



**FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 5, 2016**  
**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:** Joy Huntington, Seat A  
June Rogers, Seat B  
Valerie Therrien, Seat C  
Jerry Norum, Seat D  
Jerry Cleworth, Seat E  
David Pruhs, Seat F

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Paul Ewers, City Attorney  
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk  
Clem Clooten, Building Official  
Stephanie Johnson, Dispatch Center Manager  
Carmen Randle, Chief Financial Officer  
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director  
Eric Jewkes, Deputy Police Chief  
Brad Johnson, Deputy Police Chief  
Jim Styers, Fire Chief  
Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff  
Jackson Fox, City Engineer  
Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director  
JB Brainerd, Deputy City Attorney

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

**FLAG SALUTATION**

**Mayor Matherly** led the Flag Salutation.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Frank Turney, 329 6th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney spoke in support of appointing Eric Jewkes as Police Chief and of having Teal Soden work in the Office of the Mayor. He stated it is the Mayor's obligation to ensure there is no conflict of interest or an appearance of such. He spoke to the nepotism at the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). He spoke in favor of the Christmas bonus for FPD employees that Ms. Huntington is proposing and asked why other City employees were not offered a bonus. Mr. Turney spoke to the investigation into Chief Randall

Aragon and asked when it would be complete. He thanked the Mayor and City Clerk for organizing the reading of the Bill of Rights by elementary students at the next Council meeting.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger apologized for his behavior at the last Council meeting; he stated he did not mean to appear as if he was flipping off the Council. He stated that he was only demonstrating what one of the meeting attendees had done to him. Mr. Buberger stated that he read comments posted by Officer Ron Dupee in the News Miner stating that Buberger was confused about the wages of police officers. He spoke ill of Ofc. Dupee and spoke to how police officers are overpaid but always want more. He stated that the City Council should give all employees a \$2,000.00 bonus. Mr. Buberger requested that the City take money out of the Permanent Fund to build a public restroom.

Amy Geiger, 4400 Stanford Drive, Fairbanks – Ms. Geiger stated she is in attendance to share the 2017 Explore Fairbanks Visitors Guide. She spoke to some of the activities included in the guide.

**Ms. Huntington** asked if the State of Alaska produced a visitor's guide this year. Ms. Geiger replied that the State cut funding and did not produce a guide for the first time in 40 years.

Allen Wilson, P.O. Box 249, Ester – Mr. Wilson stated that the police should not get a bonus because all they do is drive around and harass people. He stated that if someone disagrees with an officer they are arrested and thrown in jail. He stated that last time he was arrested, his vehicle went into disrepair while in the City's impound yard. Mr. Wilson asked the Council to tell the police to quit beating people up when they are in jail. He stated the police can do whatever they want to someone when they are in jail with no consequence.

Floyd Terry, P.O. Box 73514, Fairbanks – Mr. Terry stated that he would like to attend the Fairbanks Diversity Council meetings but that he is a little hard of hearing. He congratulated Mayor Matherly on taking office and expressed hope for the future.

Darlene Herbert, 906 Woodlawn Road, Fairbanks – Ms. Herbert stated she thinks Eric Jewkes would be a good choice for Police Chief because he does not have a wife that works at FPD. Ms. Herbert spoke against nepotism. She stated that at the last Council meeting there was talk of not having enough money, and now the Council is talking about giving the police a Christmas bonus. Ms. Herbert stated that the money could be used to build warming stations around the City. She spoke of the need to make shelters for the homeless in Fairbanks.

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Ms. Therrien** pulled Ordinance No. 6037, Resolution No. 4772 and Resolution No. 4773 from the Consent Agenda.

**Mr. Cleworth** pulled Ordinance No. 6035 and Ordinance No. 6036 from the Consent Agenda.

**Mr. Pruhs** pulled the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016 from the Consent Agenda.

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

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda, as Amended, into the record.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016.

**Mr. Pruhs** spoke to the sale of City property that he believed was going to be used for a sobering center; he stated that if the property is not used as a sobering center he has a problem.

**Mayor Matherly** requested a Staff Report from Chief of Staff Mike Meeks. Mr. Meeks stated that Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is still looking for real estate for a sobering center. **Mr. Pruhs** asked if the City was still going to sell the land. Mr. Meeks stated he would have to get back to him on that issue and asked former Chief of Staff Jeff Jacobson to speak to the issue. Mr. Jacobson stated Victor Joseph came to the City to ask for the land because of the growing need for care of residents in the Interior region. Mr. Jacobson stated that TCC is committed to providing services to the community to meet their health care needs. **Mr. Pruhs** stated the sale of the land was for the purpose of building a sobering center that would be in close proximity to the clinic and healthcare workers.

**Mayor Matherly** called for objection to APPROVING the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

### **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:

Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #4941

To: Seoul Gate Restaurant/Seoul Gate, Inc.  
958 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska

From: Seoul Gate Restaurant/Chong Pak  
958 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska

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

**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 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Pruhs, Rogers, Huntington, Norum, Therrien  
NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** 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 Name Change:

Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #4344  
To: Chiang Mai Restaurant/Chiang Mai Restaurant, LLC  
338 Old Steese Highway, Fairbanks, Alaska  
From: Siam Dishes/Air Choummittaphanh & Southsakone Pheunmany  
338 Old Steese Highway, Fairbanks, Alaska

**Ms. Huntington**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership and Name Change.

**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 AND NAME CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Norum, Cleworth, Rogers, Huntington, Therrien, Pruhs  
NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

**Mayor Matherly** stated that he has hired Teal Soden as the City’s Public Information Officer (PIO)/Executive Assistant. He spoke to Mr. Turney’s concerns of nepotism at FPD and assured him everyone in the building has been briefed about issues relating to conflicts of interest. He spoke to the Aragon investigation and reported that AML/JIA has said the report will be available soon. He stated that a great deal of thought and input went into the decision to appoint Eric Jewkes as the Police Chief. **Mayor Matherly** stated that the decision was difficult given the quality of the two top candidates. He asked the Council to approve the appointment.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION to appoint Eric Jewkes as the Police Chief.

**Mr. Pruhs** asked Deputy Chief Jewkes to come forward to answer some questions. **Mr. Pruhs** asked if there will be any internal issues between the other candidate and him if he is appointed as Chief. Deputy Chief Jewkes stated that he does not foresee any issues; he stated that he and Deputy Brad Johnson agree that their primary obligations are to the department. **Mr. Pruhs** asked Deputy Chief Jewkes if he would make a promise to remain the Police Chief as long as he is a Council Member. Deputy Chief Jewkes replied that he plans to remain the Police Chief long after Council Member Pruhs' term ends.

**Ms. Therrien** asked Deputy Chief Jewkes about his plan to increase diversity among the staff at FPD. Deputy Chief Jewkes stated that FPD recently hired a female who began her first day of field training earlier that day. He stated that the department's first goal is to hire qualified applicants, and diversity is secondary.

**Mr. Norum** wished Deputy Chief Jewkes all the best. He spoke to the importance of diversity at FPD and asked how many vacancies there are currently. Deputy Chief Jewkes stated there are seven vacancies and more to come in December and early in 2017. **Mr. Norum** asked what kind of outreach is in place to help increase diversity. Deputy Chief Jewkes replied that FPD is very aggressive in recruitment, even visiting the Lower 48 to look for applicants. **Mr. Norum** asked about the morale at FPD. Deputy Chief Jewkes stated that there are two major issues: leadership and the unfunded PSEA contract.

**Ms. Huntington** congratulated Deputy Chief Jewkes on his nomination and stated that her mother asked her to pass on congratulations as well. She asked Deputy Chief Jewkes what his vision is for continuing to build relationships with the community. Deputy Chief Jewkes stated that the whole department is dedicated to the philosophy of community policing and that they will sit down and create a plan for those efforts to continue; he reiterated that the current focus is on hiring.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated that he had the opportunity to work with Deputy Chiefs Jewkes and Johnson when he was Mayor; he stated that Mayor Matherly had a tough choice to make between the two candidates. **Mr. Cleworth** commended Deputy Chief Johnson for taking the leadership role during the shooting and eventual death of Sergeant Allen Brandt. He stated that he supports hiring from within and that the media nowadays makes people hesitant to become police officers. He congratulated Deputy Chief Jewkes and wished him the best.

**Mr. Norum** thanked Deputy Chief Johnson for picking up the leadership role that was necessary in recent months. He stated he has always been impressed with Deputy Chief Jewkes' commitment to policing and that Mayor Matherly's decision must have been a difficult one.

**Ms. Huntington** thanked both Jewkes and Johnson for their ongoing leadership; she stated that the feeling of brotherhood is strong at FPD.



**Mayor Matherly** stated he has had a lot of time to work with the FPD over the past few months and stated that Fairbanks has an excellent police force. He stated that it is time for the City to support the police.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT ERIC JEWKES AS THE POLICE CHIEF AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Norum, Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth, Huntington

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

### NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6034 – An Ordinance Establishing a Claims, Judgments and Mitigation Insurance Special Revenue Fund. Introduced by Council Member Cleworth.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Ordinance No. 6035 – An Ordinance Ratifying a Labor Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the Public Safety Employees Association. Introduced by Council Members Therrien and Norum.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Norum**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6035.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated there are two conflicting proposals in front of the Council dealing with salaries at FPD, Ms. Therrien's ordinance and Ms. Huntington's resolution. He stated that the Council needs to choose a direction; he added that a reduced workweek is a major problem because it is dangerous for the Council and the department. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the contract Ms. Therrien wants to ratify is not affordable. He stated that if the Council moves forward with the contract it will leave nothing in the General Fund and no forward funding to deal with other projects, including the contamination issue. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that under Ms. Huntington's proposal, there is a mechanism for a bonus and a 4% increase that is sustainable. He referenced the section of the Charter that speaks to the Council's obligation to pass a balanced budget; he stated that Ordinance No. 6035 would not make that possible.

**Mr. Pruhs** handed out a list of how the City could fund the PSEA contract; the handout listed 11 positions that would have to be cut from City Hall and Public Works.

**Ms. Huntington** stated that she would be willing to postpone her resolution to the next Regular Council meeting.

**Ms. Therrien** stated that she hopes the resolution could be postponed so that the Council could discuss the 4% increase at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Chief of Staff Mike Meeks stated that he sent a note to the PSEA on November 30, but they responded by stating that conversations need to occur between the attorneys involved.

City Attorney Paul Ewers stated that the PSEA attorneys had Unfair Labor Practices (ULPs) issues with the proposed ordinance or resolution. He stated, however, that they made no promises about an increase or a bonus being counted as credits if they prevail in the appeal.

**Ms. Therrien** asked Mr. Ewers if he could get an answer on whether the proposed 4% increase could be used as credit toward contract funding. Mr. Ewers stated that he could address the issue with PSEA.

**Mr. Pruhs** spoke against Ordinance No. 6035. He stated that in order to fund the contract, 11 positions must be terminated; he reiterated how significant the situation is.

**Mr. Cleworth** spoke against advancing the ordinance.

**Ms. Huntington** stated over the past month and a half she has been on a crusade trying to find a way to fund the PSEA contract without creating a major budget crisis. She stated that she does not see how to fund the contract without increasing revenues; she added, however, that employees need to be fairly compensated. **Ms. Huntington** stated that funding the contract will cause an immediate financial bleed which would not be sustainable or fair to the other unions.

**Ms. Rogers** echoed Ms. Huntington's thoughts and stated that she does not have a definitive answer to the problem. She stated she does not agree with drastically cutting personnel in order to fund the PSEA contract. She stated that the Council and the PSEA need more concentrated time to deal with such a complex issue.

**Ms. Therrien** asked the Council to advance the ordinance to see if Mr. Ewers can get approval from the PSEA to have the 4% increase credited towards the contract when it is funded.

**Mr. Norum** stated the ordinance is balanced because it uses unspent money from the budget to fund future costs. He stated that the Council needs to get away from bad faith bargaining and do what is right for the FPD. He stated that he would like to work with the Council to find a new revenue stream in order to fund the PSEA contract.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Mr. Cleworth how his comments on an unbalanced budget contrast with the comments of Mr. Norum.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated that in the 1980's the Council passed unbalanced budgets and it got the City into a lot of trouble; he stated that the citizens voted to put the balanced budget language in the Charter. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that if the Council adopts the Ordinance No. 6035, there is a liability for the terms of the contract for the years 2014 and 2015. He stated that the Council worked hard to comply with the Charter requirement and reach a bottom line of \$300,000.00.

**Mr. Norum** stated that the Council should evaluate new possibilities for new revenue so that each year there is not such a budget crunch. He stated that the work Ms. Therrien has done takes care of right now but it does not take of the future.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKE ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6035 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Norum  
NAYS: Pruhs, Huntington, Cleworth, Rogers  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION FAILED.

- c) Ordinance No. 6036 – An Ordinance Amending the 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Fourth Time and Ratifying Some Terms of the 2014 PSEA CBA. Introduced by Council Member Therrien.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Norum**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6036.

**Mr. Cleworth** spoke to the problem of forward funding projects out of the General Fund; he recommended that the Council not advance Ordinance No. 6036. He stated that revenue sharing has dried up creating an even worse budget situation. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that if the contract is funded it not only puts the City in the hole financially but also leaves no money for the soil remediation project.

**Ms. Therrien** asked the Council to advance Ordinance No. 6036 so that Mr. Ewers could find out if the PSEA will allow the 4% increase to be credited towards the contract.

**Mr. Pruhs** spoke against advancing Ordinance No. 6036. He stated that reserves do not increase with department vacancies and that funds do not carry over year-to-year in the budget.

**Ms. Huntington** stated she was traveling and missed the last Finance Committee meeting. She requested a staff report from Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Carmen Randle regarding the numbers. Ms. Randle stated that the numbers she provided are based on what the City paid year-to-date in 2016. She stated that the figures are reflective of how the department is currently staffed. She asked members to imagine that FPD was at full staffing, and she stated that the cost would increase. She stated that the City does not have enough money to fund the ordinance.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Ms. Therrien to explain what her expectations would be after hearing back from Attorney Ewers. **Ms. Therrien** stated she was hoping that the money spent by funding Ordinance No. 6036 could be credited toward the litigated PSEA contract.

**Mr. Norum** asked if the City has the ability to pay for full staffing at FPD in 2017. Ms. Randle stated that the 2017 budget is based on full staffing.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated that at the last budget meeting a critical look was taken at future City revenues and that there is a net revenue decrease from the previous year. He stated that the Council is somewhat limited on what they can do with revenues, and it would take a vote of the people to increase tax revenues.



A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6036 AS FOLLOWS:

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

- d) Ordinance No. 6037 – An Ordinance Adopting the 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6037.

**Ms. Therrien** stated there is a 4% increase for the police in the 2017 budget. She asked Ms. Randle whether the police would receive a 14% increase if the ordinance passed and the contract was ratified. Ms. Randle deferred the question to Mr. Ewers. Mr. Ewers stated that it would depend on whether the PSEA would allow the 4% to be a credit towards the contract.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated that when it was discussed it was a mutually-exclusive item; he stated that FPD employees deserve an increase.

**Ms. Huntington** asked Mr. Ewers how soon he would know whether the PSEA would allow the increase to be a credit toward the contract. Mr. Ewers stated he hopes to receive an answer before the next City Council meeting. **Ms. Huntington** asked whether the City could take away the 4% increase if the PSEA wins the court case and receives a 10% increase. Ms. Randle stated that she has never seen an increase taken away from a City employee. Mr. Ewers stated it is possible in theory but that he has never seen it happen.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated it happened many years ago when employees were 100% funded on their medical premiums. He stated that if the court's ruling favors the PSEA, the dollar amount owed will exponentially grow because of the amount of time passed; he stated that the City will be in a non-funding position if that happens. He spoke in favor of the 4% increase.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6037 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Huntington, Norum, Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth, Rogers  
NAYS: None  
**Mayor Eberhart** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- e) Resolution No. 4771 – A Resolution Authorizing Matching Funds and Execution of the Maintenance Agreement for the 2016 FMATS Improvements Program Surface Upgrades Project. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the Consent Agenda.

- f) Resolution No. 4772 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Provide a Bonus to PSEA Employees. Introduced by Council Member Huntington.

**Ms. Huntington**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4772.

**Ms. Huntington** stated that everyone wants forward progress with the PSEA contract and that it has been hard to be a new Council Member with such a major dispute already underway. She thanked Mayor Matherly for meeting with the PSEA representative in Anchorage to discuss an increase. She stated that the proposed bonus has no strings attached; she added that she would like to do something positive for PSEA members.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated that he agrees with Ms. Huntington; he congratulated the Council for working so hard on the 2017 budget. He stated that the Council went back twice to the budget table just for PSEA and that the bonus is the right thing to do. **Mr. Pruhs** stated that the employees deserve more but that this is all the City can afford.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated that during public testimony someone suggested every employee should get the same bonus. He stated that City Code states that all bargaining units are to be treated similarly. He explained that since 2014, IBEW employees and AFL-CIO employees have seen increases, but PSEA employees have had no increases due to litigation. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the PSEA bonus is deserved because they have not had an increase in several years.

Ms. Randle stated that she believes a few officers have joined the force since the ordinance was drafted; she asked if everyone on the payroll at the date of the check would receive the bonus. **Mayor Matherly** stated everyone on the payroll would receive the bonus.

**Ms. Rogers** expressed agreement that the bonus is a positive direction for the Council to take.

**Mayor Matherly** clarified that the bonus does not stop further negotiation with PSEA and that it is time to mend relationships. He stated with a new leader at FPD morale has improved but that the contract still needs attention.

**Mr. Cleworth** pointed out that the wage figures Mr. Buberger quoted in his public testimony are the total package rate not the officers' take home pay.

Attorney Ewers recommended that the total dollar amount of the bonus and the effective date be specified in the resolution for clarification and historical purposes.

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Mr. Norum**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 4772 by adding the dollar amount and the effective date to the "NOW THEREFORE" statement.

Members discussed how to define the effective date. They reached a consensus that every PSEA employee on the City payroll the date the check is cut would receive the bonus.

**Mr. Norum** spoke in support of the bonus, and he stated he would vote in favor of Resolution No. 4772.

**Ms. Therrien** requested that all Council Members be added as sponsors Resolution No. 4772. No members objected to the request.

Ms. Randle pointed out that Deputy Chief Jewkes may not get a bonus check since he will no longer be a PSEA member once appointed as the Police Chief. She suggested that the effective date be changed to accommodate him.

No members objected to amending the effective date so that all those who were PSEA employees on the effective date of the resolution (December 5) would receive a bonus.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 4772 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Norum, Cleworth, Rogers, Huntington, Therrien, Pruhs

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4772, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Pruhs, Rogers, Huntington, Norum, Therrien

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 4772, as Amended, APPROVED.

g) Resolution No. 4773 – A Resolution Stating the City of Fairbanks Capital and Legislative Priorities for 2017. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Norum**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4773.

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Mr. Norum**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 4773 to STRIKE “HB 4002” from Item 5 of the resolution.

**Mr. Pruhs** explained that HB 4002 is no longer an active bill in the legislature.

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

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 4773 by adding new Item #8 to read, “Balancing the State budget by finding new State revenues.”

She requested that the new item be moved to the top of the legislative priority list. She spoke to the discussion at the AML conference regarding State revenues. Members discussed the order of priority of legislative priorities.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated he did not think that the State should only look at new revenue sources to balance the budget; he commented that the State should also be keeping a close watch on expenses. He stated that there are areas where the State could cut spending, and he used the salaries of University Presidents as an example.

**Mr. Pruhs** and **Mr. Norum** expressed support for Ms. Therrien's amendment.

**Ms. Huntington** stated that she likes the language emphasizing the need for new State revenue sources.

**Ms. Rogers** stated that the goal of supporting new revenue is not necessarily the same issue as balancing the budget.

**Mr. Norum** spoke to the importance of new economic development.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to AMEND the amendment by adding the language "while concurrently keeping a close watch on expenses."

**Ms. Huntington** suggested separating the priorities into two separate items.

**Mayor Matherly** stated that the priorities need to be concise.

**Mr. Norum** stated that all legislators are trying to find ways to cut expenses. **Mr. Cleworth** disagreed; he stated that some legislators are focused only on revenues and some only on expenditures.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT BY ADDING THE LANGUAGE "WHILE CONCURRENTLY KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON EXPENSES" AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth  
NAYS: Huntington, Norum, Therrien, Pruhs, Rogers  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION FAILED.

**Ms. Rogers**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to AMEND the amendment by striking the words "balancing the State budget by".

**Ms. Rogers**, with the concurrence of the Second, added the word "sources" after the word "revenue" to her motion to amend.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT BY STRIKING THE LANGUAGE "BALANCING THE STATE BUDGET BY" AND BY ADDING THE WORD "SOURCES" AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Rogers, Huntington, Norum  
NAYS: Pruhs, Therrien  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Norum**, moved to AMEND the amendment by changing the priority number of the new Item from 8 to 2 and by renumbering the other items accordingly.

Ms. Randle informed the Council that the top two priorities for AML and other municipalities in the State were to maintain current PERS contribution rates and to preserve municipal revenue sharing. She stated that the City of Fairbanks usually concurs with AML's priorities, and she asked the Council to consider keeping those two items at the top of the list.

**Ms. Therrien**, with the concurrence of the Second, WITHDREW the motion to amend the amendment.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 4773 BY ADDING NEW ITEM #8 TO READ, "FINDING NEW STATE REVENUE SOURCES" AS FOLLOWS:

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

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to AMEND the amendment by changing the order of prioritization so that Item 2 is moved to Item 1, Item 3 is moved to Item 2, new Item 8 is moved to Item 3, Item 1 is moved to Item 4, and Items 4 – 7 are renumbered to follow in the same sequence.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 4773, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE ORDER OF PRIORITIZATION AS MOTIONED ABOVE AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Pruhs, Norum, Huntington  
NAYS: Cleworth  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4773, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Norum, Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth, Huntington  
NAYS: None  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 4773, as Amended, APPROVED.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### a) Committee Reports

Polaris Workgroup – **Mr. Pruhs** stated that the next meeting would be held at 3 p.m. on December 8 at the Explore Fairbanks Chamber.



Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors – **Mr. Norum** stated that he met with the Chair of the Board because he was unable to attend the last meeting. He stated that he is excited about serving as the City representative to the Board.

Opioid Task Force – **Ms. Rogers** stated that she understands that the Opioid Task Force is not an official City committee but that she finds it important to attend the meetings. She spoke to a survey being done by The Goldstream Group; she stated that she has already met with Mayor Matherly and plans to meet with Mayor Ward and Mayor Kassel to discuss leadership roles that will help remedy the opioid and heroin problem in the community.

**Mr. Norum** stated he would like to see the minutes from the Opioid Task Force meetings. **Ms. Rogers** stated the Mental Health Trust is doing the minutes but that she feels compelled to share information with the Council.

### COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) Memo Regarding Proposed Changes to the TCC Land Sale Agreement, Paragraph 4.4

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Memo Regarding the City of Fairbanks 2016 Auditing Services Contract

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Reappointment to the Building Code Review & Appeals Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Appointment to the Hotel-Motel Discretionary Fund Committee

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Memo Regarding City Representation on the FNSB Planning Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

**Mr. Pruhs** stated he had no comments.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated he had no comments.

**Mr. Norum** thanked the Council for the good work.

**Ms. Huntington** commended everyone and thanked Ms. Randle for all the hard work that went into preparing the 2017 City budget.

**Ms. Rogers** stated she would be physically absent from the next Regular Council Meeting but that she would be calling in. She asked if she needed to call in to the Finance Committee meeting the following morning. **Mayor Matherly** stated she did not need to call in for the Finance Committee meeting. **Ms. Rogers** expressed disappointment that she will miss the meeting with Interior Delegates the following day; she stated that she has already personally written to each delegate and has asked Ms. Therrien to deliver them.

**Ms. Therrien** asked if there was going to be a City Christmas party for all the employees. **Mayor Matherly** stated there will be a Christmas party on December 22, 2016 at City Hall. **Ms. Therrien** expressed concern that the City still has not received the report on the investigation into former Police Chief Randall Aragon.

**Mr. Norum** stated the party is a wonderful idea and asked if North Pole City Council Member, Santa Claus, would be able to attend.

**Mayor Matherly** thanked all of the public safety employees who responded to the tragedy that recently occurred at the Hampton Inn. He stated the event made national news, and it was handled professionally by all those involved. He expressed pride in serving as Fairbanks Mayor.

**Ms. Rogers** spoke to the suicide of one of her employees from McCafferty's, and she shared the importance of regular human contact. She reminded everyone to be kind to their neighbors and do their best to lift the spirits of others.

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing AFL-CIO Labor Negotiations and the Fairbanks Firefighters Union (FFU) Arbitration.

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

**Mayor Matherly** called for a brief recess.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

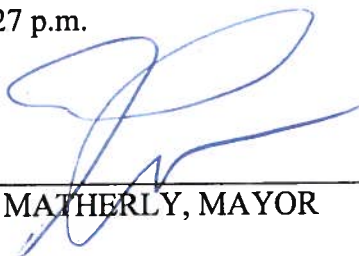
- a) Labor Contract Negotiations
- b) Fairbanks Firefighters Union (FFU) Arbitration
- c) The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss AFL-CIO Labor Negotiations and the FFU Arbitration. Direction was given to staff and no action was taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

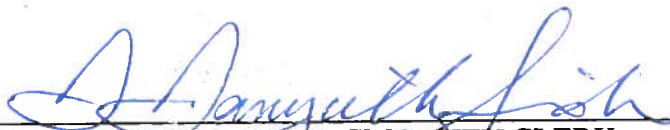
Mayor Matherly declared the meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.



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JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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D. DANYELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

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