



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 22, 2018
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 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
Jonathan Bagwill, Seat D
Jerry Cleworth, Seat E
David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: Clem Clooten, Building Official
Paul Ewers, City Attorney
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director
Stephanie Johnson, Dispatch Center Manager
Carmen Randle, Chief Financial Officer
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
Eric Jewkes, Police Chief
Bob Pristash, City Engineer
Jim Styers, Fire Chief
Christina Rowlett, Risk Manager/Purchasing Agent
Bill Rogers, Engineer II
Ron Templeton, Assistant Fire Chief
Patricia Manual, HR Administrative Assistant
Jeff Whipple, Engineer II

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Matherly asked Ms. Huntington to lead the Flag Salutation.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Matherly presented a Proclamation to Brenda Stanfill with the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living. Ms. Stanfill encouraged everyone to give the Center a call if they need assistance, and she left materials for the public informing them about the services at the Center.

Mayor Matherly thanked the Police Department for ending a standoff at the hospital earlier in the day without incident.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ashton Varner, 1617 Laurene Street, Fairbanks – Ms. Varner stated she moved to Fairbanks in March to be an AmeriCore VISTA volunteer. She spoke to the importance of hearing the community's voice. She invited everyone to visit the Borough website and participate in a survey; she also shared that there are paper surveys available at some Borough locations.

Heather Ravenhorst, P.O. Box 55983, North Pole – Ms. Ravenhorst stated she is the Executive Director of Communications, Development, & Engagements for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD). She spoke to an upcoming event that will be held at Ryan Middle School and shared that several City employees were nominated for awards.

Katie Richards, 1009 Galena Street, Fairbanks – Ms. Richards introduced her baby Remi and spoke to the need for more first responders. She spoke to a scary moment when her baby quit breathing and she had to call 9-1-1. She stated that staffing first responders is a no brainer and that the City needs to do better and hire more workers.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger congratulated everyone who ran for election whether they won or lost. He stated the potholes that were just filled a few weeks ago are already a problem again. He stated the new patches are not working and that Public Works needs a better solution. He stated the City needs to do a better job removing snow for pedestrians. He spoke in favor of opening Executive Sessions to the public.

Frank Turney, 1434 Lacey Street, Unit B, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney stated it was refreshing to see that no one was harmed at the standoff at the hospital earlier in the day. He thanked Mr. Bagwill and Ms. Huntington for their service. He stated he hopes Ms. Therrien will bring forward a resolution regarding harassment. He stated the Mayor was cold to the family of Cody Eyre.

Bryan Christie, 1434 Lacey Street Suite A, Fairbanks – Mr. Christie stated the Council should not force people to pay for garbage service and that a bill should be introduced to address the issue. He stated he is the longest-serving aide regarding Schaeffer Cox and shared that he believes Mr. Cox was not given a fair trial. Mr. Christie stated the communist Chinese are running the prison Mr. Cox is in and that Mr. Cox is a good man and a patriot.

Dorothy Shockley, 1950 Kingfisher Drive, Fairbanks – Ms. Shockley stated she has watched Ms. Huntington serve with grace, integrity, and passion and that she would like to publicly say so.

Shoshana Kun, 326 Wedgewood Drive, #E-27, Fairbanks – Ms. Kun thanked first responders for their work earlier in the day when there was a standoff at the hospital. She thanked everyone who voted in the election and thanked everyone who ran for office. She encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming state election.

Mike Farrell, P.O. Box 72822, Fairbanks – Mr. Farrell stated that a Council Member recently brought up the ongoing situation in South Africa. He stated that people who live in Zimbabwe

go to different countries to get away from the violence there. He stated that a Council Member promoted that and suggested that our constitution be amended to allow for free housing. Mr. Farrell spoke in support of Resolution No. 4852 and the need to keep Alaska's mineral wealth.

Darlene Herbert, 906 Woodlawn Road, Fairbanks – Ms. Herbert commended the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) for a job well done at the hospital earlier in the day. She stated she was happy that nobody was killed during the incident. She stated the police do not help Native people, and she is planning on suing them for it. She stated she is happy that there are some new members of the City Council.

Stephanie Maggard, 1222 Well Street, Fairbanks – Ms. Maggard asked if she was to speak about the Tanana Herb Company license now or later in the meeting. **Mayor Matherly** stated it would be up for comment later in the meeting under Special Orders.

Janelle Manchester, Fox – Ms. Manchester thanked the City Council for the work that they do and also thanked the City Clerk for her work on the election.

Hearing no more requests for public comment, **Mayor Matherly** declared Citizens' Comments closed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Cleworth pulled Resolution No. 4850 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 July 9, 2018.

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 and Location:

Type: Package Store, License #704
DBA: Costco Wholesale #1342
Applicant: Costco Wholesale Corporation
48 College Road, Fairbanks
From: Gavora's Liquor #2 / Market Basket, Inc.
1255 Airport Way, Fairbanks

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

Mayor Matherly called for testimony and, hearing none, declared Citizens' Comments closed.

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

b) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following application for a New Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility License:

Type: Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility, #15814

DBA: Tanana Herb Company, LLC

Applicant: Tanana Herb Company, LLC

Address: 1200 Well Street, Fairbanks, Alaska

Ms. Huntington, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to PROTEST the application for a New Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility License until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the Building Department.

Frank Turney – Mr. Turney spoke in favor of the new manufacturing facility license.

Stephanie Maggard – Ms. Maggard stated she shares a wall with the facility, and she can smell marijuana at her business. She asked what the City policy was on the issue. She stated there are also issues with Tanana Herb Company using too many parking spots.

Mr. Pruhs stated the parking lot would be an issue she would have to take up with the landlord and that he had tried to push for air filter requirements. He stated that she would have to deal with the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) on the issue.

Sam Hachey, 1208 Perkins Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Hachey stated he is co-owner of Tanana Herb Company and thanked Mr. Bagwill and Ms. Huntington for their service. He explained the process of manufacturing marijuana concentrates. He stated he would speak to his employees about where they are parking, because they have the whole lot across the street designated for that. He stated that he has an HVAC system but that it does not vent into the clinic next door.

Ms. Rogers stated she hopes the two tenants can get together and work as neighbors on the issues. Mr. Hachey stated he would be happy to work with Ms. Maggard to resolve any issues.

Ms. Therrien asked when they anticipate receiving a Certificate of Occupancy; Mr. Hachey stated best case scenario is six months.

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

Mr. Cleworth stated he thought the ordinance addressed air filtration systems.

Mr. Pruhs stated what is important is that Mr. Hachey is willing to work with his neighbors to come up with an acceptable solution.

Ms. Rogers stated she is comforted that Mr. Hachey is willing to work with his neighbors to find solutions.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO PROTEST THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW MARIJUANA CONCENTRATE MANUFACTURING FACILITY LICENSE UNTIL A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Pruhs, Huntington, Cleworth

NAYS: Bagwill

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Matherly again thanked the first responders for the aide they provided at the standoff at the hospital earlier in the day. He thanked Mr. Bagwill for serving as his choice to replace retired member, Mr. Norum, and he thanked Ms. Huntington for her service on the Council. **Mayor Matherly** reported the Anne Frank exhibit would be at the Noel Wien Library the following Friday and encouraged everyone to attend. He reported the FPD will be handing out glow sticks for Operation Glow on Halloween night and invited everyone to come to City Hall for trick-or-treating from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. on October 31.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Bagwill stated he had no comments.

Mr. Cleworth spoke to the importance of people voting; he stated that more citizens used to vote, and he would like to see more community involvement. **Mr. Cleworth**, in response to Mr. Christie's earlier comments about garbage service, stated that the service is not based on usage, and it is basically a tax. He stated it is too difficult to base rates on usage, and he attempted to roll the service into the tax cap when he was Mayor. He stated that maybe the Council could revisit the issue in the future.

Mr. Pruhs stated he had no comments.

Ms. Therrien, in response to Mr. Farrell's earlier comments, clarified that she did not say she wanted free housing in the U.S. Constitution or the Bill of Rights. She apologized for any misunderstanding.

Ms. Rogers stated she had no comments.

Ms. Huntington stated it will be exciting for new Council members to jump right into budget season. She encouraged community members to think about ways to contribute to the City's budgetary issues. She encouraged new Council members to be strong in the decisions they make because the job is not always easy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6085 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Sections 2-260 and 2-261 by Adding Real Asset Infrastructure Classifications, a Hedge Fund Beta Investment Tool, and Consistency in Index Language in the City Permanent Fund Investment Policy. Introduced by Council Member Therrien. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6085.

Frank Turney – Mr. Turney asked how much money is in the Permanent Fund.

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

Ms. Therrien stated there was a work session on the Permanent Fund, and she thought she addressed that issue during the meeting. Chief Financial Officer Carmen Randle stated the balance of the Fund is \$130 million.

Mr. Pruhs spoke to the thoughtfulness of the ordinance and mentioned previous market crashes that affected the Fund.

Mr. Cleworth spoke to past losses the Permanent Fund has suffered. He shared the importance of keeping the investments of the Fund balanced.

Ms. Rogers stated that she is comfortable with the language in the ordinance.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6085 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6085 ADOPTED.

- b) Ordinance No. 6086 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 – 2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA). Introduced by Mayor Matherly. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6086.

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

Mr. Cleworth asked whether the last sentence in the attachment referring to the 125 Plan should be in bold/underline format since it is also new language. Dispatch Manager Stephanie Johnson stated that it should be in bold/underline format because it is a change to the existing contract.

Mr. Cleworth asked City Attorney Paul Ewers if the change would require an amendment or whether the Council could just agree that it was missed in the preparation of the document. Mr. Ewers stated it could be corrected without amendment.

Ms. Huntington stated it is long overdue that Police and Dispatch employees have affordable healthcare; she stated she is happy that it will be one of the last things she will vote on as a Council Member. She thanked Mr. Pruhs for always fighting to keep the Brandt family in mind when considering health insurance.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6086 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Bagwill, Therrien, Cleworth, Huntington
NAYS: Pruhs
Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6086 ADOPTED.

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

a) Certification of the 2018 Municipal Election Results

City Clerk Danyielle Snider read the following 2018 Municipal Election results into the record:

SHOSHANA KUN, having received the majority number of votes cast for CITY COUNCIL SEAT A, for a three-year term ending October 2021, is hereby declared elected as a Member of the Fairbanks City Council.

JUNE ROGERS, having received the majority number of votes cast for CITY COUNCIL SEAT B, for a three-year term ending October 2021, is hereby declared elected as a Member of the Fairbanks City Council.

KATHRYN OTTERSTEN, having received the majority number of votes cast for CITY COUNCIL SEAT D, for a one-year term ending October 2019, is hereby declared elected as a Member of the Fairbanks City Council.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to Certify the 2018 Municipal Election Results.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO CERTIFY THE 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and the 2018 Election Results CERTIFIED.

b) Council Members' Comments

Ms. Huntington thanked Mr. Pruhs for giving her the confidence to run for City Council, and she thanked her mother for being so helpful while she served. **Ms. Huntington** stated she was happy to have worked with the Council over the years and for the support she has been given by the other members. She stated she has always loved the community but that she loves it a million times more than when she began serving on the Council.

Ms. Rogers stated she happened to be sitting in the audience the night Council member Perry Walley resigned; she stated that a number of people encouraged her to apply to serve on the Council. **Ms. Rogers** thanked everyone for voting in the election and thanked all those who ran for office. She shared her love of advocacy work on various coalitions and the Fairbanks Diversity Council.

Ms. Therrien thanked Mr. Bagwill for being a good Council member; she expressed appreciation to him for walking her to her car after late night meetings. She stated she will miss serving with Ms. Huntington and congratulated her on the growth of her business. **Ms. Therrien** stated she was thankful that Ms. Rogers would continue to serve by her side even though they sometimes do not agree on issues. **Ms. Therrien** suggested the Council get together to have a brainstorm session to talk about how they would like to see the City move forward.

Mr. Pruhs thanked Mr. Bagwill for serving and stated that he enjoyed working with him. **Mr. Pruhs** stated it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with Ms. Rogers, and he is glad she will be serving for three more years. He spoke to how much he respects and admires Ms. Huntington and that she has many more things to accomplish in life. He stated he cannot wait to see what she does next.

Mr. Cleworth stated being a preacher is one of the hardest jobs anyone could ever do, and he thanked Mr. Bagwill for serving with respect and for being a gentleman to the core. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he did not know Ms. Huntington until she ran for Council and congratulated her on the success of her small business. He shared that he admires her for being a strong business owner. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he has known Ms. Rogers for many years and that she has always been kind and supportive.

Mr. Bagwill gave honor to God for directing his life which lead him to serve on the Council for 14 months. He thanked his family for supporting him during his term. He thanked those who voted for him for putting their faith in him. He congratulated Ms. Ottersten on her victory and thanked her for meeting with him and for her professionalism.

Mayor Matherly welcomed Ms. Rogers back to the Council and shared stories of how well he has known her for many years.

Ms. Huntington congratulated Ms. Kun for her victory and shared that she feels comfortable leaving her seat in such good hands.

Mayor Matherly called for a brief recess.

c) Oaths of Office

City Clerk Snider swore in Council Members Shoshana Kun, June Rogers, and Kathryn Ottersten. All members assumed their respective seats.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4848 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept Funds from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security for the FFY2018 State Homeland Security Program. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 4849 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept Funds from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security for the FFY2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Resolution No. 4850– A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept Funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the FFY2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program. Introduced by Council Member Therrien.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4850.

Mr. Cleworth spoke to budgetary concerns and stated that there are no salary increases for the PSEA or the FFU in the current budget. He stated the SAFER grant is essentially a \$514,000 bill that the City will have to pay over the next three years. He stated he does not see a funding source that allows the Council to accept the grant. **Mr. Cleworth** stated accepting the funds is not prudent, and he encouraged other Council members to deny the grant funds.

Ms. Therrien stated she understood that Mr. Cleworth would vote in favor of the SAFER Grant if it were to fund only two positions. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he would vote for a grant that only funded two positions but that he cannot get behind funding four positions.

Fire Chief Jim Styers asked Grants Administrator Carrie Peterson whether the number of grant-funded positions could be reduced. Ms. Peterson stated that they could change the number of positions, but there would be no guarantee the City would receive the grant.

Ms. Therrien asked if someone could explain the overtime savings that would result from the City receiving the grant. Chief Styers spoke to a handout the Council was given and stated that it is difficult to provide an exact dollar amount because he cannot predict the future. **Ms. Therrien** stated the City's match of \$109,621 does not have to be paid until 2019; Chief Styers confirmed that is correct and that the new positions would not be brought on until late February.

Mr. Pruhs asked when the City may anticipate receiving Medicaid reimbursements. City staff reported that it would likely be 2020 until the City received those reimbursements. **Mr. Pruhs** asked whether the SAFER grant is tied to individuals or the positions; Chief Styers stated he did not understand the question. **Mr. Pruhs** asked Chief Styers to confirm whether a person hired under the SAFER grant could move up in the department; Chief Styers replied affirmatively.

Ms. Rogers asked for clarification as to whether the SAFER grant administrators would work with the City and reduce the number of positions being funded by the grant. Chief Styers stated that it is a possibility, but the City has to let them know by November 1.

Ms. Therrien stated that she is not in favor of cutting the funding down to one position. She asked whether the City could use the General Fund balance to cover the first year of the grant. Ms. Randle advised against using the General Fund balance for labor-type costs.

Mr. Pruhs stated he thinks the City can afford to move forward with the grant. He stated the Council will have to sit down and pencil it all out in 2019. He stated he would be voting in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Cleworth explained that if they accept the SAFER grant, there will be no money for salary increases for the two largest departments at the City.

Mr. Cleworth moved to AMEND Resolution No. 4850 by reducing the SAFER grant to fund two positions instead of four. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Ottersten asked about the minimum dollar amount paid for overtime. Ms. Randle stated that overtime at the department is typically between \$400,000 and \$500,000 and that this year they are on track to spend \$500,000. She stated that she does not necessarily share Chief Styers' view that there would be a significant reduction in overtime as a result of the SAFER grant. Chief Styers stated that so many factors go into overtime, and it is hard to make predictions

Ms. Rogers thanked Chief Styers for the information he provided and for pledging to keep an eye on the overtime budget.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4850 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Kun, Ottersten, Therrien, Pruhs, Rogers

NAYS: Cleworth

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 4850 APPROVED.

- d) Resolution No. 4851 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the FFY2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Resolution No. 4852 – A Resolution Reaffirming the Alaska Statehood Act and Its Section 28(a) 90 Per Centum Provision Regarding Oil Royalties and Reaffirming City of Fairbanks Resolution No. 3701. Introduced by Council Member Cleworth.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- f) Ordinance No. 6087 – An Ordinance Amending the 2018 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Third Time. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- g) Ordinance No. 6088 – An Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Easement Requested by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the Fairbanks Cushman Street Bridge Project. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) 2019 Budget Review Proposed Meeting Schedule

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to APPROVE the City Council Budget Meeting Schedule.

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

- b) City Council Member Committee Assignments

Ms. Ottersten indicated she would be willing to take over Mr. Bagwill's seat on the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors.

Ms. Kun stated she would be willing to take Ms. Huntington's place on the Public Safety Commission.

All other members confirmed willingness to continue in their respective Committee assignments.

- c) Committee Reports

Permanent Fund Review Board – **Ms. Therrien** stated the Permanent Fund Review Board had met recently, and she is happy to report that income has increased.

Polaris Work Group – **Mr. Pruhs** stated that now that the Supreme Court Justice issue is behind the Senate, he will now be able to begin meeting again with Senators to discuss the Polaris issue.

FMATS Policy Board – **Mr. Cleworth** stated that several City streets were able to be addressed because projects were ready to go. He stated the Board prioritized road projects for the coming year, and he listed the projects that fall within the City. He stated they have not yet approved the

2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), but he is hoping Le Ann Drive, the balance of E Street, and Bonnifield Street will be included.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Kun thanked everyone for voting and shared that is an honor for her to serve on the Council.

Ms. Rogers welcomed the new Council members and stated that she has gotten to know each of them quite well. She thanked those who voted in the local election and reminded everyone that the State elections are coming up. She stated that when people see a need in the community, it is important do something about it. She thanked everyone for their support.

Ms. Therrien stated she is looking forward to working on the budget and searching for new sources of revenue.

Ms. Ottersten thanked the voters for giving her a chance to serve on the Council. She thanked Mr. Bagwill for meeting with her and for giving her some valuable advice. She spoke to making history in the recent election with two transgender people being elected to local office.

Mr. Cleworth welcomed the new Council members and stated that he looks forward to working with them. He shared his concern for approving a \$500,000 item with no revenue source. He congratulated the Legal Department for their recent victories in court.

Mr. Pruhs welcomed Ms. Kun and Ms. Ottersten to the Council. He stated he likes Ms. Therrien's idea of the Council getting together and determining a direction for Fairbanks. He thanked City staff for the great jobs that they do.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Ewers reported success in the Gavora, Inc. trial with a \$0 liability to the City of Fairbanks. He shared that the Roberts (Fairbanks Four) case had been dismissed.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Ottersten**, moved to ENTER Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Regional Fire Training Center Claims, PSEA Labor Negotiations, and IBEW Labor Negotiations.

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

Mayor Matherly called for a brief recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Regional Fire Training Center Claims
- b) PSEA Labor Negotiations
- c) IBEW Labor Negotiations

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss Regional Fire Training Center Claims, PSEA Labor Negotiations, and IBEW Labor Negotiations. Direction was given to legal counsel and the negotiating teams, and no action was taken.

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 11:10 p.m.



JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



D. DANYELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: EB