated that she does not know who Bluenote Create, Inc. is.

**Mayor Matherly** asked Ms. Bradshaw if she leases to Jazz Bistro. Ms. Bradshaw stated she has a lease agreement with Jazz Bistro and that she does not know who the other entity is. **Mayor Matherly** stated it was his understanding that the Jazz Bistro was owned by a parent company. Ms. Bradshaw stated she is the owner of the building and that she has no idea who they are; she stated that she does not want them to pull a fast one on her. **Mayor Matherly** asked if there was anyone representing Jazz Bistro in the audience; no one responded.



**Ms. Therrien** asked if there are other tenants in the building and whether the property goes all the way from Fourth to Fifth Avenue. **Ms. Bradshaw** stated she has other tenants in the building and that Jazz Bistro goes all the way from Fourth to Fifth Avenue. **Ms. Therrien** asked how many rentals there are in the upstairs of **Ms. Bradshaw's** building. **Ms. Bradshaw** stated she has five private rentals upstairs in her building, but there could be more if she fixed up other rooms. **Ms. Therrien** asked whether Jazz Bistro is a good tenant; **Ms. Bradshaw** stated they have not always been truthful with her. She stated that she has asked to be called when an inspector comes because she would like to be there for it. **Ms. Bradshaw** stated the inspector came, and she was never informed.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked **Ms. Bradshaw** if either party has the right to terminate the lease at any time. **Ms. Bradshaw** stated the contract is a little flaky because her husband had just passed away, and she did not have an attorney at the time the contract was signed. She stated she has an attorney now who advised her that the lease is a little unclear. **Ms. Bradshaw** stated she usually has her daughter deal with the tenants at Jazz Bistro.

Frank Turney – **Mr. Turney** suggested the City Council and the Mayor put the liquor license on hold until the landlord and tenant issue is cleared up.

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

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to POSTPONE the Application for a New Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Permit.

**Mr. Pruhs** asked whether the Council would be able to hear public testimony again if it is postponed to the next Council meeting. **Mayor Matherly** answered that the Council could allow for public comment again in order to hear from the liquor license applicant(s).

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION POSTPONE THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE AND RESTAURANT DESIGNATION PERMIT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Pruhs, Therrien, Cleworth, Bagwill, Rogers  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Huntington  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

**Mayor Matherly** thanked the Public Works Department for hand-delivering letters to garbage customers concerning employees' safety. He stated the letter addresses how to properly dispose of garbage because too many employees are getting stuck with needles and cut with glass. He reported that trash thrown in the compactor oozes out and sometimes sprays on workers. **Mayor Matherly** stated the 5th Annual "Run from the Cops" event was held in honor of the late Sgt. Allen Brandt; he stated that a record number of participants showed up—270 people. He stated it was a five kilometer run, and some people showed up in costumes. He stated that it was a fun, family event, and he thanked **Mr. Bagwill** for helping out. He asked Police Chief Eric Jewkes to come forward and provide an update to the Council and public.

Chief Jewkes thanked Kristi Merideth for all her work in organizing the “Run from the Cops” event. He spoke to the statistics for violent crimes across the country compared to Alaska, and he stated that Alaska has a higher per capita ratio for those types of crimes. He stated that there were eight homicides in the City of Fairbanks in 2016, and there have been seven so far in 2017. Chief Jewkes stated that Fairbanks’ homicide rate is 7.5 times higher than the national average, and he compared it to the homicide rate in Detroit, Michigan. He spoke to the most recent officer-involved shooting where the gunman was covered in body armour. Chief Jewkes stated that the call volume per officer has increased 25% per month because there are so many crimes being committed. He stated lower level crimes do not even get followed up with because the department is inundated with violent crime calls. He stated many employees left the department in 2015 and 2016, and he hopes the hiring bonus will help fill the vacancies. Chief Jewkes stated he needs police officers who will stay with the department and remain engaged and focused on their jobs. He stated that officers are being required to work lots of overtime; he shared that there are seven total officers in training but still six department vacancies. He stated that FPD has had to disband its traffic unit and suspend the property crimes investigator assignment to deal with more urgent issues. He stated the demand for public safety is high nationwide, and part of the crisis was created by a national narrative that works negatively against law enforcement. He stated that he feels fortunate that FPD is embraced by the community. Chief Jewkes stated he understands the City and State are in challenging times but that he needs a competitive recruitment package to attract officers. He stated he is not asking funds right now or for an immediate answer but that he would like to work with the Council to come up with a solution.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Chief Jewkes if he had read the article in the newspaper regarding the suicide rate; Chief Jewkes replied affirmatively. **Ms. Rogers** spoke to the anguish in the community due to suicide and thanked Chief Jewkes for FPD’s outreach in the community.

**Ms. Therrien** asked if FPD has received any applicants after the Council approved the bonus. Chief Jewkes stated they have one applicant in field training who will qualify for the bonus if he is successful.

**Mr. Pruhs** thanked Chief Jewkes for the update and for leading from the front; he stated that FPD is the last line of defense with social issues that have been placed upon them. He stated it is important to get FPD fully-staffed and get employees home safe to their families each night.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked if there had been eight homicides in 2017; Chief Jewkes stated there were eight in 2016 and there have been seven so far in 2017. **Mr. Cleworth** asked how many of this year’s homicides have been solved. Chief Jewkes stated that two of the seven homicides are still open and under investigation. **Mr. Cleworth** acknowledged the issue of police departments not being able to work at full staff because of the national climate.

**Mr. Bagwill** thanked Chief Jewkes for speaking and for the opportunity that he has been given to work with the FPD. He stated he makes the same commitment to the City and that the Council needs to find ways to fund essential services of the City.

**Mayor Matherly** stated it is an honor to work alongside Chief Jewkes, and he is happy the department trusts in its Chief.

**Mayor Matherly** called for a five minute recess.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6056 – An Ordinance Amending FGC Sec. 2-655 Multiyear Contracts and FGC Sec. 2-149 Fiscal Note on Ordinances and Resolutions to Add Additional Requirements. Introduced by Council Members Cleworth and Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6056.

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

**Mr. Pruhs** pointed out that there is no fiscal note attached to the ordinance, but it is a reminder that when legislation is presented that affect the finances of the City, a fiscal note is required.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6056 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Pruhs, Bagwill, Cleworth, Matherly

NAYS: Therrien, Rogers

ABSENT: Huntington

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6056 ADOPTED.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No 4802 – A Resolution Encouraging Congress to Create a Reliable, Predictable Stream of Resources to Address Deferred Maintenance Needs in America's National Park System. Introduced by Council Member Therrien.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 4803 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Exclusive Paving for the Fairbanks Water Main Extensions & Service Connections Project ITB-17-09 in the Amount of \$1,499,479. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Ordinance No. 6057 – An Ordinance Amending the 2017 Operating Budget for the Fourth Time and Amending the Capital Budget for the Second Time. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Ordinance No. 6058 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Sections 2-260 and 2-261 Regarding the Authorized Index Language and Asset Allocations in the City Permanent Fund Investment Policy. Introduced by Council Member Therrien.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.



- e) Ordinance No. 6059 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-654 Unexpended Appropriations; Intradepartmental Transfers. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

- a) Memo Regarding Demographics on Diversity Council Application

**Mayor Matherly** spoke to the reasons why he would like to update the Diversity Council application to request demographics from applicants. He stated each question would have a “prefer not to say” option.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated he did not have any issue with the demographic questions except that he does not think it is appropriate to ask for someone’s sexual orientation. He stated if someone answers “prefer not to say” it puts them in an awkward position.

**Mayor Matherly** justified the reasoning behind the need for the information on the application.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked Mayor Matherly if he is asking the Council for approval of the memo. **Mayor Matherly** replied he would like the Council to approve the memo, but no matter what he intends to meet with each applicant.

**Ms. Therrien** stated the question that allows the applicant to provide a narrative is sufficient.

**Mr. Bagwill** spoke against the demographics being added to the Diversity Council application.

**Mr. Pruhs** thanked the Mayor for addressing such a difficult issue with the best of intentions and stated he trusts the Mayor’s judgment to do what is right.

**Ms. Rogers** stated she attends the Diversity Council meetings and that she understands the other Council members’ concerns.

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to APPROVE the memo regarding demographics on the Diversity Council application.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEMO REGARDING DEMOGRAPHICS ON THE DIVERSITY COUNCIL APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Pruhs  
NAYS: Bagwill, Therrien, Cleworth, Rogers  
ABSENT: Huntington  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the motion FAILED.

- b) Memo to Approve Update to Information on City Ballot Proposition B

City Attorney Paul Ewers reported that since the adoption of the ordinance to place Proposition B on the ballot, there was an additional appropriation from Juneau to increase the City's share of what has commonly been referred to as revenue sharing. He stated that the new appropriation would technically make the ballot proposition language proposition incorrect, and the memo authorizes the language to be corrected to present accurate information to voters.

*A motion on this agenda item was overlooked; the error in procedure was noticed and corrected prior to adjournment of the Council Meeting. See page 12.*

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATE TO THE INFORMATION ON CITY BALLOT PROPOSITION B AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Pruhs, Rogers, Bagwill, Therrien

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Huntington

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

c) Re-appointment to the Clay Street Cemetery Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

d) Re-appointment to the Hotel/Motel Discretionary Fund

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

e) Appointments to the Fairbanks Diversity Council

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

f) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2017

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

g) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2017

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Mr. Bagwill** stated he is thankful to be part of the Council, and he is looking forward to serving.

**Mr. Cleworth** spoke to Mr. Berg's question regarding groundwater contamination; he stated that the City intends to go after other entities that used the Fire Training Center (FTC). He spoke in support of changing the order of business for Council meetings so that the Council can respond to citizens' questions and concerns more expeditiously. He stated that he would like to see more information about a proposed order of business at a Finance Committee meeting. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Ms. Rogers and Ms. Therrien during their comments to explain their reasons for voting

against Ordinance No. 6056. He stated he has heard that a couple of unfair labor practices (ULPs) have been filed by PSEA, and he asked Mr. Ewers to address the issue.

Mr. Ewers stated that recently he has seen only one ULP from PSEA, the basis of which dealt with an email sent to PSEA employees by the Communications Director/Executive Assistant regarding potential health care options. Mr. Ewers reported when Union President Jake Metcalf saw the email he immediately requested that the City cease communications with PSEA employees about the issue. He reported that the Chief of Staff responded the same day and agreed that there would be no further communications on the issue. Mr. Ewers stated there was no more discussion on the issue, but the ULP was filed 4 – 5 weeks later. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he heard there was a problem relating to the lateral transfer bonus program; Mr. Ewers replied that he had not received a ULP regarding that issue.

Chief of Staff Mike Meeks addressed the lateral hire issue. He explained that the PSEA asked him and the Mayor to meet; they had some issues with the wording in the ordinance adopted by the Council and wanted clarification on some other items, including the definition of the term “lateral.” Mr. Meeks reported that the administration has submitted some information to PSEA and are awaiting a response. **Mr. Cleworth** asked what was confusing about the term “lateral.” Mr. Meeks explained that under the existing language, in theory, someone could qualify for the lateral hire bonus without any actual experience as a police officer.

**Mr. Pruhs** thanked City Engineer Jackson Fox for his expedience in have speed signs posted on Lathrop Street as school will be starting soon. He requested an update on insurance coverage for the families of fallen officers because they have a limited time period to opt in or out with the State of Alaska. **Mr. Pruhs** stated the Council needs to set up a long-term solution for the healthcare of Sergeant Brandt’s family’s because it is the Council’s obligation. He stated the City has committed to funding it for another full year but that it is time to come up with a more permanent solution. He stated he and Mr. Bagwill will start working with the Risk Manager and Mr. Meeks on a solution.

Mr. Meeks stated the City has opted in but that the State regulations are not yet written. He reported the City of Fairbanks is the first in the que to be contacted when more information is available. He stated the Mayor has asked him to continue looking into other healthcare options.

**Ms. Therrien** welcomed Mr. Bagwill to the Council. She thanked Housing and Homeless Coordinator Mike Sanders and his assistant for participating in the Rotary Golf Tournament. She stated she would like to get a side-by-side comparison of the two different healthcare options for IBEW employees. Mr. Meeks provided Ms. Therrien with the side-by-side comparison.

**Ms. Rogers** welcomed Mr. Bagwill and thanked Toni Abbey for complimenting City staff during such a difficult time. In response to Mr. Cleworth’s request for her to address her reasons for not supporting Ordinance No. 6056, she stated she did not have an issue with the way the existing Code was written; she stated that she did not feel the changes were necessary. **Ms. Rogers** requested to be excused from the Regular City Council Meeting of August 21, 2017.

**Mayor Matherly** called for objection to EXCUSING Ms. Rogers from the Regular City Council Meeting of August 21, 2017 and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Ms. Snider stated there is one housekeeping item needing attention. She stated that a roll call vote was taken on the Memo to Approve an Update to the Information on City Ballot Proposition B, but there was never a motion. She requested a motion.

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to APPROVE the Update to the Information on City Ballot Proposition B.

Clerk Snider stated that the roll call vote taken previously in the meeting would stand unless a Council member objected. No members objected.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Ms. Snider reported that the candidate withdrawal period ended earlier in the day, and City Council candidate Aaron Gibson chose to withdraw from the race for Seat F.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Ewers stated he hopes to hire a new Deputy City Attorney soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Mayor Matherly** called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

**Mayor Matherly** declared the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.



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JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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D. DANYELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: EB