



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 5, 2018
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:30 p.m. Work Session for the Explore Fairbanks Annual Report, 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: Shoshana Kun, Seat A
 June Rogers, Seat B
 Valerie Therrien, Seat C
 Kathryn Ottersten, Seat D
 Jerry Cleworth, Seat E
 David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent: None

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
 Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
 Eric Jewkes, Police Chief
 Mike Sanders, Housing & Homeless Coordinator
 Clem Clooten, Building Official
 Carmen Randle, Chief Financial Officer

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. Ottersten to lead the Flag Salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Sam Hachey, 2008 Perkins Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Hachey welcomed the new faces to the Council. He reported that he had met with the neighboring business, and they are working together to resolve the issues that were brought to his attention. Mr. Hachey stated he updated his carbon filters, and they are looking into additional air purifiers throughout the space.

Mr. Pruhs asked Mr. Hachey how many people he employs at Tanana Herb Company. Mr. Hachey replied that he has six full-time employees, plus a few employees staffed through Big Leaf Staffing when extra help is needed.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger stated he enjoyed the presentation from Explore Fairbanks, but he was bothered by the fact that they are not addressing the public restroom issue. He stated public restrooms are a real asset to tourism and that he was surprised it was not addressed at all in their presentation. He stated tourists should be offered adult diapers when they visit Fairbanks since the Council will not fund a public restroom.

Frank Turney, 1434 Lacey Street, Unit B, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney welcomed the new members to the City Council and stated that maybe now some things can get done around the City. He spoke in favor of Alaska keeping 90% of mineral royalties. He stated people who have had their dividends garnished for not paying garbage service should be reimbursed by the City. He spoke to the need the voter database to be purged as there are a lot of deceased people on the register.

Bryan Christie, 1434 Lacey Street, Unit A, Fairbanks – Mr. Christie stated he is in attendance on his son's behalf and that he would like his son to be reimbursed for the garnishment of his dividend. Mr. Christie stated Schaeffer Cox is a local hero who has been wrongfully imprisoned, and he is worried Mr. Cox is going to get scurvy because of the poor living conditions at the prison he is in. Mr. Christie stated Mr. Cox is a good family man who was standing up for people's constitutional rights when he was shut up by the Feds. Mr. Christie stated it is wrong to have a dividend garnished in order to pay for a service that is not used.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Ottersten**, 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.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Matherly encouraged everyone to get out and vote in the upcoming State election. He addressed Mr. Christie's concern about his son being forced to pay for garbage service and explained that it is a tax. **Mayor Matherly** reported he had spoken to Mr. Christie's son, and his son understands he must pay the garbage collection fees.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Ottersten thanked Mr. Hachey for his update to the Council. She acknowledged Mr. Buberger's comments and stated that public restrooms are important to her.

Mr. Cleworth stated he does not recall a time when a Permanent Fund Dividend garnishment was reimbursed.

Mr. Pruhs stated he had no comments.

Ms. Therrien stated she had no comments.

Ms. Rogers thanked Mr. Hachey for returning to update the Council on the status of the concerns of the other tenant in the building. She stated public restrooms are an important issue to her as well and that it is discussed often in many of the meetings she has attended.

Ms. Kun thanked Mr. Cleworth for bringing forward the 90/10 resolution and thanked Mr. Hachey for his update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6087 – An Ordinance Amending the 2018 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Third Time. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6087.

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

Mr. Cleworth stated the minimum General Fund balance is \$7,000,000, and he explained the necessity of that requirement. He stated that since much of the City's revenue comes in in the last part of the year, cash flow can be a challenge earlier in the year. He stated that funds in excess of the minimum fund balance are all the City has for emergencies.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6087 by transferring \$1.75 million from the General Fund to the Capital Fund.

Ms. Rogers stated she agrees with Mr. Cleworth and expressed appreciation for his amendment.

Ms. Ottersten asked whether the transferred funds would be available to use if the City needed to cover costs arising out of the contamination issue in South Fairbanks. Ms. Randle stated that if the need arose, the City would have to use the Risk Fund and the General Fund to cover costs until the funds were reimbursed through property taxes the following year.

Ms. Therrien asked if the Council usually does a budget amendment at this time of year. Ms. Randle stated the timeline has varied from year to year; she spoke to the need for Capital Funds and stated she supports the transfer.

Mr. Pruhs stated the prior year, the Council spent \$3.4 million on the water contamination issue, and he does not anticipate it costing more this year.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6087 BY TRANSFERRING \$1.75 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL FUND AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Kun, Ottersten, Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth, Rogers

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6087, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Ottersten, Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth, Kun

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6087, as Amended, ADOPTED.

- b) 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. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6088.

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6088 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Pruhs, Rogers, Kun, Ottersten, Therrien

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6088 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6089 – An Ordinance to Amend Fairbanks General Code Chapter 46, Article IV, Offenses Involving Nuisances, by Enacting Division 4, Illegal Campsites. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Committee Reports

Housing & Homeless Coalition – **Ms. Rogers** stated she is pleased with the forward motion of

the Coalition and spoke to how wonderful Mike Sanders is. She shared that they had a surprise visit from the manager of Costco who wants to work with the Coalition.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Kun thanked those involved in putting on the “No One Left Behind” event, and she recognized first responders who were awarded.

Ms. Rogers stated she received an email from a citizen regarding an idea to participate in community forestry program. She spoke in support of the idea.

Ms. Therrien requested to be excused from the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2018.

Mayor Matherly called for objection to Ms. Therrien’s request to be excused from the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2018 and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Ms. Therrien shared that she and Ms. Rogers would be working the polls for the State election at the Aurora precinct.

Mr. Pruhs thanked Chief Jewkes for his department’s response to recent issues. **Mr. Pruhs** stated he has not been feeling well lately, and that is why his voice sounds nasally.

Mr. Cleworth spoke to Council Member attendance by telephone. He stated the Council had made accommodations for a former member who was in the hospital, and he requested that the Council revisit the issue and remove the allowance for telephonic participation.

Ms. Ottersten commended the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) for their response to the standoff at the hospital. She stated she spent the previous Tuesday working with Dre from Public Works on a trash truck, and it was an excellent cardio workout. **Ms. Ottersten** spoke well of the work that the Public Works crews do.

Mayor Matherly thanked FPD for a job well done in recent incidents. He stated the garbage collectors do a good job, and he agrees that it is not an easy job. He asked Chief of Staff Mike Meeks to give an update on the City’s legislative priorities.

Mr. Meeks stated he would get the list of legislative priorities out to Council members later in the week for review.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to ENTER Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 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) PSEA Labor Negotiations
- b) IBEW Labor Negotiations

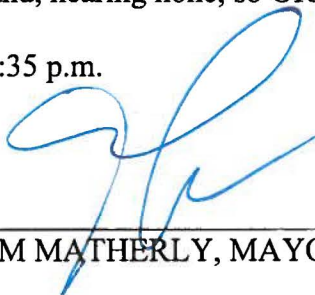
The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss PSEA Labor Negotiations and IBEW Labor Negotiations. Direction was given to the negotiating teams, and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

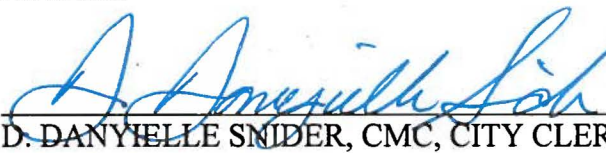
Mayor Matherly called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Matherly declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



D. DANYELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

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