



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 13, 2019
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 on Fairbanks Emergency Communication Center, State of the Department, 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: Margarita Bell, Controller
 Paul Ewers, City Attorney
 D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
 Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director
 Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff
 Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager
 Margarita Bell, Controller/Acting Chief Financial Officer
 Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
 Dan Welborn, Acting Police Chief
 Jim Styers, Fire Chief
 Nick Clark, Firefighter
 Dominic Lozano, Firefighter

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 as he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

a) Oath of Office – Chief of Police

Mayor Matherly asked Ms. Nancy Reeder to come forward; he administered her Oath of Office as the Chief of Police for the City of Fairbanks. He introduced individuals who came from Anchorage to congratulate her and celebrate with her.

Chief Reeder thanked everyone for coming to support her in her appointment to Chief of Police.

Mayor Matherly asked all law enforcement personnel present to come forward for a photograph.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ron Woolf, 1703 Alaska Way, Fairbanks – Mr. Woolf spoke in support of Resolution No. 4878. He stated the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) has a high liability per person, and it has a very aggressive rate of return of 8%. He stated he does not believe the proposed system will work. He questioned why it is not being offered to all public employees if it is as good a plan as some claim.

Mr. Pruhs stated the City pays 22% in addition to current benefits into the PERS system. He asked how much the City would have to pay to fix the amount in arrears. Mr. Woolf stated the State pays, but if the new system were to go unfunded as the PERS system has in the past, the State will go after municipalities to make up the difference for its PERS employees.

Mr. Cleworth stated that when the State created PERS Tier IV, the City began contributing \$0.22 on the dollar per hour for its PERS employees. He asked Mr. Woolf if that entire contribution goes to towards the City's PERS employees. Mr. Woolf stated the 22% helps pay the amount in arrears, and it is not the City's true liability.

Kathy Hedges, P.O. Box 80684, Fairbanks – Ms. Hedges stated she is the chair of the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors, and she spoke to the busy travel season in Fairbanks. She thanked the Council for reinvesting bed tax dollars into destination marketing. She spoke to her history in working in the Fairbanks visitor industry and about its growth over the years.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger thanked Chief Jewkes for his years of service and congratulated the new Chief of Police. He stated he hopes the new Chief gets lucky and finds an Alaska Native to hire at the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). He thanked Public Works for getting a jump on the season's potholes.

Frank Turney, 1434 Lacey Street, B, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney congratulated the new Police Chief for being the first female Chief at the City of Fairbanks. He spoke to the need for use of non-lethal weapons by FPD and to his history in trying to get the word out about the issue. He offered to put on a charity boxing match where he and Mr. Pruhs could box each other for a good cause.

Kevin Johnson, 1001 22nd Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Johnson stated he was born and raised in the City, and he is a paramedic at the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD). He stated it would be a shame if his family had to leave the State because Tier IV is such a weak retirement plan. He stated there is no sympathy for a poor retirement plan. He stated new firefighters at the City stay about two-and-a-half years before moving on to other employment. He stated he considering Washington and Oregon for future employment because they have retirement plans that work.

Russell Dennis, 3983 Stella Maris Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Dennis stated he is a City firefighter, and he spoke to the City of Fairbanks mission statement. He stated FFD has become a stepping stone for employees who move on to other agencies. He stated that being a firefighter is a physically demanding job, and he will not be able to retire until he is too old to be doing the job. He asked the Council whether they want a geriatric firefighter responding to calls for service. He referred to the proposed PERS plan as a sensible and reasonable retirement system.

Allan Heineken, 1270 Blackberry Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Heineken stated he is a third-generation firefighter. He stated there are always two separate conversations at the FFD dinner table, those who are in PERS Tiers I, II, and III and those who are a part of Tier IV. He stated the Tier IV employees cannot afford to retire in Fairbanks.

Ms. Kun asked Mr. Heineken how his future may look if he remains in Fairbanks and PERS goes away. Mr. Heineken replied that it would not look so great. He stated that his only hope would be to become a fire chief or to move on to another high-level position.

Ron Dupee, 911 Cushman Street, Fairbanks – Lt. Dupee stated he is a Lieutenant with FPD and is also the President of the Public Safety Employee Association (PSEA). He spoke against Resolution No. 4878 and stated it will hurt the City of Fairbanks. He suggested that the Council is not taking problems at the City seriously. He explained that there are currently only 8 fully-trained FECC Dispatchers, and they have to fill 1,000 hours of overtime per month. He stated FPD is experiencing significant low staffing as well. He indicated that there needs to be a retention bonus for those employees. Lt. Dupee stated that saying no is not the answer, and there needs to be a solution. He stated the City is not competitive with wages and benefits.

Mr. Cleworth stated the resolution only affects firefighters and police – not dispatchers. He asked Lt. Dupee if he thinks that is right. Lt. Dupee stated the intent is to provide the benefit to everyone after a trial system is proven to work. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Lt. Dupee if he had seen a price tag for the State bill. Lt. Dupee stated he does not know the numbers off the top of his head.

Mx. Ottersten asked why it is logical to start with only firefighters and police. They stated their opposition to the State bill is that all state and local government workers are not included. They expressed confusion with why unions would support that kind of division. Lt. Dupee stated firefighters and police are not like other employees, and they have different rules for retirement than other government employees. **Mx. Ottersten** asked Lt. Dupee if he supports favoring one group of workers over another. Lt. Dupee replied affirmatively if it means getting the bill passed and “Tier V” working.

Ms. Rogers asked Mr. Dupee if he was aware of the earlier Work Session on the FECC; Lt. Dupee stated he was not. **Ms. Rogers** stated the Council is very concerned about issues with the City’s public safety departments. Lt. Dupee stated that the City keeps doing things such as allowing onsite marijuana consumption, which taxes the police department even more. **Ms. Rogers** stated it is difficult to have productive conversations when broad-brushed statements are being made.

Ms. Kun thanked Mr. Dupee for his service; she stated she hopes the City can encourage the State to include Dispatch employees in the new PERS program.

Mayor Matherly reminded the Council that this is the time to ask questions of those testifying, and it is not a time to discuss or make statements.

Nick Clark, 249 Brighton Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Clark spoke against Resolution No. 4878 and asked the Council to support HB 79. He stated the 2-3-year average longevity of FFD employees is not acceptable. He stated there are safeguards in place within the bill to address the PERS unfunded liability. He stated a lot of time and money has gone into the bill to ensure it will work.

Ms. Therrien asked Mr. Clark to provide an example of one of the safeguards. Mr. Clark stated that the plan is based on the highest five years of employee earnings versus the three highest years. He stated another safeguard is that contribution rates can be adjusted if the fund falls behind.

Mr. Cleworth stated one of the reasons for the PERS deficit is that the high three years included overtime wages. He asked Mr. Clark if the new plan would include overtime for an employee's highest five years of wage earnings. Mr. Clark replied that it would not include overtime; he corrected himself right away and stated that the high five years actually would include overtime.

Dominic Lozano, 1101 Cushman Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Lozano requested that the Council not approve Resolution No. 4878. He stated it is important to have a defined benefit system. He stated PERS Tier IV is the worst retirement system in the country. He stated the resolution will not help retain good, hard-working employees. He stated the problem becomes a public safety issue because FFD cannot recruit and retain employees. Mr. Lozano stated there is a huge gap between the last Tier III employees and the Tier IV employees because nobody stays long at the department anymore. He stated the average hiring age in public safety statewide is 31, and firefighters have a shorter lifespan on average. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions and asked that the Council vote down the resolution. He stated many different scenarios have been thrown out over the past 13 years he has been working on the defined benefit issue, and the idea of all State employees working under a defined benefit system is not realistic. He stated that politics have changed in recent years, and some legislators feel that a public safety-only bill is the way to go. He stated he would like to see others included in the system.

Mx. Ottersten asked whether the system includes employees by union or by job classification. Mr. Lozano stated the new PERS system would use the same public safety officer definition as the old system. **Mx. Ottersten** asked Mr. Lozano why he has not fought for wilderness firefighters to be included in the definition. Mr. Lozano acknowledged Mx. Ottersten's point.

Ms. Rogers asked how dispatchers were left out of the definition. Mr. Lozano stated that one would have to look back 30 or 40 years to find the answer to that question.

Mr. Cleworth asked about a previous retirement plan that firefighters were discussing when he was City Mayor. Mr. Lozano stated that particular plan had too many moving parts and was difficult to understand. He stated the new proposed bill has Tier III benefits and contains safeguards. In reference to the old PERS system, Mr. Lozano stated that the State used the plan's investment return irresponsibly which caused problems. He stated that contributions need to be made in good years to help support the bad years. He stated nobody anticipated the huge increase in healthcare cost, and he explained why the proposed plan is fiscally responsible.

Ms. Rogers asked Mr. Lozano to share his thoughts on the bill passing during the current legislative session. Mr. Lozano stated they are hoping the bill gets out of the House this session.

Mayor Matherly declared Citizens' Comments closed as the time was 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ms. Therrien pulled Resolution No. 4878 from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Pruhs pulled Ordinance No. 6104 and Ordinance No. 6105 from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Cleworth pulled Resolution No. 4877 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.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following application for a New Restaurant/Eating Place Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Permit:

Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #5767
DBA: Denny's
Applicant: D. of Alaska, Inc.
Address: 1929 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska

Ms. Kun, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the New Restaurant/Eating Place Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Permit.

David Fickes, Denny's Restaurant – Mr. Fickes stated he has a liquor license in Anchorage, and he understands the concerns of the community. He stated he would be offering beverage options to patrons who come in to eat, and he follows all the State rules for liquor service.

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

Ms. Therrien asked Deputy Chief Welborn why FPD is recommending protest of the license. DC Welborn stated that after doing some research, FPD has decided not to protest the license. DC Welborn stated the restaurant would not be promoting liquor sales, just selling beer and wine as other options for a beverage with a meal. DC Welborn stated he never knew Denny's to have a liquor license, and the protest was to draw the Council's attention to it.

Ms. Kun asked if Denny's had a liquor license in the past. DC Welborn stated they have not. **Ms. Kun** pointed out that the call-out list provided is not indicative of alcohol-related incidents.

Ms. Therrien stated she does not support alcohol service at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Fickes stated he has customers that come into his Anchorage location to have a mimosa with their breakfast.

Mr. Pruhs spoke to the Borough's change in hours for alcohol service a few years ago. He stated it is not the end of the world for Denny's to have a beer and wine license.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE NEW RESTAURANT/EATING PLACE LIQUOR LICENSE AND RESTAURANT DESIGNATION PERMIT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Pruhs, Ottersten, Kun, Cleworth

NAYS: Therrien

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

b) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following application for a New Restaurant/Eating Place Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Permit:

Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #5780

DBA: Jazz Bistro "Havana Nights"

Applicant: Bluenote Create, Inc.

Address: 529 4th Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to PROTEST the New Restaurant/Eating Place Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Permit until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the Building Department.

Anna Byam, 529 4th Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Byam stated she was never made aware that she needed a Certificate of Occupancy, and she did not know what it was.

City Clerk Snider reported that the Fire Department lifted its recommended protest, but the Building Department needs plans from the owner before they can issue a Certificate of Occupancy.

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

Mr. Pruhs stated that Jazz Bistro has been in business for some time, and there are very few police calls to the location.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO PROTEST THE NEW RESTAURANT/EATING PLACE LIQUOR LICENSE AND RESTAURANT DESIGNATION PERMIT UNTIL A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

a) Special Reports

Jerry Evans, 111 1st Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Evans stated he is attending on behalf of Explore Fairbanks. He reported on tourism statistics in the City of Fairbanks and stated he works with travel magazines to help increase tourism in Interior Alaska.

Mx. Ottersten asked if Explore Fairbanks would be working with the cannabis industry. Mr. Evans replied that if someone from “High Times” wanted to do a story, he would be more than happy to work with them.

Mayor Matherly stated the Mayor’s Office has been involved in many events since the last City Council meeting, including the Military Appreciation Ball the previous weekend. He stated he was sad to lose a good friend, Charlie O’Toole, who was a big supporter of Fairbanks.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mx. Ottersten stated they had no comments.

Mr. Cleworth welcomed the new Chief of Police and wished her luck in her new role. He spoke to the recent changes to the medical part of the City’s labor contract with the Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA). He stated negotiators did a good job, and the City is trying to stay on top healthcare costs. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the entire benefit package offered by the City is competitive with other police departments.

Mr. Pruhs stated that Mr. Turney was banned from his radio show, but it has nothing to do with being a City Council member.

Ms. Therrien wished her best to Chief Reeder. **Ms. Therrien** stated the Council is working hard to retain employees and suggested that radio advertising may help in recruiting new dispatchers.

Ms. Rogers spoke to the staffing concerns at the FECC. She stated that it may help if FECC Director, Kristi Merideth, could make more presentations to help raise awareness of the profession.

Ms. Kun thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for sharing their views. She stated she would like to help redefine public safety to include dispatchers.

Mayor Matherly called for a brief recess, and no members objected. The meeting reconvened following the brief recess.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) 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. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6103.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to SUBSTITUTE Ordinance No. 6103, as Amended, for Ordinance No. 6103.

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

Ms. Kun, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to POSTPONE Ordinance No. 6103, as Amended, to the Regular City Council Meeting of May 20, 2019.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE NO. 6103, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4876 – A Resolution to Apply for and Accept Funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for the FFY2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 4877 – A Resolution to Amend the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4877.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to AMEND the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services under False/Nuisance Alarms to add language that would allow the FECC Manager to determine whether extenuating circumstances exist.

Mr. Cleworth gave a scenario where an owner has an alarm causing many call-outs while it is being serviced by a technician; he stated the owner should not get billed for those kinds of things.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES UNDER FALSE/NUISANCE ALARMS TO ADD LANGUAGE

THAT WOULD ALLOW THE FECC MANAGER TO DETERMINE WHETHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Pruhs, Ottersten, Cleworth

NAYS: Kun

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Kun stated the fee schedule and the upcoming ordinance do not jive.

Mr. Cleworth asked Ms. Merideth to help clarify. Ms. Merideth stated that when the FECC receives a series of alarms they will contact the business owner and work with them in order to correct the issue. She stated owners call in and let the FECC know when there are problems with their alarm systems, and those are not the people that are causing an issue. She stated the issues arise when an owner does not communicate with the FECC or ignore the problem altogether.

Ms. Kun asked Ms. Merideth to speak to the limit of accidental alarms. Ms. Merideth explained how her staff deals with accidental alarms. She stated the limit is meant to deal with owners who do not want to pay to fix their equipment. **Ms. Kun** asked how often this occurs, and Ms. Merideth stated it does not happen very often.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4877, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Resolution No. 4878 – A Resolution Expressing Concern with HB 79 Which Would Reestablish a Defined Benefit Retirement Plan for Certain Public Employees. Introduced by Council Member Cleworth.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4878.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 4878 to the June 10, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.

Mr. Cleworth stated that since a motion to postpone was made, the resolution cannot be discussed.

Ms. Therrien, with the concurrence of the Second, WITHDREW the motion to postpone.

Mr. Cleworth spoke to the cost of reestablishing a defined benefit program and stated it is not an affordable plan. He stated PERS has been nothing but unpredictable, and the cost never goes down. He stated the Council chose years ago to get out of the system and got employees into union plans, but the Police and Fire Departments are still covered under the PERS system. **Mr. Cleworth** spoke to the City's cost in maintaining PERS contributions and to the unfunded liability of the PERS system. He agreed with Mx. Ottersten that it is not a good idea to include only certain employees in the program.

Mr. Pruhs shared his concern about the resolution and the budget; he stated that the City of Fairbanks has asked repeatedly that the State not increase the City's contribution rate of \$0.22 per hour. He stated he understands why Fire Department employees want more but that they already have the best package at the City. **Mr. Pruhs** suggested they hire a financial planner to work out their own retirement plan instead of asking the Council to do it for them.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 4878 to the July 8, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.

Ms. Kun echoed Mr. Pruhs comments about the effectiveness of the City weighing in on an issue post-legislative session. She stated she is in favor of readdressing the issue later.

Ms. Therrien spoke in favor of addressing it sooner rather than later. She and other Council Members spoke in favor of holding a Work Session with City lobbyist, Yuri Morgan.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NO. 4878 TO THE JULY 8, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ottersten, Therrien, Cleworth, Rogers

NAYS: Kun, Pruhs

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

d) Ordinance No. 6104 -- An Ordinance Ratifying a Labor Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547, and Amending the 2019 City Operating Budget. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

Ms. Kun, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6104.

Mr. Pruhs stated that he would miss the next City Council Meeting, and he does not want to miss the vote on Ordinance No. 6104 and Ordinance No. 6105.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to AMEND the motion to advance by changing the date of advancement to the Regular City Council Meeting of June 10, 2019.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADVANCE BY CHANGING THE DATE OF ADVANCEMENT TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2019 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 ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6104 TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- e) Ordinance No. 6105 – An Ordinance Ratifying a Labor Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks Firefighters Union, IAFF Local 1324, and Amending the 2019 City Operating Budget. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

Mx. Ottersten, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6105 to the June 10, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6105 TO THE JUNE 10, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Pruhs, Ottersten, Kun

NAYS: Cleworth

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- f) Ordinance No. 6106 – An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Second Time. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- g) Ordinance No. 6107 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 26, Article II, Alarm System. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2019

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Reappointment to the Board of Plumber Examiners

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Reappointments to the Hotel/Motel Discretionary Fund Committee

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Reappointments to the Fairbanks Diversity Council

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Therrien stated she had no comments.

Ms. Rogers spoke of the homeschool graduation she attended which included over 60 students in various trades. She stated the program allows the students to go directly into apprenticeships. She spoke in support of people working in social service groups.

Ms. Kun congratulated all the high school graduates. She gave an Indigenous peoples' land acknowledgement and thanked FPD for their quick response in a recent case involving a missing Indigenous woman. She spoke to the need for ongoing conversations with police on interracial relations and the use of non-lethal force. She thanked the Council for the work it does and thanked the public for contacting her about issues of concern in the community.

Mr. Pruhs thanked Ms. Merideth for the admirable job she is doing as the FECC Manager. He thanked Acting Chief Financial Officer Margarita Bell for stepping up and at a moment notice to lead the Finance Department.

Mr. Cleworth echoed Mr. Pruhs' comments about City staff. He spoke to the recent passing of his friend, Merritt Helfferich, and wished the family the best.

Mx. Ottersten wished everyone a happy summer. They shared that they recently had company in town, and it has been nice to see the City through the eyes of a visitor.

CITY CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Snider reminded the Council that she would be out of the office the following week attending a conference and stated Deputy Clerk Braniff would be attending the next meeting in her place. She congratulated her daughter on graduating high school and stated she is very proud.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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



JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: EB