



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2019-17
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

It is the mission of the City of Fairbanks to provide quality essential services to all City residents to ensure Fairbanks is a vibrant place to live, work, thrive, and visit.

REGULAR MEETING
6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION
3. FLAG SALUTATION
4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognitions, Awards)
5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, oral communications to the City Council on any item not up for public hearing. Testimony is limited to three minutes, and the comment period will end no later than 7:30 p.m. Any person wishing to speak needs to complete the register located in the hallway. Respectful standards of decorum and courtesy should be observed by all speakers. Remarks should be directed to the City Council as a body rather than to any particular Council Member or member of the staff. In consideration of others, please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda passes all routine items indicated by an asterisk (*). Consent Agenda items are not considered separately unless a Council Member so requests. In the event of such a request, the item is returned to the General Agenda.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - *a) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2019
 - *b) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019

- *c) Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2019
- *d) Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2019

8. SPECIAL ORDERS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council will hear interested citizens concerned with the following Marijuana License Applications for Renewal. Public Testimony will be taken and limited to three minutes.

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
18187	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	188 Bentley Trust Road, Suite A

- b) Vacation of Public Right-of-Way (VA 001-20) — Request by Stutzman Engineering Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, Inc., to replat Lot 1, Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision and Lots 1, 2, 9A, and 10A, USS 3148, a total of approximately 41.82 acres, into one lot by vacating their interior common lot lines. The replat also included a request to vacate utility easements and to vacate the two remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street.

NOTE: AS 29.40.140(b) states that “Vacation of a city street may not be made without the consent of the Council.” It further states that “The governing body shall have 30 days from the decision of the platting authority in which to veto a vacation of a street. If no veto is received by the platting authority within the 30-day period, consent is considered to have been given to the vacation.” Unless the Council wishes to veto the decision of the FNSB Platting Board, no action is needed. The memo from the Engineering Department is for informational purposes only.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6111 – An Ordinance to Enter into a Contract with the Fairbanks North Star Borough for Fire Service for the Borough’s Land Fill. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2019; public hearing was held at that time.

- b) Ordinance No. 6112 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Sec. 2-487, Composition of the Clay Street Cemetery Commission, to Remove the City Clerk as Administrative Support. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

- a) Committee Reports

14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- *a) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2019
- *b) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2019
- *c) Memo to Approve Appointment of 2019 Election Officials

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

16. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

17. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) AFL-CIO Labor Negotiation Strategy

19. ADJOURNMENT



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 us 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 math where he and Mr. Pruhs could box each other for a good cause.

Kevin Johnson, 1001 22nd Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Johnson state 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



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 20, 2019
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: Shoshana Kun, Seat A
June Rogers, Seat B
Valerie Therrien, Seat C
Kathryn Ottersten, Seat D
Jerry Cleworth, Seat E

Absent: David Pruhs, Seat F (excused)

Also Present: Paul Ewers, City Attorney
Emily Braniff, Deputy City Clerk
Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director
Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff
Kristi Merideth, Dispatch Center Manager
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
Dan Welborn, Acting Police Chief

Deputy City Clerk Emily Braniff read the Mission Statement of the City of Fairbanks.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Deputy Clerk Braniff.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Matherly asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Frank Turney, 1434 Lacey Street, Unit B, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney stated he had hoped the new Police Chief would be present. He stated he hopes there will be a Council Work Session with the Chief on non-lethal weapon use at the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). He stated FPD was called a couple weeks ago to the AK Buffet, and in correspondence from the City, the person involved in the incident was referred to as a “sovereign citizen.” He stated that the term “sovereign citizen” has been used to refer to terrorists, and he stated the man involved with the AK Buffet incident is not a terrorist. He stated he was happy to see volunteers at both the Birch Hill and Clay Street cemeteries. He spoke to the possibility of running for office in the upcoming local election.

Victor Buberger, PO Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger asked about the number of FPD officers who have relatives within the department. He suggested that may be a reason why the department

struggles to become fully-staffed. He spoke to other police departments years ago that did not allow a husband and a wife to work within the same department. He spoke to the need for public restrooms in the City of Fairbanks and stated it would benefit tourism. He mentioned the clean and safe service that used to tend to downtown Fairbanks.

David van den Berg, Downtown Association of Fairbanks – Mr. van den Berg stated he is the Executive Director of the Downtown Association. He stated that Festival Fairbanks managed the Clean Team, the former downtown service Mr. Buberger referred to. He offered support for Resolution No. 4879 and expressed hope that the project would include a traffic study to look at the feasibility of 5th Avenue as a two-way street. He spoke in support of Resolution Nos. 4880 and 4881. He reported on the success of the recent block party downtown.

Mr. Cleworth stated his recollection from the tour of 5th Avenue the prior year is that, because parts of 5th Avenue are narrow, the street would be only one lane with widened sidewalks; he asked Mr. van den Berg if that was his recollection also. Mr. van den Berg replied that the idea of the traffic study came out at that meeting, and because the street is currently two, one-way lanes, it may be a good idea to see whether it is feasible to make it a two-way street.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Mx. Ottersten, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND the Agenda by adding Hand-carried Resolution No. 4881 to New Business.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY ADDING HAND-CARRIED RESOLUTION NO. 4881 TO NEW BUSINESS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Kun, Cleworth, Ottersten, Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pruhs

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Matherly called for objection to APPROVING the Agenda, as Amended, and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Deputy Clerk Braniff read the Consent Agenda into the record.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

a) Special Reports

Scott McCrea, Director of Tourism at Explore Fairbanks – Mr. McCrea spoke to the various markets Explore Fairbanks works in and to their working relationship with travel agents. He

reported on the growth of winter domestic travel and to various tour activities in Fairbanks during the winter months. He stated Explore Fairbanks recently hosted travel agents and tour operators from out-of-state, and a follow-up survey of their time spent in Fairbanks was positive and reflected an appreciation for the people they met. He thanked the partners involved with the tour. He stated that more tours will occur this summer with folks in the European market.

Mayor Matherly acknowledged the police Memorial Day event that occurred on the previous Friday. He stated Firehouse Subs recently presented the City with \$33,880 in grant dollars for Fire Department equipment. He congratulated all the high school graduates in the area. **Mayor Matherly** encouraged folks to download a new life-saving mobile app called PulsePoint.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Therrien stated she had no comments.

Ms. Rogers stated she had no comments.

Ms. Kun thanked Mr. van den Berg for giving an update, and she thanked Mr. Buberger for speaking again about public restrooms.

Mx. Ottersten stated they have discussed non-lethal weapons with Council Member Kun, and they intend to have the same conversation with Chief Reeder.

Mr. Cleworth stated there was a presentation some time ago by former Chief Jewkes to the City Council regarding non-lethal weapons. He expressed interest in having another presentation about the issue soon with the new Chief. **Mr. Cleworth** stated, in reference to the 5th Avenue project, there are compromises in street design. He stated that streets in Fairbanks can be challenging because they are not always uniform in width. He stated he is happy that 5th Avenue is being addressed because the sidewalks are horrible, and it is not accessible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6103, as Amended – An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing Retention for Public Purpose Upon Tax Foreclosure Lots 8 and 9, Block 3, Charles Slater Subdivision. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2019. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

The motion to ADOPT was made by Ms. Therrien, seconded by Mx. Ottersten, at the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2019. The motion is on the floor.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6103, as Amended, by substituting the amended fiscal note to the ordinance.

Mayor Matherly called for objection to the motion to SUBSTITUTE the fiscal note and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

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

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

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Ottersten, Kun, Cleworth

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pruhs

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6103, as Amended, ADOPTED.

- b) Ordinance No. 6106 – An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Second Time. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Ottersten, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6106.

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

Mr. Cleworth spoke to the change to the salary of the Chief of Police. He explained that the City can make offers within a range of 90% – 110% of the regular wage for a position, depending on the qualifications and experience of the candidate. He expressed frustration that the amount in the budget amendment exceeds that range, and the amendment is coming after the Chief has already been hired. He stated that he will still support the ordinance.

Ms. Rogers acknowledged and agreed with Mr. Cleworth’s comments. She stated, however, that she feels it is necessary to demonstrate the City’s confidence in the new Chief. She indicated that the community is fortunate to have her.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6106 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Ottersten, Therrien, Cleworth, Kun

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pruhs

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6106 ADOPTED.

- c) Ordinance No. 6107 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 26, Article II, Alarm System. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6107.

Frank Turney – Mr. Turney questioned whether there is a lot of citizen abuse of the alarm system. He wondered what type of notification systems would be available in Fairbanks in an emergency situation similar to the recent Anchorage earthquake.

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

Ms. Therrien explained that the ordinance does not pertain to citizens making false alarms.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6107 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Kun, Ottersten, Therrien, Cleworth, Rogers
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Pruhs
Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6107 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4879 – A Resolution Authorizing Matching Funds and Execution of the Maintenance Agreement for the 5th Avenue Reconstruction Project. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 4880 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept Funds from the Alaska DOT&PF for the Alaska Transportation Alternative Grant Program. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Hand-Carried Resolution No. 4881 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to NC Machinery to Provide Snow Blowers in the Amount of \$314,345. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

Mx. Ottersten, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4881.

Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson stated his department has been working with the manufacturer for several months trying to finalize and price out the modifications. He indicated that the issue is time-sensitive because they need to receive the equipment before the winter season. He explained that some of the modified components were used by the department by way of equipment rental the prior season. He briefly reviewed the cost breakdown of the equipment.

Mx. Ottersten asked about warranty coverage. Mr. Jacobson replied that there is a one-year, bumper-to-bumper warranty on the blower, and a two-year warranty on the engine from the flywheel to the radiator.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4881 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Rogers, Kun, Ottersten, Therrien

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Pruhs
Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution
No. 4881 APPROVED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Cleworth thanked Deputy Clerk Braniff for sitting in for the Clerk.

Mx. Ottersten stated they had no comments.

Ms. Kun thanked service members and first responders with the approach of Memorial Day. She stated it is a time to be with family and keep one another safe. She spoke briefly to the sense of community that Fairbanks offers. She mentioned some upcoming community events.

Ms. Rogers referenced a recent Letter to the Editor in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner which encouraged drivers to drive safely. She asked drivers to be cautious and considerate of pedestrians, especially children.

Ms. Therrien reminded everyone of the Hospice plant sale and fundraiser on Saturday, May 25 at 8:30 a.m. She acknowledged the sacredness of Memorial Day.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Ewers stated that, as a bicycle rider, he would advise other bicyclists to obey the rules and be doubly cautious.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cleworth, 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 7:16 p.m.

JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: DS



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 10, 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 5:45 p.m. Work Session for a 2018 City Audit Presentation, 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
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
Nancy Reeder, Police Chief
Jim Styers, Fire Chief
Sean Rice, Labor Foreman
Kristi Merideth, FECC Director

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 in the Flag Salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Angel Stickman, 1729 University Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Stickman stated police need better training to deal with those in crisis and with those experiencing mental illness. She stated that most individuals killed by police are Alaska Natives. She shared that her brother-in-law was recently shot 13 times by police, then was dragged on the cement while taking his last breaths. She stated that Native Americans and Alaska Natives are killed by law enforcement at a much higher rate than any other racial or ethnic group. She added that many go unreported my media. Ms. Stickman stated it does not make sense to her why the Alaska State Troopers (AST) who do

the shooting are the same ones who investigate the incident afterwards. She stated that shootings by police and AST are not justifiable, and justice system discrimination stems from structural inequality. She stated law enforcement does not make her feel safe, and she fears for the safety of her Alaska Native son. She stated that she will soon have a bachelor's degree in social work.

Ms. Therrien asked Ms. Stickman for the name of her brother-in-law; Ms. Stickman replied that his name was Kevin McEnulty.

Lisa McEnulty, 1721 University Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. McEnulty stated that she is a University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) student and a substance abuse counselor. She stated her husband died on March 31 on Geist Road after AST shot at him 13 times at close range; she stated that she watched a recording of the shooting. She stated that her husband had a gun to his head, and she questioned why law enforcement would shoot a person contemplating suicide. Ms. McEnulty spoke to how the Alaska Native community is suffering and to the need for mandatory mental health training for police and troopers. She stated that inequality, racism, and discrimination still exist in the justice system.

Darlene Herbert, 906 Woodlawn Road, Fairbanks – Ms. Herbert stated she is glad the young ladies spoke about the issue with law enforcement. She commented that Alaska Natives are profiled as being dangerous, and she spoke to the need for law enforcement training. She stated she heard that they shot the last individual so many times that he bled through his coffin, and she questioned why there was no autopsy performed. She expressed fear for her African-American/Alaska Native grandson. Ms. Herbert stated that if the problem is not fixed, one of the Council members' children may die. She spoke against racial profiling, and she stated that many Alaska Natives are afraid of the police. She stated that police are killing young men who provide for their families.

Victor Buberger, PO Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger thanked those who gave previous testimony and stated the Council should heed their words. He spoke to the need for a public restroom in the City of Fairbanks, and he stated he has been urging the Council on the issue for 15 years. He indicated that the only reason the City does not have a public restroom is because of drunk Natives. He spoke against the increased taxation of the tourism industry and suggested implementing a real estate sales tax. He urged the Council to explain to the public why the City does not provide public restrooms.

Mr. Ottersten asked Mr. Buberger if he would rather see a real estate tax than an increase in other targeted taxes. Mr. Buberger explained his idea for a different type of tax and questioned why the tourist industry is being targeted.

Floyd Terry, PO Box 73514, Fairbanks – Mr. Terry referenced a News Miner article from May 21, 2019 speaking about patience on the roadways. He stated that at that time, there was a motorcycle accident near the News Miner. He stated that he witnessed medics loading someone into an ambulance and drive away without emergency lights. He stated that he would like to know what happened in the incident as he did not see a report on the incident in the News Miner.

Ms. Kun reported that the motorcyclist and driver are in recovery.

Frank Turney, 1434 Lacey Street, #B, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney referenced some Council meeting minutes from 2016 where there was discussion about the use of less lethal weapons by Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). He displayed for the Council a poster of a non-lethal weapon. He stated that the minutes from that 2016 meeting state that “He [Mr. Turney] spoke in favor of the police using non-lethal ballistics rather than lethal weapons.” Mr. Turney clarified that the minutes should have stated that non-lethal weapons should be used as an option or an alternative to lethal weapons. He referenced a later discussion during the same meeting between Mr. Cleworth and former Deputy Chief Johnson where Mr. Cleworth requested that DC Johnson do some research on non-lethal weapons and report back to the Council. He questioned whether DC Johnson ever reported back to the Council. Mr. Turney stated he believes it is time to do more research on non-lethal weapons. He stated he does not believe the police should stop using lethal weapons but should use alternatives when lives could be saved. He spoke to the police targeting Natives and the mentally ill. He stated that the video footage of the shooting of Cody Eyre was edited, and he criticized the police for shooting the young man 40 times. He questioned whether AST and City police had non-lethal weapons with them at the incident.

David van den Berg, 332 Slater Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. van den Berg stated he is the Executive Director of the Fairbanks Downtown Association. He thanked the City Council for its recent approval of a foot patrol ambassador for the downtown area, and he thanked the City for working on maintenance guidelines for maintenance of the downtown area. He stated that the grounds of the downtown core may benefit from one more sweeping of the gutters. In reference to previously-approved Resolution No. 4879, Mr. van den Berg spoke to the possibility of 5th Avenue becoming a two-way street.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Cleworth pulled Resolution No. 4882, Ordinance No. 6108, and the Memo Regarding the Public Works Road Striping Project 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 10, 2018.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND REPORT

a) Special Reports

Charity Gadapee, Explore Fairbanks, 101 Dunkel Street, Fairbanks – Ms. Gadapee stated she is the Director of Visitors Services and Partnership Development. She provided an update on the annual Awards Banquet in May and listed all those who received various awards. She spoke also about the “Be a Visitor in Your Own Town” event that occurred in May and stated there were 81 participants in the free event. She stated the Walk for Charity also took place in May, and there were 448 participants; she shared that the event raised \$13,440 for 57 local non-profits.

Mayor Matherly welcomed new Chief of Police Nancy Reeder and stated that it was her first day at the City. He applauded Environmental Manager Andrew Ackerman for organizing the annual stream clean-up day in the City. He stated that 2,000 pounds of trash was removed from waterways. **Mayor Matherly** shared that United Airlines is offering three routes to and from Fairbanks during the summer months. He acknowledged the Fairbanks Emergency Communication Center (FECC) for the work they do in serving a large geographic area with dispatch services. He stated that FECC currently has only 9 fully-trained staff, and each dispatcher must work 20 hours of overtime per week. He spoke to the stress of that job and commended dispatchers for their hard work and dedication.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Pruhs stated he had no comments.

Ms. Therrien asked the Mayor and Chief of Staff to schedule a Work Session with the Chief of Police to discuss FPD training and use of non-lethal weapons. She acknowledged prejudices against Alaska Natives and African-American people.

Ms. Rogers agreed that there should be a Work Session on the issue. She thanked the two young women for sharing their testimony with the Council. She stated it is a tragic situation that is not new to Fairbanks, and there have been racial difficulties for many years.

Ms. Kun thanked the young women for coming forward and wished them healing.

Mx. Ottersten thanked Ms. Therrien for requesting the Work Session, and she stated that she would share some of her own research on the use of less- and non-lethal weapons at that time.

Mr. Cleworth stated there was a presentation on non-lethal weapons some years ago, but technology changes. He stated he looks forward to that Work Session. He echoed Mr. van den Berg’s request for another gutter sweep in the downtown area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6084 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 74, Article IV Hotel/Motel Tax to Increase the Tax Rate and the City’s Percentage. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2018.

Ms. Kun, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6084.

Greg Allison, 356 Old Steese Highway, Fairbanks – Mr. Allison expressed appreciation to the Council for all they do for the community. He spoke against Ordinance No. 6084 and against a targeted tax for the visitor industry. He stated that every cent at Explore Fairbanks is maximized to bringing visitors to the region. He spoke to building relationships with various international markets when he worked at Explore Fairbanks and to the benefits that offers to the community. Mr. Allison stated he is seeing 20 or 30 outside visitors per day patronize his marijuana retail store. He wondered whether a portion of the marijuana sales tax could be dedicated for general services instead of raising the hotel/motel tax.

Darlene Herbert – Ms. Herbert spoke against increasing the hotel/motel tax rate and stated that she does not believe tourists have very much money. As an alternative, she suggested City budget cuts.

Victor Buberger – Mr. Buberger suggested taxing local businesses and possibly lowering the hotel/motel tax.

Javier Villasenor-Gaona, Milepost 56.5 Chena Hot Springs Road, Fairbanks – Mr. Villasenor-Gaona stated that he is the Marketing Director for Chena Hot Springs Resort. He stated that although it is not within the City, the resort would be affected by an increase to the City's hotel/motel tax. He asked how the increased tax would benefit Chena Hot Springs Resort.

Peter Stern, 1608 Carr Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Stern spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 6084. He stated that cuts to the City budget have made it difficult for Public Works to provide services to the residents of the City.

Marisa Sharrah, Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce (GFCC) – Ms. Sharrah stated that she is the President and CFO of the GFCC, and the organization is opposed to any industry-specific tax that would fund general government services. She stated the GFCC may support industry-targeted tax increases when the industry supports the tax for a defined reason. She spoke to the history of the purpose of the hotel/motel tax, and she reported that tourism has steadily increased in Fairbanks since 2014. She spoke to the booming tourist industry in Fairbanks and to how tourism positively contributes to the local economy. Ms. Sharrah stated that making a short-sighted decision to increase the bed tax could lead to future decline in the visitor industry. She stated that visitors have choices when they plan a trip, and Fairbanks competes in a global market. She spoke against Ordinance No. 6084 on behalf of the GFCC.

Ms. Therrien asked Ms. Sharrah if she would be in favor of a sales tax. Ms. Sharrah stated the GFCC does not currently support new taxes.

Frank Turney – Mr. Turney stated he is opposed to Ordinance No. 6084. He criticized the City for not providing public restrooms in the downtown area. He suggested that the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) consider consolidation.

Ashley Bradish, Explore Fairbanks – Ms. Bradish stated she is the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors chair-elect and the Director of Marketing at the Riverboat Discovery and Gold Dredge 8. She spoke against Ordinance No. 6084. She spoke to how many individuals the business employs and the growth it has experienced over the 70 years. She stated the ordinance would hinder the opportunity for additional growth of the Riverboat Discovery, Gold Dredge 8 and

other businesses affected by the tourist industry. Ms. Bradish stated that tourism is a bright spot in the Fairbanks economy, and it is a resource that must be valued.

Kathy Hedges, PO Box 80684, Fairbanks – Ms. Hedges stated she is currently the chair of the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors, the President of the Alaska Travel Industry Association Fairbanks Chapter, a 30-year employee of the visitor industry, and a lifelong Alaskan. She urged the Council to vote no on Ordinance No. 6084. She stated the bottom line is whether the Council believes in industry-targeted taxes. She asked all those wearing red in the audience to stand in support of the visitors industry. She expressed appreciation to the Council for the work they do.

Lloyd Huskey, 551 Harold Bentley Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Huskey stated he is the General Manager of the Candlewood Suites in Fairbanks, and he is also speaking on behalf of the owner of the Hampton Inn. He spoke in opposition to a targeted tax but stated it may be more amiable if the increase would go toward a convention center or Explore Fairbanks. He stated that Anchorage increased their tax rate to 12%, but those funds went toward a convention center. He stated that an increase will affect the desirability of Fairbanks as a destination.

Mr. Pruhs asked Mr. Huskey if he believes that an increase to the hotel/motel tax would discourage hotel expansion. Mr. Huskey stated he cannot really answer that question, but the issue would enter the equation.

Brett Carlson, 710 24th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Carlson stated he is a lifelong resident of Fairbanks and has spent most of his adult life working for the Northern Alaska Tour Company. He stated he could not be more opposed to Ordinance No. 6084 and referred to it as poor public policy. He stated the bed tax was implemented as an economic development tool, and Mayors and Councils have lost sight of that. He spoke to the history of the reinvestment of the tax, and he stated the travel industry delivers a great return on the dollars. Mr. Carlson referred to the proposed increase as public policy bullying, and he stated there is no other local industry that contributes more to the downtown economy than the visitors industry. He commented that cities which are great places to visit are great places to live.

Ms. Kun asked Mr. Carlson if he has pondered what other revenues the City could consider. Mr. Carlson stated it is obvious that general government services should come from a broad-based tax, and he does not believe one segment of the community should be targeted.

Leonard Tilton, 2263 Bridgewater Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Tilton stated he is not against the visitor industry. He stated the voyager tax on cruise ship passengers was raised from \$34.50 to \$46.00 per person in 2010. He spoke to the number of new hotels that have opened in Fairbanks since that time and stated that the visitor industry has done a fantastic job. He stated the residents of the City pay their fair share, and the visitor industry has made tourism a year-round deal. He stated an increase in hotel/motel tax will not discourage people from visiting Fairbanks.

Andy Anger, 1075 Red Ridge Road, Fairbanks – Mr. Anger stated he is a past chair of the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors. He stated that Economics 101 teaches that increasing the cost of something decreases demand. He reported that when the head tax was increased for the cruise ship industry, there was a significant drop in the industry. He spoke in opposition to increasing the bed tax without something to offset that increase, and he talked about how

competitive the tourism industry is. He urged the Council not to create new barriers for the visitor industry.

Eleanor Wirts, 5157 Chena Hot Springs Road, Fairbanks – Ms. Wirts stated she owns a dog sled tour company and a bed and breakfast called Just Short of Magic. She spoke to fully-independent travelers who make up much of her customer base. She provided an example of a local business she no longer patronizes due to regular price increases, and she spoke against an increase to the bed tax.

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

Ms. Therrien stated the City needs a new revenue source, and she understands Mr. Cleworth may propose an amendment to the tax cap. She stated the Council has not received much information about the idea of an increase that would be offset by a convention center. She stated that the City of Fairbanks must do something.

Mayor Matherly turned the floor over to Chief of Staff Mike Meeks. Mr. Meeks referenced the handout to the Council and explained what each of the six tabs represent.

Ms. Rogers stated that it is poor process to receive information so close to the vote on the issue. She stated the information is not helpful to her now as she has not had time to analyze it.

Mr. Pruhs stated that the Council had considered the ordinance in 2018 but postponed it so they could focus on the budget. He stated the Mayor proposed a 2019 budget with only a \$100 reserve; he stated the Council worked on the budget and was able to increase that reserve to \$623,000. He stated the Council is very conscious of the City's costs and indicated that the City is in a stable financial position. He stated that increasing the hotel/motel tax at this time would be a mistake, but it may be something to look at in the future.

Mr. Cleworth thanked everyone who attended the meeting. He stated sales taxes are like weeds – they like to grow. He stated that sales taxes are a detriment to businesses, and competition has become more ferocious with internet sales. He stated he does not intend to vote in support of Ordinance No. 6084, and the same hotel/motel tax formula has worked for 16 years. He read the original purpose of the hotel/motel tax as stated in the implementing ordinance from 1979: for the funding of tourist and entertainment facilities for the general public and to promote the tourist industry and the economic development of the City of Fairbanks. He stated that there were no ratios or formulas mentioned in the ordinance, and the only organization mentioned by name was the Chamber of Commerce. **Mr. Cleworth** read from the City Attorney's summary on the history of the bed tax, "The code provision addressing the purpose and limitation of the hotel/motel tax has been amended many times since the tax was first enacted in 1979. The purpose of the tax was never exclusively for promotion of tourism. The bottom line is the City Council determines the purpose and proper allocation of hotel/motel tax revenue." **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the hotel/motel tax formula has worked well since 2003. He stated the cap within the tax cap is a problem the City has been dealing with for several years, and it takes a vote of the people to amend it. He stated that many people are worried about the economy, and the Council will likely have fewer and fewer opportunities to increase revenue. He stated he does not believe the hotel/motel tax should be increased beyond 8%.

Mx. Ottersten agreed with Ms. Rogers' statements as to process. They stated that they would like to see work sessions to discuss an amendment to the tax cap, and the City should stop leaving money on the table. They stated they would not vote in favor of Ordinance No. 6084.

Ms. Kun thanked everyone who spoke to the ordinance, and she thanked the Mayor for giving the Council the opportunity to consider it. She stated she feels there are other outlets to look at, and she encouraged continued, positive collaboration between the City and the tourism industry. She stated there are things in the ordinance she supports but indicated she will not vote to pass it.

Mayor Matherly stated the reason for introducing the ordinance was to explore avenues for City revenue. He commented that the industry is opposed to increasing the tax for general services but will support an increase to build a convention center. He stated problems with public safety, snow removal, and infrastructure will hurt tourism. He spoke to other efforts to increase City revenue such as the ballot question proposed to voters a couple years ago to increase property taxes, and he talked about the decline in revenue sharing from the State of Alaska. **Mayor Matherly** stated it is important for the City to maintain a healthy Capital Fund. He stated the City is required to keep a minimum, unassigned General Fund balance of 20% of budgeted expenditures. He spoke about the difficulty in hiring and maintaining full staffing at City departments, specifically at Public Works, Dispatch, and FPD. He stated there are only two options: to cut more from the budget or to increase revenue. He stated that the City has already made many cuts, and he would like the Council to talk about ideas for increasing revenue.

Ms. Rogers stated that local government consolidation is another long-term solution to consider.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6084 AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

- b) 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. ADVANCED from the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2019.

Mx. Ottersten, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6104.

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

Ms. Rogers declared a conflict of interest and stated she will abstain from the vote.

Mr. Cleworth stated he is pleased with the contract, and he believes it is fair.

Mr. Pruhs commended both parties for getting the contract negotiated quickly and fairly.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6104 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ottersten, Cleworth, Kun, Therrien, Pruhs

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Rogers

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6104 ADOPTED.

- c) 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. ADVANCED from the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2019.

Ms. Kun, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6105.

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

Chief of Staff Mike Meeks referenced tab 7 of the handout to Council, and he provided a history of recent labor negotiations with the Fairbanks Firefighters Union (FFU). He stated there was a mistake made with the numbers during the process, and it is up to the Council to determine whether the tentatively-agreed cost of the contract is substantially different than what the Council provided guidance for.

Mr. Cleworth stated he has a problem with the contract and that the FFU is out of sync with other bargaining units at the City. He spoke against fixing mistakes by throwing money at them.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6105 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Ottersten, Therrien, Kun

NAYS: Pruhs, Cleworth

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6105 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4882 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Provide a Retention Bonus to Public Works Employees. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4882.

Mr. Cleworth stated he has never been a big fan of employee bonuses. He stated he has received two phone calls from City employees outside of Public Works who were not happy about the resolution. He stated he is not opposed to looking at medical cost increases for employees, and he specifically referenced the increase to the Operators Union medical plan. He stated there are many crafts that work under the AFL-CIO, and he believes rules should be

applied to the bonus. He spoke against the resolution, stating it is an across-the-board approach versus a more focused approach to solve a problem. **Mr. Cleworth** spoke against spending the City's surplus instead of reserving the funds for snow removal and Capital funding. He stated he would not be opposed to looking at a more targeted resolution.

Ms. Rogers expressed agreement with Mr. Cleworth's comments. She stated she would not support the resolution.

Ms. Therrien pointed out that there is a contingency in the resolution stipulating that an employee must remain employed by the City through the end of 2019 to receive the bonus.

Mr. Pruhs stated there is no easy fix for the problem at Public Works. He stated the Council can try to help with the problem by approving the resolution, and he indicated that the Council does not have a choice. He spoke to the cost of turnover versus the cost of investing in employees.

Ms. Kun stated she feels the Council set a precedent in giving bonuses, most recently with the bonus for Dispatch employees. She stated she views the resolution as a long-term investment, and she supports it.

Mr. Cleworth stated the City used to do salary surveys but has gotten away from it because of the difficulty in getting information from the private sector. He questioned what a mechanic's wage is in the private sector and whether the City's mechanic's wage is even the problem. He again spoke against an across-the-board approach to solving the problem at Public Works. He spoke to the inequity created when bonuses are given only to certain City employees.

Mayor Matherly spoke to the seriousness of the staffing issue at Public Works.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4882 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Pruhs, Therrien, Kun, Ottersten

NAYS: Cleworth, Rogers

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 4882 APPROVED.

- b) Resolution No. 4883 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to NC Machinery to Provide Snow Blowers in the Amount of \$499,568. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Resolution No. 4884 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to NC Machinery to Provide a Loader in the Amount of \$324,249. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Resolution No. 4885 – A Resolution Fixing the Rate of Tax Levy for Municipal Purposes for the 2019 Real Property Tax of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Resolution No. 4886 – A Resolution Designating Check Signing Authority for Banking and Investment Accounts of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- f) Ordinance No. 6108 – An Ordinance to Amend Fairbanks General Code Section 2-473, Composition of the Public Safety Commission. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

Mr. Ottersten, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6108.

Mr. Cleworth stated the Public Safety Commission (PSC) was created roughly 16 years ago by a Mayor who was having disagreement with the Police Chief. He stated former Police Chief Zager was in favor of eliminating the PSC. He explained that one of the purposes of the PSC was to hear public complaints, and he does not even know whether people use the Commission for that purpose. He stated the PSC purpose was amended a few years ago to be project-driven. He questioned whether it is time to sunset the PSC, and he asked the Council to consider it.

Ms. Kun stated there may not be awareness of the PSC in the community. She stated that revisiting the purpose of the Commission may be a better approach than eliminating it. She supported the idea of adding a Public Works representative to the PSC. She stated the Commission is active, and she would like to see it revitalized.

Mr. Cleworth stated there are only two duties and powers of the PSC: 1) to research issues delegated by the City Council, and 2) to hear and analyze public comments and complaints. He stated he has seen committees steer toward political issues instead of fulfilling their purpose, and he believes the PSC is not fulfilling the purpose it was created for.

Ms. Rogers stated that according to Ms. Kun, the PSC is meeting regularly. She stated that just because the PSC is not meeting its original purpose does not necessarily mean it should be eliminated. She suggested looking at its purpose and possibly amend it to be more in line with what the PSC is currently doing.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6108 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – **Ms. Therrien** stated she, Ms. Rogers, and Mr. Pruhs recently met with City lobbyist, Yuri Morgan. She reported that the State House has not passed the State budget, and the conflicts seem to pertain to the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend. She stated the group will meet Wednesday, June 12 at 9 a.m. with folks from Fairbanks Natural Gas (FNG) to discuss natural gas expansion. She stated Mr. Morgan does not believe there will be much of an impact to the City of Fairbanks if the State budget does not pass. She stated that the Committee will continue to meet weekly until the legislative session ends.

Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) – **Ms. Rogers** shared that the next FDC meeting will be the following evening at 5:30 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

a) Appointment to the Public Safety Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

b) Memo Regarding Public Works Road Striping Project

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to ACCEPT the Memo Regarding the Public Works Road Striping Project.

Mr. Cleworth read the third paragraph of the memorandum stating that it is understood that the funds would be reimbursed to the Public Works budget through the next budget amendment. He stated that by accepting the memo, the Council would be promising to increase the Public Works budget by \$58,529.

Ms. Rogers recalled the discussions held at Finance Committee meetings on the issue.

Attorney Ewers stated that, legally, the Council cannot guarantee funds by way of the memo. Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson stated that his department had originally requested \$150,000 for street striping in the budget request; he stated the amount was reduced to \$103,000 by the Council. He stated that the bids were returned and exceeded the budgeted line item. He stated funding will need to be a budget amendment to cover the difference, and he is not able to absorb the amount in the Public Works operational budget. Chief of Staff Mike Meeks stated that if they hold the project until a budget amendment is approved, it will be too late in the season.

Ms. Rogers requested clarification on the legality of the issue. Attorney Ewers stated that the Council may not vote to commit to a future budget amendment or agree to take a certain action on an ordinance in the future without going through the proper process for an ordinance. He stated the Council may accept the memo with the understanding that it does not object to the transfer, but there is no guarantee that the funds will be re-appropriated.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to AMEND the Memo Regarding the Public Works Road Striping Project by ending paragraph #3 after the words “operational budget” and striking the remainder of the sentence.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE MEMO REGARDING THE PUBLIC WORKS ROAD STRIPING PROJECT BY ENDING PARAGRAPH #3 AFTER THE WORDS “OPERATIONAL BUDGET” AND STRIKING THE REMAINDER OF THE SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS:

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEMO REGARDING THE PUBLIC WORKS ROAD STRIPING PROJECT, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

City Engineer Bob Pristash asked whether he had the authority to award the contract. The Council replied affirmatively. Mr. Jacobson stated he is uncomfortable with one department spending another department’s budget. **Ms. Kun** stated she did not vote in favor of the motion for that reason.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Ottersten stated they had no comments.

Mr. Cleworth referenced page 23 of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2018, and he read an amendment passed unanimously by the Council stating that “...the administration will identify the largest users of the ESP and send them a courtesy letter along with their call volume showing use of ESP services and respectfully request assistance with the program.” **Mr. Cleworth** asked what approach the administration has taken on that Council action.

Mayor Cleworth asked Chief of Staff Mike Meeks to respond to Mr. Cleworth’s question. Mr. Meeks stated that locations such as Fred Meyer have a lot of calls for service, and the administration does not want to punish those locations for the calls for service tied to their location. He stated that it did not seem like a good approach, and the only way to determine which businesses should receive a letter is to choose those with the highest call volume. **Mr. Cleworth** asked whether any solicitation would be sent from the City. Mr. Meeks stated that the Downtown Association solicits, but he will look into it to see if the City plans to solicit. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that he does not view the solicitation as punitive, and the businesses are beneficiaries of a service.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the Council lowered the City mill rate by 1.108 mills earlier in the meeting; he stated he hopes the media will report that.

Mr. Pruhs spoke about the idea of the City funding boiler change-outs when natural gas comes online. He talked about his recent meeting with various City staff, two fellow Council members, and staff from Fairbanks Natural Gas to begin exploring the idea. He spoke to how past Councils have had the same budget conversations as the current Council and stated that future Councils will have those discussions also.

Ms. Therrien stated she hopes Mr. Cleworth can get a tax cap ordinance on the next agenda. **Mr. Cleworth** requested that the issue be placed on the next Finance Committee agenda. **Ms. Therrien** indicated that she would like to cosponsor the ordinance and asked the Clerk about the Council's deadline to adopt an ordinance that would place a question on the ballot for the regular election. Clerk Snider replied that the deadline for Council adoption would be the second regular Council meeting in July.

Ms. Therrien pointed out that Resolution No. 4885, which lowered the City's mill rate, passed on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Rogers thanked the Council and those attending for all the comments given at the meeting. She stated it serves the Council well to remember that its best consensus is when everyone brings good and informative discussion to the table from varying perspectives.

Ms. Kun gave an Indigenous peoples' land acknowledgement. She stated she is grateful to be involved with the suicide awareness project in Fairbanks, and she provided the phone number to call to reach out for help. She spoke to the ongoing healthcare challenge facing the City and stated that healthcare companies are taking advantage of people. She spoke to the amount of rubbish removed from local rivers and waterways and to sustainability in Fairbanks.

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 9:33 p.m.

JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: DS



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 24, 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 Resolution No. 4878 Regarding HB 79 (Defined Benefit Plan for Certain Public Employees), 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
Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff
Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director
Kristi Merideth, Dispatch Center Manager
Nancy Reeder, Police Chief
Carrie Peterson, Grants Administrator
Jim Styers, Fire Chief
Bill Rogers, 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 everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Matherly introduced Emilio Garcia as a new Fairbanks Police Officer. He shared about Officer Garcia's background, experience, and training, including service in the U.S. Army.

Mayor Matherly asked Lt. Matt Soden and his family to come forward. He stated that Lt. Soden is retiring, and he commended Lt. Soden for his service to the City, which began in 1994. He stated that Soden was selected within the top three of 350 applicants who applied at that time. **Mayor Matherly** spoke about the emotional and physical challenges in serving as a police officer,

and he listed the many awards Lt. Soden has received throughout his career. **Mayor Matherly** stated it has been an honor to work with Lt. Soden, and he thanked all the family and friends of Lt. Soden who were in attendance.

Lt. Soden stated it has been a privilege to serve in the City where he grew up. He thanked his family for their support, and he acknowledged the sacrifice of late FPD Officer Kevin Lamb. He stated none of his successes would have been possible without the support of his fellow FPD officers. He stated he has the opportunity now to go into business with his best friend and that Fairbanks is a wonderful community.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Richard Lane, 330 3rd Avenue, #316, Fairbanks – Mr. Lane stated that he moved to the area in 2013, and he is a recording artist. He stated he wants to do as much for the community as he can to help make Alaska an example to the rest of the world. He stated he has many talents as a linguist, singer, and artist. He stated that plans to open a used car lot in Fairbanks.

Victor Buberger, PO Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger thanked Public Works for doing their best to keep up. In regard to the City budget, he stated that labor costs have to be cut. He spoke in disfavor of labor unions, and he stated it irks him to see people standing around with their hands in their pockets.

Frank Turney, 1434 Lacey Street, B, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney stated he has been pushing for a Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) resolution regarding race discrimination in jury selection. He referenced Supreme Court cases, *Batson v. Kentucky* and the recent Supreme Court ruling involving Curtis Flowers. He stated that the ruling stated that jurors cannot be removed strictly based on race. He stated that discrimination against Blacks and Natives in juries happens in Alaska, and data collection is missing. He questioned the purpose of the FDC and stated that he will not let the subject fall away.

John Knott, 1408 Secluded Drive, North Pole – Mr. Knott stated he is the Department Commander of Alaska and the Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 675. He stated the Purple Heart medal is the oldest American medal, dating back to the days of George Washington. He stated the Military Order of the Purple Heart is a non-profit organization and is the only veteran organization specifically chartered by Congress. He stated that membership is made up exclusively of those who have been wounded or killed in combat. He stated that Alaska honors Purple Heart members with distinctive license plates and by designating the Alaska Highway from the Canadian border to Fairbanks as the “Purple Heart Highway”. He stated that communities across the nation recognize the sacrifices of Purple Heart recipients through affiliation with their local Purple Heart organization, and he recognized several local businesses and organizations who carry such an affiliation with the local chapter. He asked the City of Fairbanks to publicly and visually express its support by designating Fairbanks as a Purple Heart City. He stated that throughout his years of service, he has never encountered a more military-supportive community than Fairbanks.

Mr. Cleworth asked Mr. Knott if he was involved in the designation of the “Purple Heart Highway”. Mr. Knott replied that he was not, but his predecessors were.

Laurel Sliney, 500 Ketchikan Drive, Fairbanks – Ms. Sliney stated she does not know how many times the people of Fairbanks need to vote to tell the Council that it needs to control spending and stop reaching into the pockets of taxpayers. She stated voters have voted more than a dozen times on the tax cap. She stated she will be helping to defeat the City ordinance regarding the tax cap. Ms. Sliney stated the City budget shows that a expeditors and administrative assistants at the City make twice the wage they would make in the private sector. She stated she will assume that all other City wages are at least 25% higher than those of similar jobs in the private sector. She suggested shedding some City services and privatizing the garbage pickup service.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Cleworth pulled Ordinance No. 6109 from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Matherly called for objection to APPROVING 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 January 7, 2019.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

b) Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2019

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Matherly spoke about the recent Princess Riverside Lodge fire, and he read a letter of thanks to the community and to first responders from the Holland America Group. He stated that the Midnight Sun Festival over the weekend was a great and well-attended event. He thanked Colonel Peter Gryzen for the recent tour of the construction of the F-35 hangars and flight line.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mx. Ottersten stated they had no comments.

Mr. Cleworth expressed appreciation to Lt. Soden and his family. In reference to Mr. Turney's comments on jury selection, **Mr. Cleworth** asked the City Attorney whether prosecuting and defense attorneys may strike a juror for any reason. Attorney Ewers stated there are Constitutional limits in removing jurors, and there are a certain number of challenges given to each side. He stated jury selection is an interesting topic, and the Council passed a resolution some years ago in support of fully-informed juries.

Mr. Pruhs stated he has no comments.

Ms. Therrien congratulated Lt. Soden on his retirement and stated the City will miss him. She requested to be added as a sponsor to support Fairbanks as a Purple Heart City. **Mayor Matherly** asked if everyone would like to be added, and all Council Members expressed support.

Ms. Rogers echoed Mr. Cleworth's comments regarding the jury issues. She stated that far too often, difficulties in the community boil down to racial discrimination, and it is not acknowledged.

Ms. Kun thanked Mr. Lane for attending the meeting and stated that she met him downtown recently. She stated she is curious as to why the FDC has not introduced a resolution regarding the jury discrimination issue. She stated she would try to attend the July 9 FDC meeting to address the need for an awareness resolution regarding discrimination in jury selection.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6108– An Ordinance to Amend Fairbanks General Code Section 2-473, Composition of the Public Safety Commission. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

Ms. Kun, seconded by **Ms. Ottersten**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6108.

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

Ms. Kun stated she is happy to see that the Public Works Director is being added as a resource to the Public Safety Commission (PSC).

Mr. Cleworth stated that the PSC had much different objectives when it was created, and it was a time when there was another position to oversee the Chief of Police. He stated the PSC has been used for political purposes, which bothers him, and he used the PSC's position on the annexation of Fred Meyer as an example. He stated he has no problem with the ordinance, and he appreciates the discussion about the PSC. He indicated that he would like Council members to continue thinking about the purpose and role of the PSC to determine whether it is still needed.

Ms. Rogers asked whether the Council should hold a Work Session to discuss the future of the PSC. Chief of Staff Mike Meeks shared that the PSC will discuss the issue at their July 9 meeting. He explained that there has already been a staff meeting regarding the PSC, but there is no Work Session planned at this time. **Ms. Rogers** asked if it is possible to schedule a Work Session. Clerk Snider stated that, per an earlier request by the Council, she had planned to schedule a Work Session within the next couple of months for a full review of City Boards and Commissions.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6108 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6108 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4887 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Funds from the Alaska Highway Safety Office for FFY20 DUI Traffic Enforcement Unit. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Ordinance No. 6109 – An Ordinance to Present to the Qualified Voters of the City of Fairbanks the Question of an Amendment to City Charter Section 6.5 to Alter the Tax Cap. Introduced by Mayor Matherly and Council Members Cleworth, Therrien, Ottersten, Kun, Rogers, and Pruhs.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mx. Ottersten**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6109.

Mr. Cleworth stated there was an article in Saturday’s newspaper regarding the ordinance. He stated that there are some citizens who are unhappy about the ordinance and indicated that there may be a lot of confusion surrounding it. He stated it is extremely important to educate citizens on what the change would do. **Mr. Cleworth** spoke to his belief in the tax cap, and he explained how the tax cap works. He explained that before the “cap within the cap” was in place, the mill rate fluctuated, partly due to Borough assessments. He stated there is a misconception that, in order to get around the tax cap, local government can raise property assessments to gain more revenue. He explained, however, that if assessments increase by 10%, the mill rate is forced to decrease because of the built-in formula of the tax cap. He stated that the cap can grow each year by only two things: 1) the Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculated in Anchorage, and 2) new construction. **Mr. Cleworth** explained that the cap works in reverse as well; he explained that if there was a recession and assessments went down, the City would have the right to raise the mill rate in order to collect the same amount in property taxes that it collected the year before. He stated the tax cap was amended in 2007, and the mill rate was frozen at a base rate of 4.9%. He explained that the Council soon thereafter created a business license “tax” to offset the frozen mill rate. He stated that, with a fixed mill rate, when there is no inflation the City does not leave any money on the table; however, when there is inflation there is money left on the table. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that in order to recover or “true up” those revenues, the City would have to increase other taxes or create a new tax. He stated that the business license revenue no longer makes up for the loss in revenue, especially since State revenue sharing is dwindling. He stated that Ordinance No. 6109 would present to voters the question of returning to the original tax cap that was implemented in 1988, which would mirror the Borough tax cap. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that he believes in a tax cap, but the “cap within the cap” has complicated it. He shared that the City mill rate was reduced by 1 mill this year, which is a function of the tax cap. He offered to answer any questions the media may have about the tax cap to avoid any public confusion.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6109 by changing the word “would” to “may” in paragraph 3 of the Information section.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6109 BY CHANGING THE WORD “WOULD” TO “MAY” IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE INFORMATION SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6109, as Amended, by removing the word “that” in line 2, paragraph 3 of the Information section.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he drafted the paragraph originally, but it was edited by the City Clerk and the City Attorney. He stated that the Council has time to consider the language over the next two weeks and introduce any changes they would like to make.

Ms. Kun asked why the percentage increase example is included in the information section if the mill rate would fluctuate. **Mr. Cleworth** explained that the statement will allow property owners to estimate how an increase in the CPI would affect them. **Ms. Kun** stated that the statement seems misleading; she indicated she would like to strike the paragraph. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that he is open to suggestions on how to improve the language.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6109, AS AMENDED, BY REMOVING THE WORD “THAT” IN LINE 2, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE INFORMATION SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6109, as Amended, by adding the phrase, “For example,” to the beginning of paragraph 3 of the Information section.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the placement of the “For example” language may be misleading. He stated the mill rate did not decrease in 2019 because of the proposition.

Mr. Cleworth suggested that the Council look more closely at the ordinance before the second reading. **Ms. Ottersten** suggested that it may also be a good idea to clarify that the mill rate can decrease.

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6109, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Committee Reports

Sister City Committee – **Ms. Rogers** stated that the Committee met recently and discussed sending a hockey team to Fairbanks’ Sister City, Fanano, Italy in October. **Mayor Matherly** stated that during Golden Days in July, a film will be shown about Felix Pedro, and he will meet with folks from Fanano on a live feed. **Ms. Rogers** thanked Fairbanksans who have donated to make the hockey trip to Fanano a reality.

Polaris Working Group – **Mr. Pruhs** shared that the group would meet later in the week.

FAST Planning Policy Committee (formerly FMATS Policy Committee) – **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the topic of a “build grant” came up at the recent meeting. He explained that, historically, federal funds were passed through the state, then divvied up to local Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) on a fair basis. He stated that a change was made in Washington, and “build grants” were put into place, causing the funding process to become competitive. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that FAST Planning will apply for a build grant to cover the reconstruction of Cowles Street. He stated that since the project is already funded through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), an award of build grant funds would free up those funds for other projects. He stated that a benefit-cost analysis study is required as part of the grant application, and it was proposed that the City cover the \$7,000 cost of the study since the City would benefit. He stated that a successful grant application would free up funds to be used in other places in the City of North Pole and the Borough, and he did not think it was fair for the City to cover the cost for the study. **Mr. Cleworth** shared that City representatives prevailed, saving the City \$7,000. He stated the cost of the study will be covered by FAST Planning. He expressed hope that FAST Planning staff could be trained to perform the study to save money.

Ms. Rogers shared that the Opioid Task Force will meet at City Hall at 10 a.m. on June 25. She also shared that the Housing and Homeless Coalition would meet at City Hall at noon on June 26.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) Memo Notifying Increase in Matching Funds for Cowles Street Reconstruction Project

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Board of Plumber Examiner Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Ms. Kun gave an Indigenous peoples’ land acknowledgement. She stated that the Midnight Sun Festival and Run were good events. She shared that the PSC would meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 11:30 at the City Public Works Department.

Ms. Rogers stated that as she was driving to City Hall for the meeting, she witnessed a fire engine trying to make its way through traffic. She stated she was disappointed to see how few people understand the responsibility to move over and let emergency vehicles through.

Ms. Therrien stated she does not believe the Legislative Committee will be meeting for a while. She wished the State legislature luck in dealing with the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) issue and expressed hope that they would not spend the funds to meet in a session in Wasilla.

Mr. Pruhs stated that he is being affected by allergy season.

Mr. Cleworth thanked everyone who participated in the earlier Work Session on Resolution No. 4878. He asked the City Clerk to what date the resolution was postponed. Clerk Snider stated that the resolution was postponed to the first Regular Council meeting in July. **Mr. Cleworth** stated it is a complicated issue, and the resolution should be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. He explained that with the PERS program, there is a commitment under the State Constitution to pay benefits, even if the State has no money. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that he had noticed a section of Denali Way between Lathrop Street and Stewart Street that was in bad shape; he stated when he drove by the section of street about a week later, it was repaired, and he thanked the Public Works Department. **Mr. Cleworth** reported that he received two phone calls regarding an outburst at the last FDC meeting. He stated that there is a decorum that should be followed at all City Board and Commission meetings. He stated that the FDC seems to have difficulty meeting quorum, and he wondered whether it is a problem that needs to be addressed. He requested that scheduling a meeting plan for Council review of City Boards and Commissions be added to the next Finance Committee meeting agenda. He stated he and his wife recently witnessed F-16s taking off from Eielson AFB and to how impressive those aircraft are.

Mx. Ottersten wished everyone a happy LGBTQ Pride Month and stated there were more local events this year than ever before. They thanked Alex Elliot and the Frozen Sisters organization for their efforts in coordinating events.

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 8:03 p.m.

JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: DS



MEMORANDUM

City of Fairbanks Clerk's Office

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

TO: Mayor Jim Matherly and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "DS", enclosed in a blue circular scribble.

SUBJECT: Marijuana License Renewal

DATE: September 3, 2019

Notice has been received from the State Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) for the following marijuana license renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
18187	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	188 Bentley Trust Road, Suite A

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-214 and 3 AAC 306.060, the Council may determine whether to protest marijuana license renewals after holding a public hearing. The 60-day deadline for response to AMCO on the above-listed renewal is September 27, 2019.

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-215(b)(12), I have inquired about complaints filed with the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB), the City of Fairbanks, and AMCO in regard to the above marijuana establishments. The FNSB and AMCO reported that there have been no complaints or notices of violation filed within the past 12 months, and the City of Fairbanks has no complaints on file.

The Police Department has included a call report for the above-listed location (attached); however, there is no recommended protest by FPD.

There are **no departmental objections** to the above-listed marijuana license renewal application. Please contact me if you need any further information.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

THE FAIRBANKS CUT- 188 BENTLEY TRUST

08/13/2018-08/12/2019

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
19002235	06/15/2019 16:30:54	LOST PROPERTY -	188 BENTLEY TRUST	DESK	RPT	06/15/2019 17:33:50

Total Number of Events Listed: 1



800 Cushman Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Telephone (907) 459-6740
Fax (907) 452-5913

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fairbanks City Council

FROM: Jeff Whipple Engineer II and Robert Pristash, PE, City Engineer RWP
City of Fairbanks Engineering Department

SUBJECT: Fairbanks Memorial Hospital – Vacation & Dedication Plat

DATE: September 3, 2019

With regards to the Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision, 1st Addition Preliminary Plat with proposed vacation of portions of 19th Avenue right-of-way, a portion of East Cowles right-of-way will also be dedicated by this plat (see attached exhibits) and is more particularly described as:

A portion of Lot 1 of U.S. Survey No. 3148, Alaska, located within Section 15, T.1S., R.1W., F.M., according to the plat dated November 24, 1952, United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, located within the Fairbanks Recording District, Fourth Judicial District, State of Alaska, the location of which is more particularly described as follows:

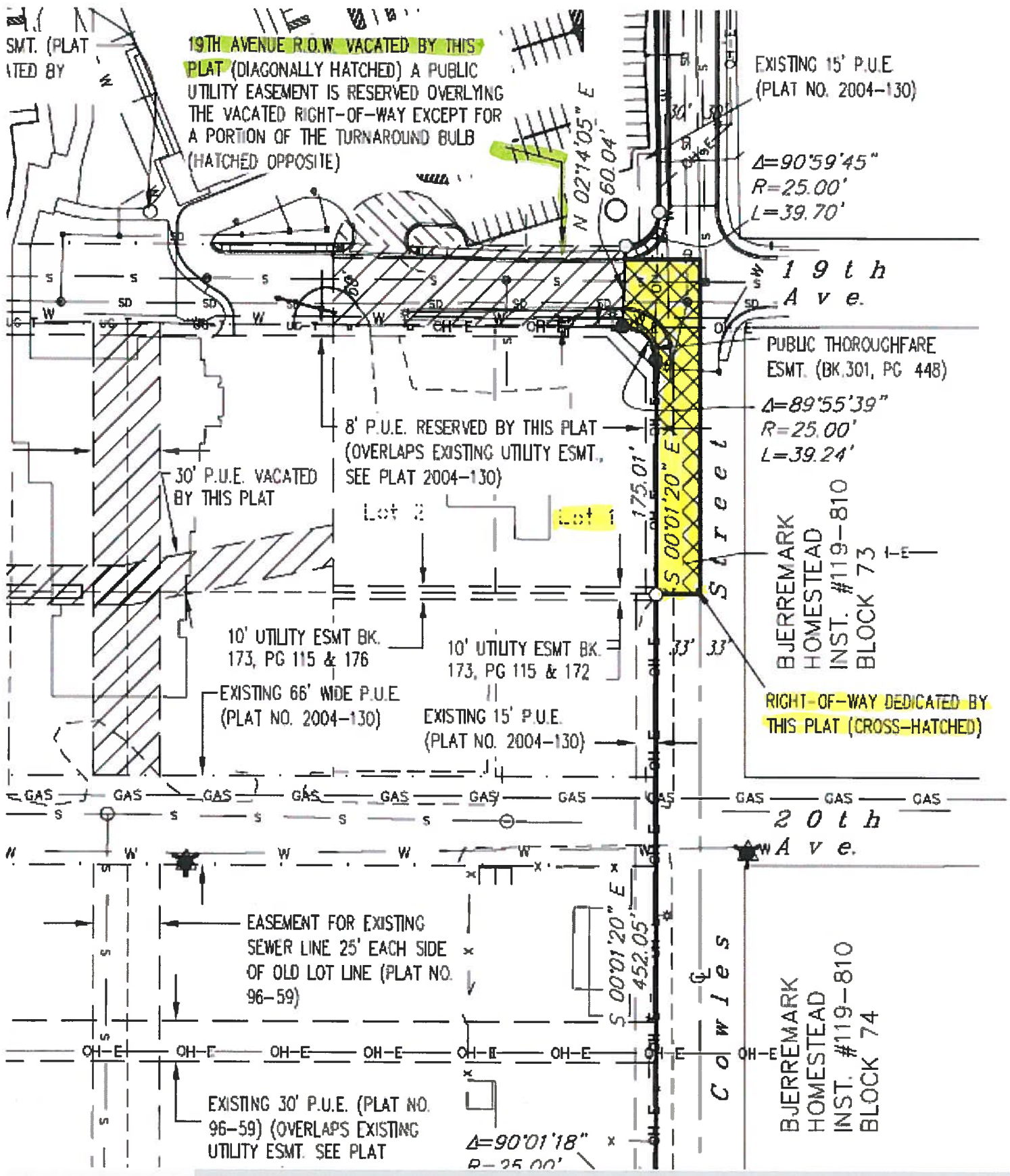
Commencing at the southeast corner of said Lot 1 and the **True Point of Beginning**; Thence S 89° 59' 42" W along the southerly boundary of said Lot 1 a distance of 33 feet to a point; Thence N 00°01'20" W a distance of 175.01 feet to a point of curvature; Thence northwesterly along a curve to the left a distance of 39.24 feet to a point, said curve having a radius of 25.00 feet and a delta angle of 89°55'39"; Thence N 02°14'05" E a distance of 50.04 feet to a point on the northerly boundary of said Lot 1; Thence S 89°56'58" E along the northerly boundary of said Lot 1 a distance of 56.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 1; Thence S 00°01'20" E along the easterly boundary of said Lot 1 a distance of 249.95 feet to the **Point of Beginning**; Containing 9,582 Square Feet, more or less.

This particular right-of-way dedication is small in size and is required to clarify right-of-way within a portion of Lot 1 of U.S. Survey No. 3148 of which property was acquired by the hospital and incorporated into Lot 1A of this subdivision. The City of Fairbanks currently provides maintenance for East Cowles Street, and this dedication will not require any additional maintenance obligations.

Fairbanks General Code Sec. 70-134(a) states:

(a) The city shall neither accept legal title to nor assume the maintenance or improvement obligation of any new street, public or private or other thoroughfare in the city except upon the express approval of the city council by resolution.

As the City currently provides maintenance obligations, and East Cowles Street is not a "new street" or "other thoroughfare" that would require a resolution, this clarification is being provided.



19TH AVENUE R.O.W. VACATED BY THIS PLAT (DIAGONALLY HATCHED) A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT IS RESERVED OVERLYING THE VACATED RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCEPT FOR A PORTION OF THE TURNAROUND BULB (HATCHED OPPOSITE)

EXISTING 15' P.U.E. (PLAT NO. 2004-130)

$\Delta=90^{\circ}59'45''$
 $R=25.00'$
 $L=39.70'$

19th Ave.

PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE ESMT. (BK.301, PG. 448)

$\Delta=89^{\circ}55'39''$
 $R=25.00'$
 $L=39.24'$

BJERREMARK HOMESTEAD INST. #119-810 BLOCK 73

RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATED BY THIS PLAT (CROSS-HATCHED)

8' P.U.E. RESERVED BY THIS PLAT (OVERLAPS EXISTING UTILITY ESMT., SEE PLAT 2004-130)

30' P.U.E. VACATED BY THIS PLAT

10' UTILITY ESMT BK. 173, PG 115 & 176

10' UTILITY ESMT BK. 173, PG 115 & 172

EXISTING 66' WIDE P.U.E. (PLAT NO. 2004-130)

EXISTING 15' P.U.E. (PLAT NO. 2004-130)

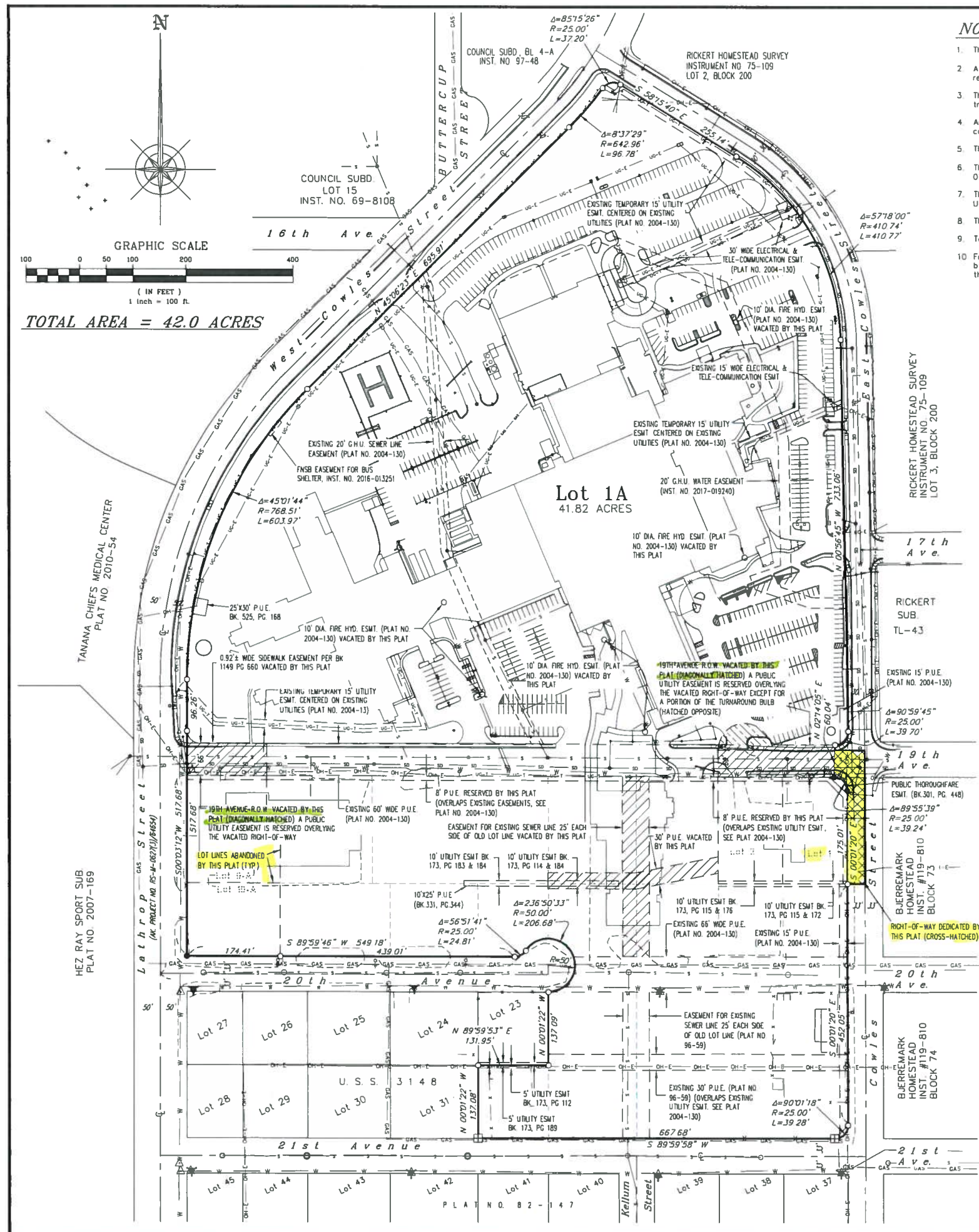
20th Ave.

EASEMENT FOR EXISTING SEWER LINE 25' EACH SIDE OF OLD LOT LINE (PLAT NO. 96-59)

EXISTING 30' P.U.E. (PLAT NO. 96-59) (OVERLAPS EXISTING UTILITY ESMT. SEE PLAT

$\Delta=90^{\circ}01'18''$
 $R=25.00'$

BJERREMARK HOMESTEAD INST. #119-810 BLOCK 74



NOTES

- There will be a 35' radius easement at each pole location for guys, anchors, and other supportive structures
- A 15' wide strip of land as determined necessary by the utility companies is granted for the installation, maintenance, repair, or removal of yard poles.
- The utility companies shall have the right to identify and then remove any dead, weak, overhanging or otherwise dangerous trees adjacent to or in the vicinity of the easement.
- An easement is hereby dedicated within all lots for secondary aerial crossings as determined necessary by the utility companies.
- This property is served by Golden Heart Utilities sewer and water.
- This property is located within Flood Zone "X" per Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map 02090C4378J dated March 17, 2014.
- This area is overlain by Urban Land soils per NRCS Web Soil Survey 2018. This area is overlain by Solchokol Soils per USDA Soil Conservation Series No. 25, 1959.
- The purpose of this plat is to vacate portions of 19th Avenue and to annex 5 lots into 1.
- Temporary Easements reserved from an Plat No. 2004-130 not shown this plat have been abandoned.
- From Plat No. 2004-130: Existing utility easements and all utility easements, public or otherwise, and easements created by this plat within the boundary of this replat are to be automatically vacated upon the removal or abandonment of the utilities which occupy said easements.

LEGEND

- 2 1/2" DIA. ALUMINUM MONUMENT WITH MAGNETS, RECOVERED (705-S UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)
- 5/8" REBAR AND 1 1/2" ALUMINUM SURVEY CAP, RECOVERED THIS SURVEY. (705-S UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)
- 5/8" X 30" REBAR AND 1 1/2" ALUMINUM SURVEY CAP, SET THIS SURVEY, STAMPED 7621-S.

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE OWNERSHIP, DEDICATION AND COMPLIANCE

We hereby certify that the Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, Inc. is the owner of the herein specified property shown and described hereon and that we hereby adopt this plan of subdivision with our consent and dedicate all streets, alleys, walks, parks, and other designated public spaces to public use.

We further certify that all required improvements comply with the standards established in Title 17, Subdivisions, Fairbanks North Star Borough Code.

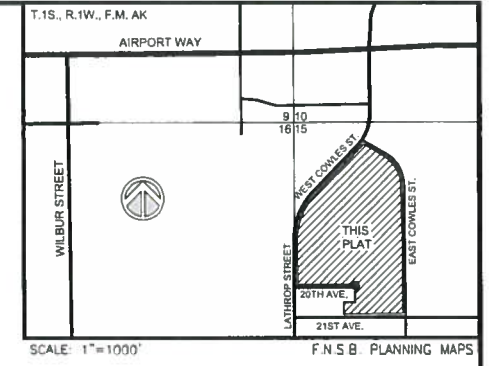
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } S. S.
STATE OF ALASKA

This is to certify that on this ____ day of _____, 20____ before me, a Notary Public for the State of Alaska, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared _____

To me known to be the identical individuals mentioned and who executed the within plat, and they acknowledged to me that they signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein specified in their capacity as _____ of said corporate owner and that at the time they presented this plat that they were clothed with the power and authority to sign this plat on behalf of said corporation.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the day and year in this certificate first herein written.

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska
My Commission Expires: _____



VICINITY MAP

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

I, James H. Altherr, a professional land surveyor registered in the State of Alaska, do hereby certify this plat to be a true and correct representation of lands actually surveyed by me or under my direct supervision according to the standards of Title 17, Subdivisions, Fairbanks North Star Borough Code and that the distances and bearings are shown correctly and that all monuments required have been set.

Registration No. 7621-S

CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT OF TAXES

I, the undersigned, being duly appointed and qualified Tax Collector for the Fairbanks North Star Borough, do hereby certify that, according to the records of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the following described property is carried on the tax records in the name of: _____

Description: _____
and that according to the records in my possession, all taxes levied against said land and in favor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough are paid in full for Tax Year _____. Dated at Fairbanks, Alaska, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Treasury Division Official

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL BY THE PLATTING AUTHORITY

I hereby certify that this subdivision plat has been found to comply with the regulations of Title 17.52, Final Plats, of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code of Ordinances, and that said plat has been approved.

PRELIMINARY PLAT

STUTZMANN ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC.
P.O. BOX 71429, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99707-1429
OFFICE AT 9 ADAK AVENUE | (907) 452-4094 | AK C-827

GREATER FAIRBANKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION SUBDIVISION 1st ADD.
INCLUDES THE REPLAT OF LOT 1, GREATER FAIRBANKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION SUB. 1ST ADD. (PLAT NO. 2004-13) AND THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF 19TH AVENUE & UTILITY EASEMENTS WITHIN NW1/4 SEC. 15, T.1S., R.1W., F.M. AK FAIRBANKS RECORDING DISTRICT

FOR: GREATER FAIRBANKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, INC.	
SURVEYED BY: S.E.A.	DATE: OCT. 2018
DRAWN BY: J.D.S.	DATE: NOV. 21, 2018
CHECKED BY: J.D.S.	SCALE: 1"=100' SHEET 1 OF 1

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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH Department of Community Planning

907 Terminal Street ☆ P.O. Box 71267 ☆ Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-1267

(907) 459-1260 ☆ FAX (907) 205-5169

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fairbanks City Council

THROUGH: Jim Matherly, Mayor
Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff

FROM: *FSC* D. Christine Nelson, Director
FNSB Community Planning

DATE: September 9, 2019

SUBJECT: VACATION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (VA 001-20)

At its regular meeting of August 21, 2019 the Platting Board of the Fairbanks North Star Borough approved a request by Stutzmann Engineering Associates, Inc., on behalf of the Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, Inc., to replat Lot 1, Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision and Lots 1, 2, 9A, and 10A, USS 3148, a total of approximately 41.82 acres, into one lot by vacating their interior common lot lines. The replat also included a request to vacate utility easements and to vacate the two remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street. The property is located on Lathrop Street, Cowles Street, 19th Avenue, 20th Avenue, and 21st Avenue within the NW ¼, Section 15, T.1S., R.1W., FM, AK.

Alaska Statute 29.40.140 states that vacation of a City street may not be made without the consent of the City Council. The City Council shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the Platting Board's decision in which to veto the Board's decision to vacate a street. If no veto is received within the thirty-day period, the consent of the City Council shall be deemed to have been given to the vacation.

The FNSB Department of Community Planning recommended approval of the vacation to the Platting Board. The Platting Board approved the vacation, voting Six (6) in favor and None (0) opposed.

- Attachments: Maps
 Action Letter
 Minutes (pending)
 Staff Report
 Vacation Application

- NOT vetoed by City Council
 Vetoed by City Council

Signature of City Clerk

Date



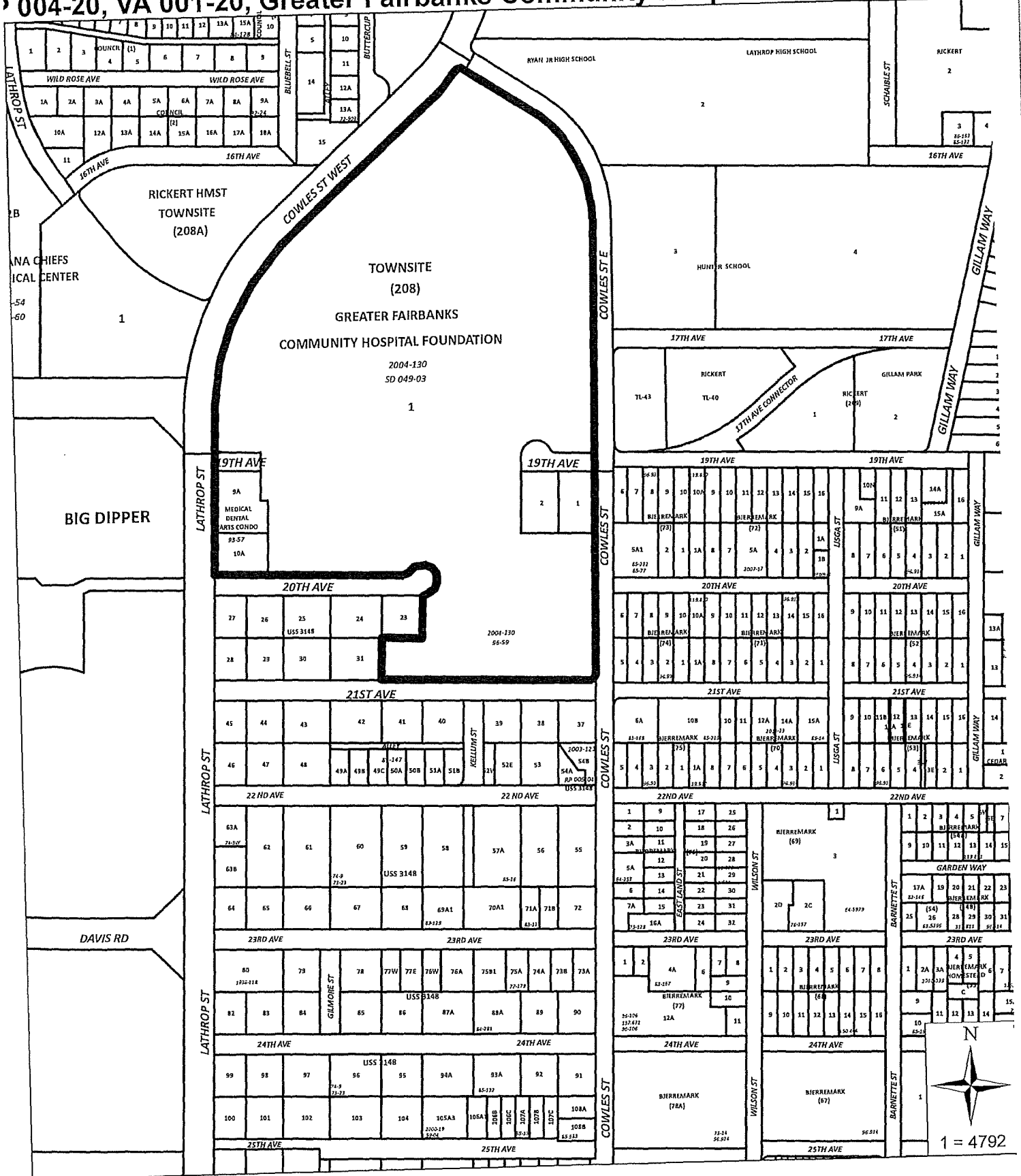


FNSB Dept. Of Community Planning

Printed on: Aug 5, 2019

Platting Board

004-20, VA 001-20, Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Fnd 1st Addition





August 23, 2019

Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 71396
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Re: **SD001-20 / RP004-20 / VA001-20**
Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision 1st Addition

Dear Sirs,

At its regular meeting on August 21, 2019 the Platting Board of the Fairbanks North Star Borough considered your request to replat Lot 1, Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision and Lots 1, 2, 9A, and 10A, USS 3148, a total of approximately 41.82 acres, into one lot by vacating their interior common lot lines. The replat also includes a request to vacate utility easements and to vacate the two remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street, located within the NW ¼, Section 15, T.1S., R.1W., FM, AK.

The Board gave preliminary approval to the request, subject to the following five (5) conditions:

1. The City of Fairbanks, GVEA, and GHU shall have a maximum of 30 calendar days to review and comment on the final plat.
2. ACS shall have a maximum of 10 calendar days to review and comment on the final plat.
3. A note shall be placed on the final plat which states, "In the future should accesses be changed or eliminated which impact public road operations, a supplemental Traffic Impact Statement may be needed to determine all impacts, and propose mitigation measures."
4. A note shall be placed on the final plat which states, "Any new driveway or modification of an existing driveway shall require a permit from the City of Fairbanks."
5. The plat graphic's annotation for the eastern portion of 19th Avenue shall be modified to state, "19th Avenue R.O.W., including the turnaround bulb, vacated by this plat (diagonally hatched). A public utility easement is reserved overlying the vacated right-of-way except for a portion of the turnaround bulb (hatched opposite)."

Futhermore, the Platting Board adopted the following three (3) Findings of Fact in support of the approval:

- a. The subdivision will combine five existing lots into a single remainder lot by vacating all the interior common lot lines.

- b. The City of Fairbanks is the managing authority for all roads accessing the subdivision.
- c. With the five conditions as recommended by staff, this subdivision request meets the applicable requirements of Title 17.

Alaska Statute 29.40.140 states that no vacation of a city street may be made without the consent of the City Council. The Council shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the Board's decision in which to veto that decision. If no veto is received within the thirty-day period, the consent of the City shall be deemed to have been given to the vacation.

Your request is being forwarded to the Fairbanks City Council. Please contact the City Clerk's office (459-6702 or cityclerk@fairbanks.us) for the meeting date.

Upon non-veto by the City Council, a final plat must be prepared by a registered land surveyor and submitted to this office within 24 months of the City Council action or the preliminary approval will become void.

If you have any question regarding this matter, please contact the Fairbanks North Star Borough Department of Community Planning at 907 Terminal Street, 459-1260.

Sincerely,


For George Stefan,
Platting Officer

Enclosure to Addressee

CC:

- Stutzmann Engineering Associates, Inc.
- Jeff Whipple, City of Fairbanks
- Jacquie Goss, GVEA
- Cindy Lester, GHU
- Robert Horner, ACS
- Chad Hosier, FNSB Public Works Engineer

SD001-20 / RP004-20 / VA001-20

August 21, 2019

STAFF REPORT

TO: Fairbanks North Star Borough Platting Board
THROUGH: Kellen Spillman, Deputy Director of Community Planning
FROM: George Stefan, Platting Officer

Applicant/Owner: Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 71396
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Surveyor: Stutzmann Engineering Associates, Inc.
P.O. Box 71429
Fairbanks, AK 99707

**Specific Request/
Legal Description:** To replat Lot 1, Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision and Lots 1, 2, 9A, and 10A, USS 3148, a total of approximately 41.82 acres, into one lot by vacating their interior common lot lines. The replat also includes a request to vacate utility easements and to vacate the two remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street, located within the NW ¼, Section 15, T.1S., R.1W., FM, AK.

Location/Access: Lathrop Street, W Cowles Street, E Cowles Street, Cowles Street, 19th Avenue, 20th Avenue, 21st Avenue

Existing Land Use: Medical Complex: Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Medical & Dental Arts Building, Orthopedic Offices, Fairbanks Imaging Center

Current Zoning: **Lots 9A & 10A, USS 3148 and Lot 1, Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation**
GC: General Commercial
Minimum Lot Size: None
Yard Setbacks: Front = 20 ft; Side/Rear = None

Lots 1 & 2, USS 3148
MFO: Multiple-Family Residential / Professional Office
Minimum Lot Size: 5,000 sq.ft. (Single-family residence)
3,500 sq.ft./unit (Duplex)
1,500 sq.ft./unit (Multiple-family)
Yard Setbacks: Front = 20 ft; Side = 10ft; Rear = 20 ft

Comprehensive Plan: Urban Area

Soils: Urban Land

Flood Zone: X: Protected by Levee (100%)

Road Service Area: City of Fairbanks

Fire Service Area: City of Fairbanks

History: The parent parcels were created by the following subdivision plats:

- The plat of Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision was recorded October 14, 2004 as Plat No. 2004-130. It created one parcel from 16 lots by vacating all common interior lot lines. The plat also vacated unused utility easements and vacated the majority of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street and the east half of 20th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street.
- Lots 1 and 2, USS 3148, were created by the plat of U.S. Survey (USS) 3148, approved November 24, 1952 by the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.
- Lots 9A and 10A, USS 3148, were created by the replat of Lots 7-11 & 12A, USS 3148, recorded June 10, 1998 as Plat No. 98-57.

Specific Request: The Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision 1st Addition proposes the following:

- Replat Lot 1, Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision and Lots 1, 2, 9A, and 10A, USS 3148 into one lot by vacating their interior common lot lines.
- Vacate unused utility easements.
- Vacate the remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street.

Access: The subdivision is surrounded by the following dedicated public rights-of-way (ROW) managed by the City of Fairbanks: East Cowles Street, West Cowles Street, Cowles Street, 21st Avenue, 20th Avenue, 19th Avenue, and Lathrop Street. An aerial image of the parent parcels and surrounding ROW is shown below (**Figure 1**).

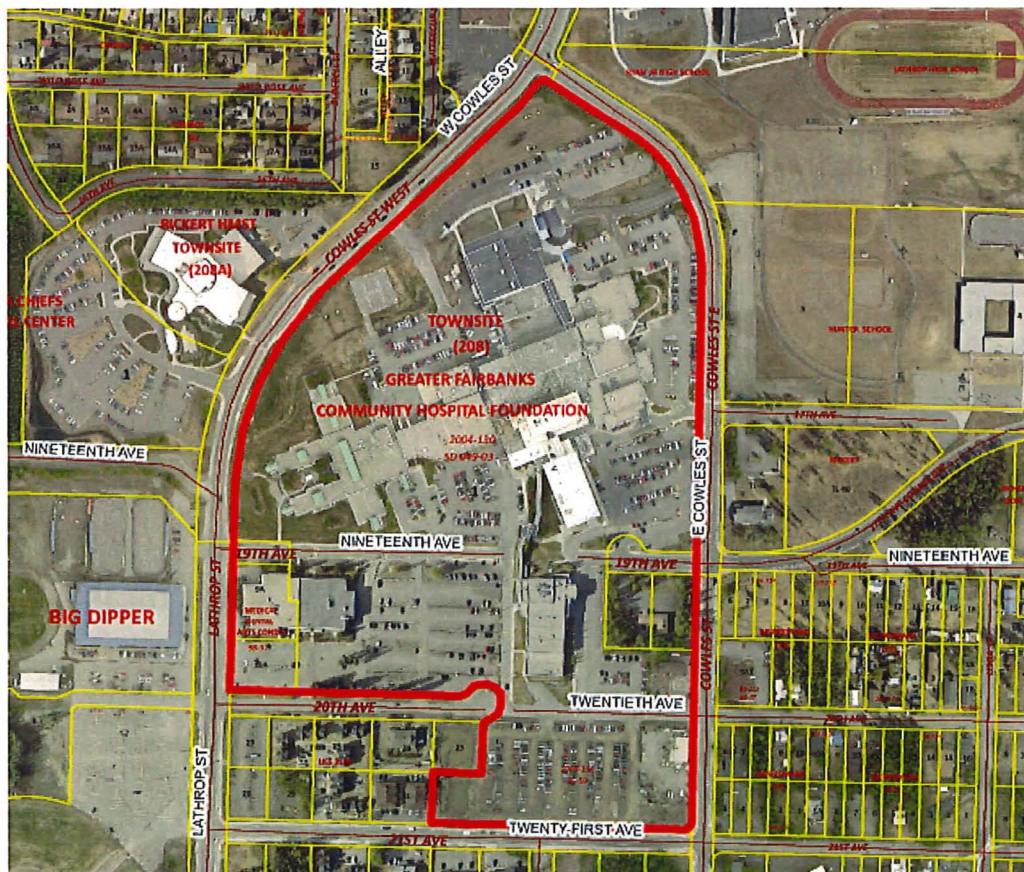


Figure 1: Aerial

Any new access or modification to access points will require a driveway permit from the City of Fairbanks. Lathrop Street and Cowles Street are high volume roads, and considered at least minor collector roads. This subdivision is not requesting any new access points onto Lathrop Street or Cowles Street.

FNSB In-house Review:

Transportation (D. Galligan, Transportation Planner): Responded with the following comments:

- Community Planning—Transportation has no objection to the vacation request for the remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street.
- It is appropriate to have a plat note based on 17.60.020 Special standards and restrictions that states: "In the future should accesses be changed or eliminated which impact public road operations, a supplemental Traffic Impact Statement may be needed to determine all impacts, and propose mitigation measures."
Platting Officer comment: According to the applicant's registered professional, no changes to the existing access are proposed.

Street Addressing (K Streeter, GIS Emergency Services Technician):

- Addressing: Any addresses referencing Nineteenth Ave within the plat area will have to be corrected following vacation.
- Street Naming: No new streets named by this plat. The second label for E Cowles St is missing the predirectional and must be corrected to read "E Cowles St".

Public Works Engineering (C Hosier, Public Works Engineer):

- There are no improvements. I have no comments.

Zoning (K Heredia, Planner):

- Vacating all the interior common lot lines would result in one property that has split zoning. Though this is not a Planning best practice, it is not in violation of Title 18. I would recommend that the property owner request a rezoning of the two parcels on the right, PANs 103659 & 103667, from MFO to GC, which is the zone the rest of the property has. Per our fee schedule, the property owner could request the rezoning with no cost, as they would go from split zoning to single zoning.

Flood (N Durham, Floodplain Administrator):

- This property is located in Flood Zone X: Protected by Levee and is not required to meet FNSBC Title 15.04 Floodplain Management Regulations.

Trails (B Wright, Trails Coordinator): A request for comment was sent by staff on July 2, 2019. No comments were returned.

Land Management (S Mota, Land Manager): A request for comment was sent by staff on July 2, 2019. No comments were returned.

Agency and Utility Review:

ACS: A request for comment was sent by the applicant's surveyor on November 21, 2018, and no response has been received to date.

GCI: No objection and commented:

- Following the review of the documentation sent for consideration GCI is covered under the NOTES #1-4. I have attached our grid overlay and a plat mark up with GCI approval. The plat markup does indicate our fiber (green) and that our new

Node Split (purple) allows for the vacation of the 30ft PUE (in yellow). If other vacates or relocates are necessary this will have to be addressed, otherwise, this preliminary plat proposal could move forward.

FNG: No objection.

GVEA: No objection and requests review of the final plat prior to approval.

ADOT: Responded "No Comment."

GHU: No objection and requests review of the final plat prior to FNSB approval.

City of Fairbanks: "The City of Fairbanks has no objection to the approval of the above-mentioned preliminary plat, provided the following conditions are met prior to the recording of the final plat.

1. Add Driveway Note: Any new driveway or modification of an existing driveway shall require a permit from the City of Fairbanks.
2. The proposed Vacation of 19th Avenue is required to include the turn-around bulb to prevent an isolated segment of city owned and maintained right of way.
Platting comment: A recommended condition for final plat approval will be the final plat shall make it clear that the turn-around bulb will be vacated with the other portions of 19th Avenue.
3. The proposed Vacation of 19th Avenue City owned right of way requires approval by the City Council as required by Fairbanks General Code, Sec 70.56. The Engineering Department may make recommendations to the City Council, but the Council has power of veto for all street vacations approved by the Fairbanks North Star Borough within the city limits.
4. The proposed Dedication of Cowles Street right of way to the City requires approval per Ordinance by the City Council as required by Fairbanks General Code, Sec 70.36.
5. The City of Fairbanks shall be given opportunity to review and comment on the final plat."

Replat Analysis: The subdivision replats five existing lots into one by vacating all interior common lot lines. The resultant single lot, Lot 1A, is approximately 41.82 acres and has legal, constructed access from the roads previously mentioned. All but one of the affected utility agencies responded with no objection to the proposed utility easement vacations. ACS did not respond and will be given 10 calendar days to review and comment on the final plat prior to approval.

Vacation Analysis: The majority of 19th Avenue, lying between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street, was vacated by Plat No. 2004-130. This subdivision request includes vacation of the remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street, described as follows:

- West portion: The west portion of 19th Avenue is a 150ft long ROW, 60ft in width, intersecting with Lathrop Street. It provides primary access to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital's Denali Center and the main hospital's southwest entry. It also provides one of three access points to the Medical & Dental Arts Building. According to the applicant's representative, no changes to the constructed access are proposed.

- **East portion:** The east portion of 19th Avenue is a 200ft long ROW, 60ft in width, intersecting with Cowles Street. It serves as the main exit for Fairbanks Memorial Hospital's main parking lot, as well as providing primary access to the Imaging & Breast Center and two orthopedic offices. According to the applicant's representative, no changes to the constructed access are proposed. The existing 25ft corner roundings and 60ft wide intersection approach will remain dedicated to the public, providing for a proper intersection at the hospital's main exit and Cowles Street. Additionally, a small portion of Cowles Street near this intersection will be dedicated to the public.

The applicant's representative submitted a vacation application for the two portions of 19th Avenue (**Attachment 1**). The proposed area of vacation is highlighted below (**Figure 2**).

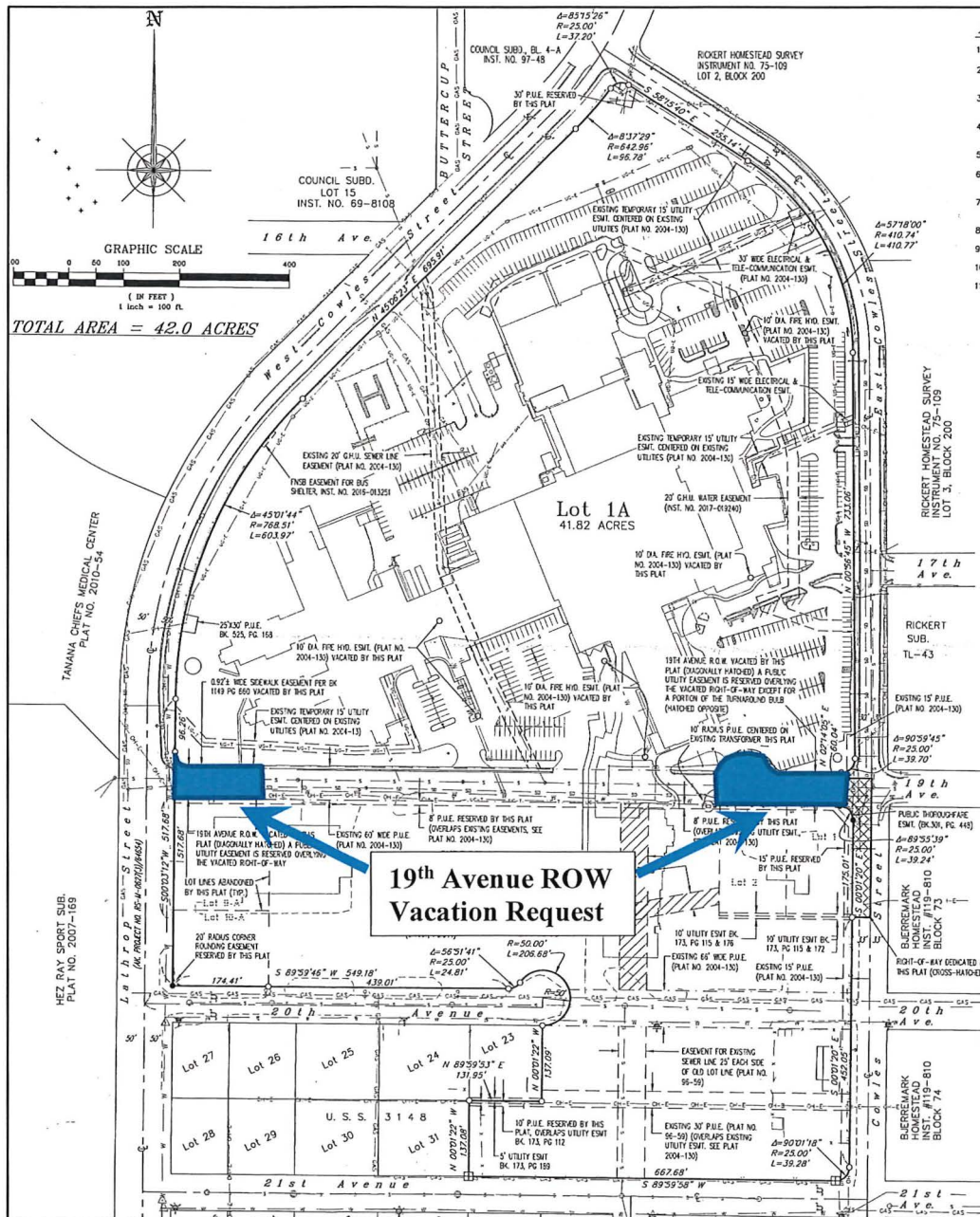


Figure 2: Preliminary Plat—Area of Vacation

FNSBC 17.32.030.E(1) provides the main premise for a public vacation request, specifically that the platting board shall deem the area being vacated to be of value to the municipality. FNSBC 17.32.030.E(1) states,

The platting board shall consider the merits of each vacation request and in all cases the platting board shall deem the area being vacated to be of value to the municipality. It shall be incumbent upon the applicant to show that the area proposed for vacation is no longer practical for the uses or purposes authorized or that other provisions have been made which are more beneficial to the public.

Applicant: The majority of 19th Avenue in this area was vacated by Plat No. 2004-130.

The two short portions of 19th Ave that remain were not included in the 2004 vacation because the Hospital Foundation did not have 100% ownership of the area at that time.

The two portions of 19th Avenue proposed to be vacated are no longer practical as public streets. The Hospital Foundations owns 100% of the property surrounding the two segments and they do not provide access to any properties except those owned by the hospital. It is not practical for these two segments that do not currently serve the public and cannot be connected in the future to remain public rights-of-way.

The Fairbanks Memorial Hospital is Fairbanks' only hospital. In order to safely manage both vehicle and pedestrian traffic within its campus, it is necessary that the hospital have control of its own internal access and traffic controls. It is more beneficial to the public that the Hospital Foundation has ownership of the streets so it can manage traffic controls within the campus and can continue to make any necessary improvements to insure the safety of campus patients and visitors.

Staff: The two remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street are essentially short stub roads, as far as their public ROW interest is concerned. They serve medical facilities under common ownership of the Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, Inc. This subdivision effectively creates one large parcel, Lot 1A, by dissolving the interior common lot lines. As a result, Lot 1A will be the only lot with frontage on these portions of 19th Avenue, so the ROW proposed for vacation is no longer practical as a public street. Further, vacation of the ROW allows the Hospital Foundation to manage public access, revise internal circulation as necessary, and establish traffic controls for the safety of its patients and visitors.

Finally, for the eastern portion of 19th Avenue, the existing 25ft corner roundings and 60ft wide intersection approach to Cowles Street will remain dedicated to the public, providing for a proper intersection at the hospital's main exit and Cowles Street.

Vacation Recommendation: Staff recommends preliminary approval of the vacation of the two remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street with the following findings of fact:

- a) The two remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street are no longer practical as public roads because:
 - i. The majority of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street was vacated by FNSB Platting Board and City of Fairbanks City Council approval and recorded on October 14, 2004 as Plat No. 2004-130.

- ii. The two remaining portions of 19th Avenue are currently disconnected as a public road thoroughfare from Lathrop Street to Cowles Street.
 - iii. The Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation, Inc. owns all of the property surrounding the two portions of 19th Avenue.
 - iv. The replat portion of this subdivision request creates a single remainder lot with the only lot frontage on the two portions of 19th Avenue.
- b) It is more beneficial to the public if the two remaining portion of 19th Avenue are vacated because:
- i. Fairbanks Memorial Hospital will have complete control of its own internal access and traffic controls throughout its entire campus.
 - ii. Fairbanks Memorial Hospital will be able to completely manage public access, make improvements and revise internal circulation as necessary, and establish traffic controls for the safety of its patients and visitors.

Subdivision Recommendation: Staff recommends preliminary approval of Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision 1st Addition with the following conditions:

1. The City of Fairbanks, GVEA, and GHU shall have a maximum of 30 calendar days to review and comment on the final plat.
2. ACS shall have a maximum of 10 calendar days to review and comment on the final plat.
3. A note shall be placed on the final plat which states, "In the future should accesses be changed or eliminated which impact public road operations, a supplemental Traffic Impact Statement may be needed to determine all impacts, and propose mitigation measures."
4. A note shall be placed on the final plat which states, "Any new driveway or modification of an existing driveway shall require a permit from the City of Fairbanks."
5. The plat graphic's annotation for the eastern portion of 19th Avenue shall be modified to state, "19th Avenue R.O.W., including the turnaround bulb, vacated by this plat (diagonally hatched). A public utility easement is reserved overlying the vacated right-of-way except for a portion of the turnaround bulb (hatched opposite)."

Findings of Fact: Staff further recommends adoption of the following findings of fact:

- a. The subdivision will combine five existing lots into a single remainder lot by vacating all the interior common lot lines.
- b. The City of Fairbanks is the managing authority for all roads accessing the subdivision.
- c. With the five conditions as recommended by staff, this subdivision request meets the applicable requirements of Title 17.

Recommended Motion for Subdivision:

I move to approve Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Subdivision 1st Addition with the five conditions, adopting the three findings of fact and staff report in support of the approval.

Recommended Motion for Vacation:

I move to approve the vacation of the two remaining portions of 19th Avenue between Lathrop Street and Cowles Street, adopting the two findings of fact and staff report in support of approval.

DPOs sent 17	Parcels notified 26
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PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION

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- FEES: \$850 preliminary plat application
 \$100 per lot (N/A if no additional lots created)

Applicant:		Surveyor:	
Name: Great Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation		Business Name: Stutzmann Engineering Associates, Inc.	
Mailing Address: PO Box 71396		Contact Person: Jeremy Stark	
City, State Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99707		Mailing Address: PO Box 71429	
Phone: (907) 458-5550		City, State Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99707	
E-mail:		Phone: (907) 452-4094	
		E-mail: jstark@stutzmannengineering.com	
Property Information:			
Lot, Block & Subdivision (or Tax Lot/Gov't Lot): Lot 1, 2, 9-A, 10-A USS 3148 and Lot 1 GFCHF			
Section, Township & Range: S.15, T1S, R1W FM		Parcel Account Numbers (PAN):	
Proposed change: Vacate portions of 19th Ave.			
Road Service Area: City		Fire Service Area: City	
Total Acreage: 41.8	# Lots Resulting: 1	New subdivision name: GFCHF 1st Add.	
Signatures of <u>all</u> legal owners are required on this application. If signing for a corporation or partnership, provide proof of authority to sign. Use additional pages if necessary.			
Printed name: SEE ATTACHED		E-mail:	
Signature:		Phone:	
Mailing address:			
Property owned:			
Printed name:		E-mail:	
Signature:		Phone:	
Mailing address:			
Property owned:			

Submittal Requirements

NOTE: A preliminary application will not be scheduled for a hearing date until a complete application has been received.

- 12 copies of a preliminary sketch drawn to a scale large enough to be legible, showing:
 - The original tract of land
 - A delineation of the proposal, including the following:
 - All lot dimensions and areas
 - Lakes, streams, natural drainage, wetlands, etc.
 - Topography, including spot elevations/contour intervals as necessary
 - Soil types
 - Flood zone
 - North arrow
 - Phasing (if applicable)
 - Improvements on the land, such as:
 - Existing utilities
 - Existing wells, septic systems, buried tanks, vents, etc.
 - Existing roads, structures, driveways, etc.
 - Drainage, including ditches and culverts
 - Vicinity map
 - Adjoining properties
 - Existing and proposed streets, rights-of-way, trails, public areas, and easements (include section line easement research for section lines within and adjacent to the property to be subdivided, if applicable)
 - Title Block, to include subdivision name, owner's name(s), surveyor, date & legal description of property
 - Additional preliminary plat requirements may be found in FNSBC 17.48.010

Current title report for all properties involved in the plat, with legible copy of all documents identified within that report.

Road design data (prepared and signed by a registered professional, if applicable), to include:

N/A

- Traffic control plan
- Roadway cross section
- Plan & profile
- Drainage plan

If any portion of the property is within a special flood hazard area as described by FNSBC 15.04.130, a drainage plan showing the expected drainage route (via contours/arrows showing flow direction, ditches or culverts) that will carry floodwaters away from each lot.

N/A

If applicable, soils analysis for wastewater and/or road construction prepared and signed by a registered professional.

N/A

Comments from affected agencies or satisfactory evidence that they received a copy of the plat ten (10) working days prior to the submittal date:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaska Communication (ACS) <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Railroad (ARR) <input type="checkbox"/> Alyeska (Pipeline) <input type="checkbox"/> Aurora Energy – steam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Fairbanks <input type="checkbox"/> City of North Pole <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fairbanks Natural Gas (FNG) <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Service Area Chief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GCI—cable/internet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GVEA--electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Gas Utility (IGU) <input type="checkbox"/> Road Service Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility Services of Alaska (USA, CUC, GHU)--water/sewer <input type="checkbox"/> Valley Water <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Department of Fish & Game <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health Trust Land Division of Agriculture Division of Forestry Division of Mining, Land & Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alaska Department of Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> US Army Corps of Engineers--wetlands <input type="checkbox"/> US EPA Region 10 – Storm Water |
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SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A narrative explaining:
 - How the area to be vacated is no longer practical for the uses intended; *and/or*
 - Other provisions that have been made which are more beneficial to the public (FNSBC 17.32.030.E.1)

- A petition (see page 3) signed by:
 - The owners of the majority of the land fronting the area to be vacated; *or*
 - A member of the assembly, the borough mayor, or their designee; *or*
 - An official representative of the state; *or*
 - An official representative of an affected utility (FNSBC 17.32.020.A)

- 12 copies of a preliminary sketch drawn to a scale large enough to be legible, showing:
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- Written recommendations from affected agencies and municipality or evidence they received the preliminary plat 10 working days prior to application submittal (FNSBC 17.32.020.B).

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- Title report showing the legal and equitable owners of the land to be altered. Include copies of all documents referenced in the report (FNSBC 17.32.020.D).

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PRELIMINARY PLAT SIGNATURE PAGE

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Signatures of <u>all</u> legal owners are required on this application. If signing for a corporation or partnership, provide proof of authority to sign. Use additional pages if necessary.	
Printed name: Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation	E-mail: krissy.floyd@gfchf.com
Signature: Jeff Cook, President <i>[Signature]</i>	Phone: (907) 458-5550
Mailing address: PO Box 71396, Fairbanks, AK 99707	
Property owned: Lot 1, 2, 9-A, 10-A, USS 3148 / Lot 1 Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation	
Printed name:	E-mail:
Signature:	Phone:
Mailing address:	
Property owned:	
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Attachment 1



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PLAT VACATION APPLICATION

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- FEES: \$500 Public ROW Vacation Plat 250^e *****FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE*****
 (\$250 if part of preliminary plat/replat)
 \$75 Public Utility Easement (PUE) Vacation (for each vacation)

Applicant:	Surveyor:
Name: Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital	Business Name: Stutzmann Engineering
Foundation	Contact Person: Jeremy Stark
Mailing Address: PO Box 71396	Mailing Address: PO Box 71429
City, State Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99707	City, State Zip: Fairbanks, AK 99707
Phone:	Phone: (907) 452-4094
E-mail:	E-mail: jstark@stutzmannengineering.com
ROW Vacation Information:	
Mark applicable vacation requested:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated public right-of-way <u>19th Avenue</u> (street name)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Section line easement _____ (width)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Park or public area	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alley	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail easement: Width _____ Designation in FNSB Comprehensive Trail Plan _____	
Legal Description of Area to be Vacated:	
Existing 19th Avenue public right-of-way	

The Fairbanks North Star Borough is subject to the Alaska Public Records Act, AS 40.25 et seq. and this document may be subject to public disclosure under state law.

The majority of 19th Avenue in this area was vacated by Plat No. 2004-130. The two short portions of 19th Ave that remain were not included in the 2004 vacation because the Hospital Foundation did not have 100% ownership of the area at that time.

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ORDINANCE NO. 6111

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH FOR FIRE SERVICE FOR THE
BOROUGH'S LAND FILL**

WHEREAS, the FNSB operates a landfill that is outside of City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City has been called upon to suppress fires at this landfill; and

WHEREAS, the City has no formal contract with the FNSB to recoup City costs for fighting these fires; and

WHEREAS, FGC Sec. 2-656 allows the City to provide services to entities outside the City's boundaries with the approval of the City Council by ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

Section 1. The Council approves the provision of firefighting services to the Fairbanks North Star Borough's landfill under the terms and conditions set out in Attachment A.

Section 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the ___ day of _____ 2019.

Jim Matherly, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 6112

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SEC. 2-487,
COMPOSITION OF THE CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION, TO
REMOVE THE CITY CLERK AS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

WHEREAS, the Clay Street Cemetery Commission was created in 2010 by the City Council with the adoption of Ordinance No. 5813; and

WHEREAS, the makeup of the Commission was amended in 2014 by Ordinance No. 5936, which increased the membership from five voting members to seven voting members, changed the City residency requirement for a portion of the membership, and assigned the City Clerk as administrative support to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, after a recent review of the Clay Street Cemetery Commission and the City Clerk's role in Boards and Commissions, the City Council determined that the City Clerk's attendance at Commission meetings and full administrative support is not necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

Section 1. FGC Section 2-487 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

Sec. 2-487. Composition.

The membership of the Clay Street Commission shall be seven members as follows:

- (a) Seven voting members, three of whom must be residents of the city, appointed by the city mayor and confirmed by the city council:
 - (1) One member active in the study of Fairbanks history.
 - (2) One member with experience or interest in maintaining the cemetery.
 - (3) Five at-large public members or four at-large public members if a council member is appointed to the commission.
- (b) The City Public Works Director, or designee, shall be an ex officio member of the commission.
- (c) The chairperson shall be selected from among the commission's members by the commission.
- (d) ~~The city clerk shall supply the commission with administrative support.~~

Section 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the ____ day of September 2019.

Jim Matherly, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

CHENA RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Chena Riverfront Commission was held in the Ester Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Borough Administrative Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Buki Wright, Chair.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelley Hegarty-Lammers, Diana Campbell, Bob Henszey, Wade Binkley, Greg Barker, Gordy Schlosser, Lee Wood, Annette Freiburger and Buki Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Julie Jones (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Charlton, FNSB Parks & Rec; Elizabeth Cook, Ft. Wainwright Cultural Resources Manager; Barb Gaston, member of the public; Patty Peirsol, Historic Preservation Commission; Martin Gutoski, Historic Preservation Commission; Melissa Kellner, FNSB Department of Community Planning; Kellen Spillman, FNSB Community Planning Deputy Director; Cynthia Nelson, TVWA; Chad Hosier, FNSB Public Works; Joe Kemp, AKDOT&PF and Laura Melotte, FNSB Recording Clerk.

B. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

1. Chair's Comments

Chair Wright welcomed Annette Freiburger back to the commission and stated that she had served previously on this commission.

2. Communications to the Chena Riverfront Commission

Commissioner Hegarty-Lammers extended an invitation to the commission from Mrs. Helfferich to attend her husbands' memorial service.

3. Citizen's Comments

None

4. Disclosure and Statement of Conflict of Interest

None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hegarty-Lammers**, seconded by **Commissioner Barker** to approve the agenda for June 12, 2019. There were no objections.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by **Commissioner Schlosser**, seconded by **Commissioner Wood** to approve the minutes of May 8, 2019 as submitted. There were no objections.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bailey Bridge – Elizabeth Cook

Elizabeth Cook, Ft. Wainwright Cultural Resources manager, addressed the commission and gave an update on the status of this project.

A question and answer period followed.

Commissioner Wright requested that Ms. Kellner give an update at the next CRFC meeting if there are any new developments between now and then.

2. Lot Size Configurations Adjacent to Rivers – Bob Henszey

Commissioner Henszey addressed the Commission with regard to this topic. He reviewed with the commission a letter that he has drafted to Mayor Ward expressing concern regarding streambank erosion in certain areas.

Mr. Spillman provided further clarification on this subject. Questions and answers followed.

It was decided that the letter will be updated to address concerns expressed at this meeting and brought back to the next meeting for further review.

Commissioner Barker left the meeting.

3. River Safety Signage – Wade Binkley

Commissioner Binkley gave an in-depth presentation with regard to this topic.

Ms. Nelson commented that perhaps this is something that TVWA could assist with as they promote river safety as well.

The commission discussed other means of support for this project.

F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Salcha-Badger Subarea Plan – Kellen Spillman

Mr. Spillman gave a brief review of this project. He will be asking the commission for a resolution of support at the next meeting.

It was determined that Mr. Spillman will draft a resolution of support and bring it back to the next meeting of the commission for review and approval.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Henszey**, seconded by **Commissioner Hegarty-Lammers** to extend the meeting for five minutes. All were in favor. There were no objections.

2. Update on Current DOT&PF projects – Joe Kemp

Joe Kemp, DOT&PF addressed the commission and gave an update on current DOT projects.

3. Review of CRFC Project List

Due to time constraints this item was not discussed.

G. **EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

None

H. **STAFF AND LIASION COMMENTS**

Mr. Spillman suggested extending the length of the next meeting to two hours due to the heavy agenda.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Campbell**, seconded by **Commissioner Hegarty-Lammers** to extend the next meeting until 2:00 pm. All were in favor. There were no objections.

I. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Freiburger expressed that she is happy to be back on the commission.

J. AGENDA SETTING FOR JULY 10, 2019

A motion was made by **Commissioner Henszey**, seconded by **Commissioner Hegarty-Lammers** to adjourn. All were in favor. There were no objections.

The next meeting will be on July 10, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 17, 2019

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held in the Chizmar Room, 1st Floor, Borough Administrative Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Molly Proue.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin Gutoski, Patricia Peirsol, Matthew Reckard, Amy Viltrakis and Molly Proue.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Hogrefe, member of the public; Sara Meitl (via phone), SHPO; Kristina Heredia, FNSB Staff Representative; Melissa Kellner, FNSB Staff Representative; Kellen Spillman, FNSB Department of Community Planning and Laura Melotte, FNSB Recording Clerk

A. ROLL CALL

B. MESSAGES

1. Chairman's Comments

Commissioner Proue reported that she did make contact with Pat Thurman and it is Ms. Thurman's intention to resign from the Commission. **Ms. Melotte** clarified that Ms. Thurman submitted her letter of resignation recently and also brought an application for an individual to replace her. The application has been delivered to the Mayors' office for processing.

2. Staff's Comments

Ms. Kellner advised the Commission that an article was published in the Sunday paper regarding the Falcon Joslin house.

Ms. Kellner announced that Sara Meitl with SHPO is joining the meeting this evening via phone. She will be addressing the Bailey Bridge and the Section 106 process discussion.

Ms. Kellner commented that she erroneously placed "Historic Roads" on this agenda. This item will need to be bumped to the July agenda. **Commissioner Proue** concurred.

Commissioner Peirsol added that Karen Farrell will not be presenting at this meeting but asked to remain on the agenda for July.

3. Citizen's Comments

Justin Hogrefe, member of the public, stated that he is here to listen in and see what this commission does.

4. Disclosure and Statement of Conflict

Commissioner Proue reminded the commission that she is not able to participate in any DOT related projects per her employer.

C. *MINUTES

Minutes of May 20, 2019

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda passes all routine items indicated by asterisk (*) on agenda. Consent Agenda items are not considered separately unless any Historic Commission member or citizen so requests. In the event of such request, the item is returned to the general agenda.

The commission discussed reorganizing the agenda to remove Unfinished Business item #4a, combine Unfinished Business item #5 with Unfinished Business item #1, and to remove New Business #1 & #2.

MOTION: Moved by **Commissioner Gutoski**, seconded by **Commissioner Viltrakis**, to remove Unfinished Business item #4a, combine Unfinished Business item #5 with Unfinished Business item #1, to remove New Business #1 & #2 and include the minutes of May 20, 2019 as submitted.

VOTE: No objections

MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Bailey Bridge

Ms. Kellner commented that the draft MOA is in the packet materials and Ms. Mietl will be discussing the Section 106 process in general.

Ms. Kellner further commented that she and Commissioner Peirsol will be attending a MOA discussion that Elizabeth Cook invited them to

attend. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19th. **Ms. Kellner** requested that the commission designate Commissioner Peirsol to act on behalf of the commission if necessary.

Ms. Meitl addressed the commission and gave a brief overview of the Section 106 and MOA processes.

A question and answer period ensued.

It was suggested that stipulations be added to the MOA with respect to disposal of the bridge.

Further discussion ensued with regard to the MOA.

It was decided that Commissioner Peirsol will attend the Cultural Resources Working Group meeting and will report back at the next meeting.

MOTION: Moved by **Commissioner Gutoski**, seconded by **Commissioner Viltrakis**, to direct Commissioner Peirsol to act on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission with regard to the Bailey Bridge MOA at the Cultural Resources Working Group meeting on June 19th.

VOTE: No objections

2. Salcha-Badger Area Plan

Ms. Kellner gave a brief update on this item. A short question and answer period ensued.

3. Prioritization List

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed. It will be added to the July 15, 2019 meeting agenda.

4. Alaska Mental Health Trust

a. Ester Creek

This item will be discussed with item #4b.

b. Hudson Mill

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed. It will be added to the July 15, 2019 meeting agenda.

5. Section 106 process discussion

This item was discussed earlier with Unfinished Business item #1.

6. Falcon Joslin house celebration recap

Ms. Kellner addressed the commission with regards to this item. She stated that she felt the recognition celebration went well.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Historic Roads

This item will be moved to the July 15, 2019 meeting.

2. Karen Farrell – Bloom House

This item will be moved to the July 15, 2019 meeting.

G. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Due to time constraints, the commissioners did not make closing comments.

H. AGENDA SETTING

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn by **Commissioner Viltrakis**, seconded by **Commissioner Peirsol**. All were in favor. There were no objections.


The next meeting will be on July 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

M E M O R A N D U M

City Clerk's Office

D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

TO: Mayor Jim Matherly and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Appointment of Election Officials for the 2019 Municipal Election

DATE: September 3, 2019

The following list of Election Judges for the 2019 Municipal Election is submitted for your approval. This list does not include Borough or City Clerk's Office staff who will also work as election officials on the evening of the election. Please note circumstances may arise that require changes to be made.

AURORA	FAIRBANKS #1	FAIRBANKS #2
Nanci Ashford-Bingham, Chair	Michael Grahak, Chair	Donna Hummel, Chair
Carolyn Yurkovich, Co-Chair	James Doogan, Jr., Co-Chair	Zinn Decker, Sr.
Liz Taylor	Marilyn Wenzlick	Paulette Hagen
Caroline Wolf	Rosalie Rybachek	Lavada Diane Christianson
Jeremy Bingham		Josiah Hummel
		Linda Shea
FAIRBANKS #3	FAIRBANKS #4	FAIRBANKS #5
Susan Yanish, Chair	Tanisha Emry, Chair	Lynn Slusher, Chair
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Shirley Hanchett	Barbara Schneider	Clark Milne
Frank Yanish		Connie Moore
John Rathbun		Dixie Shawcroft
Deborah Rathbun		Helen Howard
Judith Mae Gouwens		Sarah Triggs
Marilyn Nigro		Stephen Sparrow
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Janey Vreeman	Winston Crockett, Jr.	Molly Manaugh
Elizabeth Slane	Stanislaus Butler	Ruth Ewig
Vivian Stiver	Tabitha Quint	Virginia Valentine
	April Sinclair	
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