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FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 22, 2019  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a Work Session on the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services, 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  
    Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager  
    Carmen Randle, Chief Financial Officer  
    Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director  
    Eric Jewkes, Police Chief  
    Martha Jewkes, FECC Administrative Assistant  
    Matt Soden, FPD Lieutenant  
    Teal Soden, Communications Director  
    Dan Welborn, Deputy Police Chief  
    Bob Pristash, City Engineer  
    Ron Templeton, Assistant Fire Chief

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 everyone to join him for the Flag Salutation.

## CEREMONIAL MATTERS

**Mayor Matherly** invited Police Chief Eric Jewkes and his family to come forward and thanked him for his 25 years of service to the City. **Mayor Matherly** stated Chief Jewkes has served the Police Department in many capacities throughout his career. **Mayor Matherly** spoke kindly of Chief Jewkes' temperament, personality, and community involvement. He thanked Chief Jewkes' family for their support, and he thanked Chief Jewkes for being great to work with.

Chief Jewkes spoke about what it takes to survive as a police officer, and he spoke of the friends he has lost along the way. He acknowledged his family for the lessons they taught him and for the love they have shared with him. Chief Jewkes thanked Mayor Matherly for his trust and stated that he was humbled by the support he provided.

## CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jim Richardson, 1032 8th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Richardson stated he has lived on 8th Avenue since 1980 and shared his concern for snow removal on City sidewalks. He stated it is important for the City to keep the sidewalks clear and shared that the City has the equipment to do so. He spoke of the lack of snow removal in the City and stated more needs to be done next winter; he volunteered to operate a plow in order to help things get done.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger stated the City needs to do better with patching potholes. He stated Fairbanks is the pothole capital of the U.S.A. He stated the City also needs to do a better job keeping the sidewalks clear during the winter.

Frank Turney, 1034 Lacey Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney wished Chief Jewkes good luck in the construction business; he expressed disappointment that the Chief never went to lunch with him and Mr. Buberger. Mr. Turney stated he was happy to see that the Public Defender's Office is not going to appeal the conviction of Sgt. Allen Brandt's killer, and he questioned why Dispatch sent only one officer to respond to the call of shots being fired at the Westmark Hotel. Mr. Turney stated he is working on an initiative petition regarding onsite consumption, and the Clerk advised it may be ready the following day. He spoke to privilege and stated that Mr. Pruhs is a perfect example of white privilege. **Mayor Matherly** called a point of order.

**Mr. Pruhs** asked Mr. Turney whether he would continue with the citizens' initiative if the ordinance to allow onsite consumption is adopted by the Council. Mr. Turney replied that he would continue.

Jeanne Olson, 1890 Hollowell Road, North Pole – Ms. Olson spoke to the need to improve air quality. She stated that citizens will not wait for government to take the bull by the horns and that "Citizens for Clean Air" is installing air monitors to independently monitor air quality.

**Mayor Matherly** asked Ms. Olson to send an email the Council with the information.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked about the cost of the monitors. Ms. Olson stated they can buy 100 of the monitors from Switzerland and manufacture the sheet metal locally. She stated the cost is about

\$1700 installed, and the cost of electricity is a 30-watt light bulb. **Mr. Cleworth** asked how many violators there are in the Borough; Ms. Olson stated there are many during burn bans, but she does not have a firm number to provide.

Shaun Tacke, 4720 Drake Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Tacke stated he is speaking as a citizen, not as a Borough representative; he echoed Ms. Olson’s comments about air quality monitoring. He spoke in favor of the onsite consumption of cannabis. He stated that without a place in the City to legally consume, people will go to establishments just outside the City to consume, but City police will still have to respond to calls that result. Mr. Tacke stated by not allowing onsite consumption, the Council would be hurting businesses within City limits because it is legal elsewhere. He stated he did not move his business inside the City because he was concerned about the way the City Council would receive the issue of onsite consumption. He asked the Council not to pass the substituted ordinance because citizens are working on an initiative.

Jeremiah Youmans, 1354 Warner Street, North Pole – Mr. Youmans echoed Mr. Tacke’s comments. He stated he supports onsite consumption and spoke in support of State House Bill 84, a non-discrimination bill.

**Ms. Kun** clarified that the bill Mr. Youmans is referring to is House Bill 82.

Keenan Hollister, 1138 Coppet Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Hollister stated he is the owner of Pakalolo Supply Company, and he spoke in support of onsite consumption. He stated that the cannabis industry has been exemplary in rolling out a new industry. He stated there has not been an increase in crime or other problems resulting from the legalization of cannabis, and he shared his frustration with those who hold office and have personal or moral issues with cannabis. He asked what the point is for taxpayers to pay taxes if the Council just passes issues back to the voters to decide. Mr. Hollister stated the Council is annoying voters by forcing these types of decisions on them, and the City will lose revenue if it bans onsite consumption. He stated that onsite consumption will happen in the Borough. He stated his company has paid taxes to the City of Fairbanks for three years, and if he starts another business he will look outside City limits because of the restrictions brought on by the Council. He stated he has lived in the City his whole life, but he has been met with many challenges having a business inside City limits.

**Ms. Kun** thanked Mr. Hollister for testifying and asked if he believes that voters who supported the legalization of marijuana knew that they were potentially voting for onsite consumption. Mr. Hollister stated voters were voting to make it legal, so they would assume that a legal place to consume the substance would go hand-in-hand. He stated business owners have proven that they can provide a safe place for legal marijuana to be sold, and they should be allowed to provide a place where it can legally be consumed. He stated the last vote was a 70/30 vote, and the Council should not ignore that. He stated the marijuana industry has provided a revenue stream to the City of Fairbanks, and those in the industry should not be treated as second-class citizens.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked Mr. Hollister how the City of Fairbanks has impeded his business. Mr. Hollister stated he was speaking in hyperbole, but if the City does not allow onsite consumption it is placing additional legislation on a business within City limits. He stated the Council

enforced stricter buffer zones and limited the number of retail licenses allowed without the voice of the voters, so the Council should be able to handle the vote on this issue.

**Mr. Pruhs** asked Mr. Hollister whether privilege would be taken away from his business if the ordinance passed. Mr. Hollister stated businesses inside City limits will be hurt if the Council does not allow onsite consumption.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Mr. Hollister his thoughts on the City of North Pole's ban on cannabis. Mr. Hollister stated the City of North Pole banned cannabis when it first became legal. He stated that there are cannabis businesses in North Pole, just not within the very small boundaries of the City limits. He stated the marijuana industry brings in so much revenue that the City could afford a fully-staffed police department with the additional revenue brought in by onsite consumption.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Mr. Hollister about the information put about by the American Lung Association (ALA) relating to secondhand smoke. Mr. Hollister stated ALA has focused closely on tobacco smoke and that cannabis smoke does not have the same effects. **Ms. Rogers** asked how he could provide a smoke-free workplace to his employees in keeping with state regulations. Mr. Hollister stated there are specific restrictions on air filtration, and regulations already state that there can be no standing smoke. He stated owners will have to install quality air filtration systems if they want to provide a venue for onsite consumption. **Ms. Rogers** stated she had heard that installing the proper equipment would be so costly it would be unaffordable to owners. Mr. Hollister stated it is a requirement that establishments provide employees with an air-controlled, smoke-free space to observe the consumption area. **Ms. Rogers** asked Mr. Hollister his thoughts about Fairbanks Police Department's (FPD) view of onsite consumption. Mr. Hollister stated he has worked well with FPD and that impairment can happen for a variety of reasons. He stated, however, that it is a person's right to determine whether they are impaired, just as they do with alcohol consumption.

Pearson Crosby, 4720 Drake Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Crosby gave his background with law enforcement and spoke about the training he provides to military and police officers. He stated people drive drunk all the time, and the City should not succumb to “reefer madness”. He asked the Council to stop wasting everyone's time by debating the issue and allow onsite consumption.

Dan Peters, GoodSinse, LLC, Fairbanks – Mr. Peters stated he would like to see Ordinance No. 6101 pass in its original form because the industry will pursue an initiative petition if it fails. He stated people want a place to legally consume marijuana, and with proper air handling there will be no air quality issues in consumption areas. He stated the City should stay in line with the rest of the state where onsite consumption is legal.

**Mr. Pruhs** asked Mr. Peters whether he owned the property where his business is located and whether his business was affected by the water contamination in the area. Mr. Peters stated that he owns the property, and it was affected by the water contamination issue.

David van den Berg, Fairbanks Downtown Association – Mr. van den Berg spoke to the importance of snow removal on City sidewalks and in support of a sobering center. He stated

City bed tax funds should not have to be used for general services. He asked whether any research had been done in regard to allowing volunteers to help maintain the downtown area.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mx. Ottersten**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

**Mayor Matherly** requested that the Memorandum from the Public Works Director regarding an update on a Capital budget amendment be added to the Agenda under Written Communications to the City Council.

**Mr. Pruhs** pulled Resolution No. 4875 from the Consent Agenda.

**Mayor Matherly** called for objection to the APPROVAL of the Agenda, as Amended, 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 December 3, 2018.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

a) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Premises Address
4465	Roundup Steak House	Beverage Dispensary	The Last Roundup, LLC	2701 S. Cushman Street

**Ms. Kun**, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to PROTEST the Liquor License Application for Renewal until a fire inspection is completed and passed.

Gene Lunney, Fairbanks – Mr. Lunney stated Ms. Christensen owns the liquor license, but he manages the business. He stated he was unaware that the Fire Department had an issue and has been trying to get reach of Ms. Christensen. He stated the property does not have a lot of police calls, and his patrons do not have fights. He shared that he works closely with the Alaska State Troopers to combat fraud.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated the protest would only be in effect until an inspection is passed, which is standard operating procedure. He asked if the upstairs liquor license was still in operation; Mr. Lunney replied that it is and that it is a duplicate license of the downstairs license.

**Ms. Therrien** asked how long it would take to get the items on the inspection list complete. Mr. Lunney stated he met with Deputy Fire Chief Ron Templeton, and it should only take a few days to complete the punch list of items.

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO PROTEST THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL UNTIL A FIRE INSPECTION IS COMPLETED AND PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

#### a) Special Reports

Dawn Murphy, Explore Fairbanks – Ms. Murphy spoke about upcoming community events and to the money Explore Fairbanks has raised in the community. She spoke about the number of visitors Explore Fairbanks brings to the City of Fairbanks.

**Mayor Matherly** stated that weather reports are saying to expect snow and asked that everyone drive carefully. He thanked Chief Jewkes for his years of service to the City of Fairbanks and congratulated candidate Nancy Reeder on being selected. He expressed hope that the Council would confirm the Police Chief appointment and thanked everyone involved in the process.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Mr. Pruhs** spoke to the comments directed toward him about white privilege; he shared that when he cut a caller off on his radio show it had nothing to do with privilege.

**Ms. Therrien** requested that the Mayor and Chief of Staff Meeks take a look at how to deal with sidewalk snow removal for the next year's winter season.

**Ms. Rogers** thanked Mr. Richardson for being diligent in his communication about City sidewalks and snow removal. She indicated some sort of volunteer effort would be helpful to the community and would help increase mobility.

**Ms. Kun** thanked the cannabis industry for being represented at the meeting and for speaking about onsite consumption. She thanked everyone who spoke at the meeting.

**Mx. Ottersten** acknowledged that April is Autism Awareness Month and asked everyone to be aware of the issue. **Mx. Ottersten** stated they are on the autism spectrum, and they appreciate some of their gifts that have been highlighted as a result of it.

**Mr. Cleworth** spoke of the downtown Clean Team that used to exist in Fairbanks under the umbrella of Festival Fairbanks; he stated that the program lost funding. He stated it was a good service while it lasted and stated it would be nice to find a way to use volunteers for community snow removal. He suggested that granting equipment for volunteers to use may be a way to avoid liability to the City.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Ordinance No. 6101 – An Ordinance Amending FGC Sec. 14-213, Restrictions on Marijuana Establishments, to Allow Onsite Consumption in Accordance with State Law. Introduced by Council Members Kun and Ottersten. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2019.

*The motion to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6101 was made by **Mx. Ottersten** and seconded by **Ms. Kun** at the April 8, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.*

**Mayor Matherly** stated there is a proposed substitute for Ordinance No. 6101.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to SUBSTITUTE Ordinance No. 6101, as Amended, for Ordinance No. 6101.

**Mx. Ottersten** stated they are opposed to the substitute version because they believe the Council needs to vote on the issue. **Mx. Ottersten** stated there needs to be a place for people to legally consume marijuana. **Mx. Ottersten** stated hookah lounges are allowed, so the argument about a smoke-free workplace is preposterous. **Mx. Ottersten** stated onsite consumption is becoming legal in other states, and Alaska laws are stricter than laws in other states.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated he wants to consider only the original ordinance because the amended version is not sponsored by the authors of the original. He stated he would vote against the substituted version.

**Mr. Kun** stated she would like the Council to vote on the issue as they were elected to do. She stated that having the people vote on the issue of onsite consumption would be similar to having them vote on the City budget. She stated the thing she was hearing most from citizens was that the Council should decide and quit trying to send the issue to City voters.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated the original ballot proposition for the legalization of marijuana spoke specifically about public consumption; he stated it did not say anything about allowing it. He stated the Council will get criticized no matter how they choose to deal with the issue because there are people strongly in favor and strongly opposed to onsite consumption. He stated the people voted to make it legal, and the people have a right to vote on changes to the legality of it. **Mr. Cleworth** stated it was his understanding that it would save everyone time by putting it to

the vote of the people. He read the language of the original ballot measure to legalize marijuana and reiterated that the decision on onsite consumption should be left up to the people. He stated the Council should be vote on budgets and labor contracts, and he does not like being involved in these kinds of moral decisions. **Mr. Cleworth** encouraged the Council to allow the public process to go forward and to stay out of the way of voters.

**Mx. Ottersten** stated public consumption is walking down the street with a beer in-hand; they stated that if someone is in the Mecca Bar they are no longer in public. **Mx. Ottersten** stated someone can walk down the street with no shirt and no shoes, but they may not enter a private establishment dressed that way. **Mx. Ottersten** stated if someone is consuming in a private establishment, the owner has the right to regulate patrons because they are no longer a public environment. **Mx. Ottersten** stated Mr. Cleworth's store is not a public place, and if someone is acting in a way he finds inappropriate he can ask someone to leave. **Mx. Ottersten** stated a person can no more walk down the street with a bong than they could with a bottle of whiskey.

**Ms. Therrien** stated she believes the Council is being responsible in debating whether to put the issue on the ballot, and she spoke in support of putting the issue before City voters.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked Ms. Therrien what would happen if the Council and the voters put similar propositions on the ballot. **Ms. Therrien** stated there is no way to know if there would be enough signatures to get the issue on the ballot, but if the citizens' initiative moved forward, the Council could withdraw its ballot question.

**Mr. Pruhs** reminded the Council that the motion on the floor is to substitute.

**Ms. Kun** stated she appreciates the work that went into the proposed substitute but encouraged the Council to move forward and allow onsite consumption. She stated that she believes a citizens' initiative would pass if it went to a vote of the people.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE NO. 6101, AS AMENDED, FOR ORDINANCE NO. 6101 AS FOLLOWS:

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

**Mx. Ottersten** stated they have read emails and listened to testimony, and people are genuinely interested in the issue of onsite consumption. **Mx. Ottersten** stated the additional regulations the City has placed on the industry have proven to be unnecessary. **Mx. Ottersten** stated they would support a slower rollout rather than just pushing it off to the voters in October.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated there was too much confusion when the voters first voted to legalize marijuana, and that is the reason he would like the public to have the opportunity to vote on the issue of onsite consumption. He explained why it is an important decision for the voters to make and not one that the Council should force upon them.

**Ms. Kun** spoke to Hempfest which was a huge festival that took place on public/private land; she stated that it brought about conversation in determining what is public and private land. She explained the difference and stated the Council should be regulating marijuana like alcohol.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated he has asked the industry how they would be impacted if the Council did not allow onsite consumption. He stated he could not get behind the idea of taking away someone's right. He stated he did not see the issue as a morality issue, rather an economic issue.

**Ms. Therrien** asked Attorney Ewers whether there would be a change to the number of licenses or buffer zones if the ordinance passes. Mr. Ewers replied there would be no change. **Ms. Therrien** asked whether there would be a conflict if the citizen-initiated question moved forward and the Council adopted Ordinance No. 6101. Mr. Ewers stated that the portion of the citizens' initiative to allow onsite consumption would essentially be redundant to Ordinance No. 6101 if the Council adopted it. He added that the other two marijuana-related issues in the initiative would remove some of the restrictions the Council put into place if it is approved by voters.

**Mx. Ottersten** stated that they do not believe onsite consumption will be negative. They stated they are willing to step back from personal feelings and come to a compromise.

**Ms. Kun** asked marijuana business owners in the audience how long it would take an applicant to go through the entire process to obtain an onsite consumption endorsement. City Clerk Snider advised that one Council member cannot open public comment; she stated it would take a majority vote of the Council to do so. **Ms. Kun** stated she would guess that the whole process would take six to nine months.

**Mr. Cleworth** again stated that City voters should be able to make this decision for themselves.

**Ms. Rogers** stated she has a problem when people comment that the Council has a responsibility to a small part of the population. She stated that the Council has a responsibility to all City residents and that money should not be a part of the discussion. She expressed agreement with many of Mr. Cleworth's comments.

**Ms. Therrien** stated she will support the ordinance; she spoke against removing the buffer zones or the number of licensed retail stores.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6101 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ottersten, Kun, Therrien, Pruhs  
NAYS: Cleworth, Rogers  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6101 ADOPTED.

**Mayor Matherly** called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened after the brief recess.

- b) Ordinance No. 6102 – An Ordinance Establishing an Incentive Bonus Program within Fairbanks Emergency Communication Center for Recruitment and Hiring. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6102.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to SUBSTITUTE Ordinance No. 6102, as Amended, for Ordinance No. 6102.

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

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

**Mayor Matherly** asked Fairbanks Emergency Communication Center (FECC) Manager Kristi Merideth to come forward for a staff report. Ms. Merideth spoke to the needs of the Dispatch Department. She stated that staffing is low and that recruiting lateral dispatchers would decrease training time by four to five months. She stated there are currently eight fully-trained staff members and five in training; she stated that it takes seven to nine more months to complete training. She stated low staffing is causing high overtime.

HR Director Angela Foster-Snow asked Ms. Merideth to speak to the issues resulting from extremely low staffing. Ms. Merideth stated only one employee can take leave at a time, which forces people to look at other jobs because they can never use their leave. She stated employees work 63 hours per week when the schedule is equally shared. She stated there are 504 hours that need to be filled per month, and all staff will be required to work 16 hour shifts with an 8 hour turnaround in May.

**Mayor Matherly** stated it costs less in training dollars and time to bring on lateral hires and approving the ordinance would be cost effective.

**Ms. Kun** asked if the bonus could be paid out over the course of three years; Ms. Foster-Snow stated that in order to make the offer competitive it would be better to pay it all out at one time.

**Ms. Therrien** stated she would vote in favor of the ordinance.

**Ms. Kun** asked about the Dispatch training program. Ms. Merideth explained that the program can take up to a year to complete; she stated if an employee had prior training, it would only take about four months to come up to speed.

Ms. Foster-Snow explained that making the bonus as attractive as possible would help the department. She stated if Ms. Merideth loses one more dispatcher she is going to be in a bad spot. She encouraged the Council to show the staff that they care and to ensure that they get a weekend over the summer.

**Ms. Therrien** asked for clarification on the number of vacancies; Ms. Merideth replied that there are four.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6102 to change the number “three” to “four” in the first whereas.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked if part-time employees could be hired instead of full-time employees; Ms. Merideth stated that part-time employees have historically not worked out. Ms. Foster-Snow explained some issues with part-time employees and the PERS system.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6102 TO CHANGE THE NUMBER “THREE” TO “FOUR” IN THE FIRST WHEREAS AS FOLLOWS;

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6102, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Kun, Ottersten , Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth, Rogers  
NAYS: None  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6102 AMENDED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Resolution No. 4875 – A Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 50, an Act Imposing an Annual Educational Facilities Maintenance and Construction Tax. Introduced by Council Members Therrien, Rogers, Kun, and Ottersten.

**Ms. Kun**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4875.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated he would not be voting in favor of the resolution.

**Ms. Therrien** asked the Council to support the resolution because education is so important, and it could help generate so much revenue for the State.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated he does not have a problem with the resolution. He stated the issue should really be addressed at the School Board level; he stated that the issue the Council should be addressing is the State bill regarding defined benefits for public employees. He stated that he backed off on introducing a resolution regarding that issue because he did not want to put the Council on the spot dealing with a State issue.

**Ms. Rogers** stated she is passionate about weighing in on the issues that the State legislature is dealing with. She stated the legislators working on the City's behalf in Juneau would like municipalities to support the tax. She stated she and Ms. Therrien paid the tax when they were new to the workforce, and she would support continued education taxes.

**Mx. Ottersten** stated they agree with Ms. Rogers and with Mr. Cleworth.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4875 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Pruhs, Kun, Cleworth

NAYS: Pruhs

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Ordinance No. 6103 – An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing Retention for Public Purpose Upon Tax Foreclosure Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 16, Leasure 3 Subdivision and Lots 8 and 9, Block 3, Charles Slater Subdivision. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) Committee Reports

Legislative Priorities Committee – **Ms. Therrien** spoke about travelling to Juneau with Ms. Rogers; she gave a brief overview of their trip. **Ms. Rogers** stated they made the Chambers their office and at every opportunity, and they were networking and messaging on behalf of the City.

Public Safety Commission (PSC) – **Ms. Kun** gave a brief report of the last PSC meeting.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

- a) Appointment of City of Fairbanks Chief of Police

**Ms. Rogers**, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to CONFIRM the Mayor's Appointment of the City Chief of Police.

**Ms. Rogers** stated she has no objection to the nomination.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked that the Council be included more during the interview process for the next Police Chief. He stated he knows the Mayor had a good interview panel but that he does not know the candidate that was selected.

**Ms. Therrien** stated she had an opportunity to sit through some of the interviews, and she is impressed with Ms. Reeder and pleased with the Mayor's selection.

**Mayor Matherly** stated he has appointed two Police Chiefs since he became Mayor, and he was respectful of the process in place. He acknowledged Mr. Cleworth's suggestion for the future.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY CHIEF OF POLICE AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

b) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

c) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2018

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

d) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2019

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

e) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2019

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

f) Fairbanks Diversity Council Statement on Vetoed City Ordinance No. 6093

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

g) Memorandum from Public Works Director Regarding an Update to the Capital Budget

**Ms. Rogers**, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to ACCEPT the Memorandum and CONCUR to use \$34,000 of the allocated \$50,000 in Capital Funds while reserving \$16,000 for the future.

Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson explained why the cost of the dump truck has increased from the initial quote provided to the Council. He asked for Council concurrence on the change.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked for the year, make, and model of the vehicle. Mr. Jacobson stated he did not have that information with him, but he would be happy to send it to Mr. Cleworth. **Mr. Cleworth** expressed some concern with purchasing a used vehicle; Mr. Jacobson stated the maintenance records were inspected and that the vehicle is in good working order.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEMORANDUM AND CONCUR TO USE \$34,000 OF THE ALLOCATED \$50,000 IN CAPITAL FUNDS WHILE RESERVING \$16,000 FOR THE FUTURE AS FOLLOWS:

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

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Ms. Therrien** stated she had no comments.

**Ms. Rogers** stated she had no comments.

**Ms. Kun** gave an Indigenous peoples' land acknowledgement and reminded everyone that it is Earth Day. She thanked the Council for voting to allow onsite consumption ordinance. She stated she is excited about the new Police Chief but will miss Chief Jewkes.

**Mx. Ottersten** stated they had no comments.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked if anyone answered the letter from Leafy McBride. Mr. Meeks stated he is working with City Engineer Bob Pristash on a response. **Mr. Cleworth** stated when he was working with former Police Chief Zager he understood that he was grooming Eric Jewkes to become the next Chief of Police. He wished Chief Jewkes the best.

**Mr. Pruhs** thanked Chief Jewkes for his service to the City. He shared that he would like to get City department heads into their own non-union group. He stated he is tired of good people losing money because of union membership; he asked Mr. Meeks to look into it.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked whether the Anchorage Police Department (APD) is part of the PERS system. **Mayor Matherly** stated that officers are, but lieutenants are not.

**Ms. Kun**, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to ENTER Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Fairbanks Firefighter Union (FFU) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Labor Negotiations.

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

**Mayor Matherly** called for a brief recess. The Council entered Executive Session following a brief recess.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) FFU Labor Negotiations
- b) IBEW Labor Negotiations

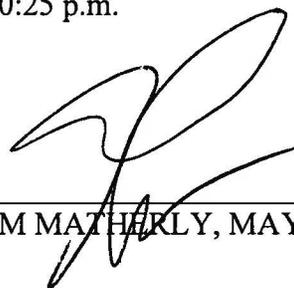
The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss FFU and IBEW Labor Negotiations. Direction was given to the respective negotiating teams, and no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Kun**, 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 10:25 p.m.



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JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

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