



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 2, 2019  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:30 p.m. Work Session with the Interior Delegation to discuss the City's Legislative Priorities, 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  
    Jerry Cleworth, Seat E  
    David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent:                                 Aaron Gibson, Seat D (excused)

Also Present:                         Margarita Bell, Controller/Acting Chief Financial Officer  
    Paul Ewers, City Attorney  
    D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk  
    Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director  
    Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff  
    Jim Styers, Fire Chief  
    Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager  
    Peyton Merideth, FPD Lieutenant  
    Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director  
    Scott Raygor, Firefighter  
    Tod Chambers, Assistant Fire Chief

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to EXCUSE Mr. Gibson's absence.

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

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** spoke to the sacrifices that police officers make when they decide to serve their community, and he thanked them for their service. He asked the three new police officers, Trevor

Norris, Ryan Gillogly, and Nicholas Flechsing, to come forward for their oaths of office. **Mayor Matherly** welcomed the officers to the City of Fairbanks and administered their oaths.

## CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Alex McDonald, 1215 Lance Lane, Fairbanks – Mr. McDonald spoke to Ordinance No. 6119 relating to a tax on vaping products. He stated nicotine and caffeine are very similar chemically as they are both mild stimulants. He spoke against taxing vaping products and encouraged the Council to watch the video he provided for each member. Mr. McDonald stated if the tax passes it will likely put him out of business, and he requested that more research be done before a tax is passed. He stated when Governor Walker tried to tax the products, the legislature questioned the reasoning behind the tax, and they came up with no good reason other than a big money grab.

**Ms. Kun** asked Mr. McDonald whether anyone from the Council came to speak to him about the tax; Mr. McDonald stated nobody had. He asked whether non-nicotine products would be included in the tax.

**Ms. Therrien** asked Mr. McDonald whether all his products contained nicotine. Mr. McDonald stated many of his products contain no nicotine, and he spoke to the different products he sells in his shop.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated he was surprised his products were not included in the tax. Mr. McDonald explained that he does not sell big tobacco products. He explained the difference between his products and tobacco-derived products. He stated he supports local businesses, and the product he sells is healthier than tobacco products.

Eric Vargason, 2360 Outside Boulevard, North Pole – Mr. Vargason stated he is opposed to the tax because vaping saved his life. He spoke in support of the brick and mortar businesses and stated that vaping is healthier than tobacco.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked whether someone could purchase tobacco online from another country and avoid the tobacco tax. Mr. Vargason stated he did not know. He stated vapor allows him to get nicotine without the tar and toxins that come along with tobacco.

Roger Gurney, 1100 Hoselton Road, Fairbanks – Mr. Gurney stated he was a two-pack-a-day smoker, and his health has improved dramatically since he began vaping. He stated the vaping product is a lot like caffeine and asked if the Council was going to start taxing caffeine. He stated it seems like the Council is trying for a money grab, and it puts small businesses under economic strain.

**Ms. Kun** stated she loved the idea of taxing coffee and asked Mr. Gurney if he would go online to purchase coffee products if it was taxed locally. Mr. McDonald stated he would go online.

Greg Foster, P.O. Box 70935, Fairbanks – Mr. Foster stated he would like to address some misinformation that was given at the last City Council meeting. He asked all Council Members to do a ride-along with a police officer to better understand the work of an officer. He stated officers have to make split-second decisions, and they encounter many issues on a daily basis. He stated it is too easy to dismiss staffing issues by blaming a change in leadership or other things, instead of the large volume of work that officers deal with on a daily basis. Mr. Foster stated there are 38 employees at the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD), and he gave a breakdown of staff and ranks. He stated FPD

needs more funding and more officers as there is not enough staff to fill shifts every day. He stated he wears a bulletproof vest every day and carries a weapon because his job is that risky. Mr. Foster stated if an officer's verbal skills are not up to par, they will not be able to talk someone down who is in crisis; he stated that the new officers would be finding that out very soon. He stated it bothers him when people dismiss how dangerous a police officer's job is; he stated he has lost four good friends in the profession. He again encouraged the Council to go on a ride-along so they can make a more informed decision.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked Mr. Foster what it was that made him come forward with his testimony. Mr. Foster stated it was reported that FPD staff was at 45 employees, but it is only 38. He stated exit interviews prove that officers are tired of forced overtime, causing them to leave the department. He stated everyone works on their days off, and everyone is burning out. **Mr. Cleworth** stated it was his understanding that overtime was not forced. Mr. Foster stated it is not forced under Chief Reeder. He explained how short-staffed the department is and how far behind everyone is on case work. He stated officers are going from call to call, and there is no time to process paperwork. He stated that even supervisors take calls, and that is not how it should be.

David van den Berg, 332 Slater Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. van den Berg spoke to Ordinance No. 6119, specifically about putting money into the Capital Fund. He stated that people in his neighborhood shovel their driveways into City streets, which he understands is not allowed; he stated, however, that the rule is not enforced. He stated he was told that downtown streets would be cleared Wednesday or Thursday, which is just in time but too late for comfort. He stated City services should be delivered when needed. He stated the 2020 budget does not appear to fund City services on time but rather when absolutely necessary.

Alyssa Keill, 641 Steele Creek Road, Fairbanks – Ms. Keill spoke in support of taxing vaping products. She stated she is a swim coach, and vaping is not healthy for youth. She stated raising prices helps keep youth from accessing the products because they have limited funds.

David Hayden, 147 3rd Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Hayden echoed Mr. van den Berg's sentiment about the "just-in-time" City services. He stated that his road was just cleared earlier in the morning. He stated the roads are bad this year, and it would be nice if the City was more proactive with snow removal. He stated he spent the evening with a friend who was waiting for an officer to respond to a break-in call on 5th Avenue. He spoke of the public safety issues in the Clay Street Cemetery neighborhood and stated it feels like a lawless area.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked Mr. Hayden whether he was speaking about the dead-end area of 5th Avenue. Mr. Hayden replied affirmatively. He stated that he has even filed air quality complaints because his neighbor burns tires.

**Ms. Kun** thanked Mr. Hayden for attending and asked whether he turns statements in to the police when he witnesses things going on in his neighborhood. Mr. Hayden stated he has called the police many times. **Ms. Kun** stated he should grab a stack of incident reports from FPD to share with his neighbors. Mr. Hayden stated calling into Dispatch is sufficient and that filing a report would create even more paperwork for overworked police officers.

**Ms. Rogers** asked if the police always respond to calls in the neighborhood. Mr. Hayden stated he believes the police are very busy, and they cannot run every time a gunshot is reported. He stated the

abandoned home in the neighborhood attracts a criminal element that goes unchecked. **Ms. Rogers** stated she can understand the frustration with the property and asked whether there is a time when there is more activity at the property. Mr. Hayden stated there is no way to put a gauge on the time of the activity. He stated that if a home is reported on consistently, the property owner should be fined as an incentive to clean up the location.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger stated he got stuck in the snow on Noble Street off Gaffney Road because snow removal is so terrible this year. He stated the excuse last year for poor snow removal was equipment failure, and he asked whether that is the same reason for the problem this year. He stated the roundabouts behind Costco are dangerous and that vehicles slip and slide because there is no maintenance. Mr. Buberger stated the roundabouts on the Southside are a joke also because they have to figure out how to plow around them. He asked how the City could claim to be broke when so much money is spent on roundabouts. He asked if the Council’s solution to snow was to wait for the summer sun to melt it; he stated that clearing snow once a year is not a good policy. He stated he expects someone on the Council to speak about why snow removal is so slow this year.

Mike Farrell, P.O. Box 71004, Fairbanks – Mr. Farrell stated he drives a compact car, and he never remembers hearing the sound of dragging around snow when driving downtown before. He stated he has a truck too, but he does not want to get it out. He stated that temporary employees should be getting the snow cleared. He stated the Mayor should make snow removal a top priority because the roads are not safe as they are. He asked for an update on the nuisance ordinance that was discussed at a prior City Council meeting.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Mr. Pruhs** pulled Resolution No. 4897 from the Consent Agenda.

**Mr. Cleworth** pulled Ordinance No. 6117 and Ordinance No. 6120 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.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Premises Address
5266	Fushimi	Restaurant/ Eating Place	Fushimi, LLC	607 Old Steese Highway, Ste. 105
4232	The Spur	Beverage Dispensary	JNJ, Inc.	537 Gaffney Road

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Applications for Renewal.

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

**Ms. Therrien** stated The Spur has many calls, and she would like to hear more about them.

**Mayor Matherly** stated not much has changed since it was Kodiak Jacks; he asked Lieutenant Greg Foster to come forward for a staff report. Lt. Foster stated he has come in to work many Monday mornings and learned what happened at The Spur over the weekend. He stated that crimes often occur over the weekend at that bar. He stated that the time of the report could indicate the time a report was filed, not the time of the incident. He gave a brief explanation on the different types of incidents listed in the call-out report and stated that an "SI" is a self-initiated visit by an officer. Lt. Foster stated that the most concerning calls are the disturbance calls, and he spoke to the shortcomings of the data in call-out reports. He stated that some of the calls listed may have nothing to do with the liquor license. He explained that some of the incidents listed with a "RPT" means there was a report generated, and that could be for an event like an altercation.

**Mayor Matherly** asked if anyone from The Spur was in attendance and would like to speak.

**Ms. Rogers** expressed disappointment that no one from The Spur was present. She stated there is a disturbing number of calls made to the location, and it should be handled with swiftness. Lt. Foster stated he always knew there would be problems on weekend nights at The Spur so he would direct his officers to be in close proximity to readily mitigate potential crimes. He spoke at length about issues he viewed as potential problems with The Spur.

**Ms. Kun** asked what "SI – Flag Down" means. Lt. Foster stated it means someone waived an officer down.

**Mayor Matherly** stated that when he did a ride-along, they did a walk-through at the bar, and it was crazy inside. He expressed concern about issues between the location and the military base. Lt. Foster stated that military personnel deserve to blow off steam, and FPD would like to encourage them to do it in a safe and orderly manner. **Mayor Matherly** stated that whole intersection is a problem, and it has been dating back to when the Grey Hound Lounge was located there.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked how the "no protest" was determined by FPD; Lt. Foster stated that typically FPD administration makes a recommendation with input from command staff. Clerk Snider stated that Deputy Chief Welborn sent the "no protest" response to the Clerk's Office.

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to DIVIDE THE QUESTION by voting on the two Liquor License Applications for Renewal separately.

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE FUSHIMI LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

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

**Mr. Cleworth** reminded everyone that the Council's vote on liquor license renewals is advisory-only, and the state has the final say.

**Ms. Therrien** stated she counted 25 reports made from the calls in the list for The Spur. She stated there are 17 self-initiated calls and 7 traffic stops.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated the ongoing, violent nature of incidents at The Spur have not been addressed in a satisfactory manner to the City Council.

**Ms. Kun** stated City resources are being exhausted when officers are repeatedly called to The Spur because a safe and responsible environment is not being promoted.

**Mr. Pruhs**, with the concurrence of the Second, WITHDREW the motion to WAIVE PROTEST on The Spur Liquor License Application for Renewal.

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to PROTEST The Spur Liquor License Application for Renewal due to a demonstrated inability to put citizens in a safe environment and due to law enforcement feedback that the establishment exhausts City resources.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO PROTEST THE SPUR LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL DUE TO A DEMONSTRATED INABILITY TO PUT CITIZENS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND DUE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FEEDBACK THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT EXHAUSTS CITY RESOURCES AS FOLLOWS:

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

b) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership and Restaurant Designation Permit:

Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #1475  
DBA: Pizza Hut of Fairbanks  
Applicant: MP2 Alaska, LLC  
89 College Road, Fairbanks  
From: Pizza Hut #5/Kurani, Inc.  
89 College Road, Fairbanks

**Ms. Kun**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership and Restaurant Designation Permit.

Lahsen Mahi, Fairbanks – Mr. Mahi stated he is one of the owners, and they purchased the Pizza Hut Alaska chain nearly a year ago. He stated he is available to answer any questions.

**Ms. Rogers** thanked Mr. Mahi for attending and speaking. She asked him to share more. Mr. Mahi stated he has been in Fairbanks since the 1990s, and he and his partners purchased the Alaska stores.

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

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

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Pruhs, Kun, Cleworth

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

c) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership and Restaurant Designation Permit:

Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #3965

DBA: Salty's on 2nd

Applicant: Tres Amigas, LLC

706 2nd Avenue, Fairbanks

From: Gambardella's Pasta Bella / Gambardella's II, Inc.

706 2nd Avenue

**Ms. Kun**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership and Restaurant Designation Permit.

**Ms. Kun** stated that having 12 calls in one year is not a bad amount.

Vanessa Stebbins, Fairbanks – Ms. Stebbins stated that they want to provide a safe place to eat have drinks, and there is not any kind of dangerous activity at the location.

**Ms. Rogers** thanked the owners for providing breakfast in the downtown core area.

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

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

YEAS: Cleworth, Rogers, Kun, Therrien, Pruhs

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gibson

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

### a) Special Reports

Scott McCrea, Fairbanks – Mr. McCrea stated he works for Explore Fairbanks, and he spoke to destination marketing in the Asia travel market. He spoke to the tourism industry in Fairbanks and to partnerships in China and Europe. He thanked the City Council for reinvesting bed tax dollars into destination marketing.

**Mayor Matherly** stated he is paying attention to problem with nuisance properties in the downtown area, and he and his staff are working on it. He stated that folks should be aware that police cannot just barge into an occupied home. **Mayor Matherly** acknowledged the frustrations with snow removal. He stated that he takes an issue with what he thought he heard from the Downtown Association earlier that snow is not being cleared for political reasons. He stated the City is doing its best with snow removal, but there are some budget- and personnel-related challenges. **Mayor Matherly** stated there will be a tree lighting ceremony outside of City Hall on Friday, and there will be hot chocolate and coffee; he added that Santa Claus will be present. **Mayor Matherly** thanked those who attended to speak about the vaping ordinance.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

**Mr. Cleworth** mentioned snow removal issues and stated he would address the issue more during the discussion on Ordinance No. 6117. He stated that neighbors have submitted video surveillance showing a high traffic volume at the problem property previously discussed. He spoke of similar issues that occurred at Fairview Manor many years back and to how charging them for calls for service helped solve the problem. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that something needs to be done with the ice build-up around manhole covers in the downtown area.

**Mr. Pruhs** congratulated the new officers who took their oaths of office earlier in the meeting and thanked Lt. Foster for speaking. He stated he sent Chief Reeder and the Mayor information about a ride-along because he is interested in what the police do. **Mr. Pruhs** asked the Council to look deeper into repeated issues when it comes to liquor licensing.

**Ms. Therrien** thanked Mr. McDonald for attending and speaking to the vaping issue; she stated she would try to stop by his store to gather more information. She congratulated the new police officers. She stated she is unsure whether Lt. Foster believes the Council does not support the FPD and expressed hope that nothing she said that makes him believe that.

**Ms. Rogers** thanked everyone for attending and thanked Lt. Foster for speaking about the liquor license. She stated it is disappointing to see that there have been no changes in behavior. She thanked everyone who testified and shared that she values what people have to say. She stated no good comes from getting angry with each other and that snow is a problem across the nation.

**Ms. Kun** stated she would be going on a ride-along with a police officer. She cautioned everyone to drive safely on Cushman Street due to poor road conditions.



## NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4897 – A Resolution Consenting to and Approving the Location of Interior Alaska Natural Gas Utility (IGU) Expansion Project Funded through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4897.

**Mr. Pruhs** declared a conflict of interest. He stated he would not weigh in on Resolution No. 4897 because his brother, Dana Pruhs, is a member of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) Board. No members objected to Mr. Pruhs' request for abstention.

Dan Britton, Fairbanks – Mr. Britton stated he gives regular updates to the Borough Assembly, and he will try to include the City Council. He stated the resolution is exciting because it is a step in the right direction in completing the Interior Energy Project. He stated the tank being constructed will hold 5.25 million gallons of natural gas.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4897 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Therrien, Cleworth, Kun

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Gibson

ABSTAIN: Pruhs

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 4897 APPROVED.

- b) Ordinance No. 6117 – An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Fifth Time. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6117.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated he knows the administration has been working on snow removal issues and that he was hoping they could find \$50,000 somewhere in the budget to put toward snow removal. He asked Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson whether he could use extra snow removal funds.

Mr. Jacobson stated that after speaking with Mr. Cleworth earlier that morning, he spoke with Street Supervisor Eric Grant. He shared that they are looking into extending the work week through Fridays and Saturdays during December.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6117 by increasing the Public Works budget by \$50,000 for snow removal.

**Ms. Therrien** asked whether there had been discussions with the State about borrowing some of their employees for snow removal. Mr. Jacobson stated the City ended up finding enough workers from the union hall to cover the needed shifts.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6117 BY INCREASING THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET BY \$50,000 FOR SNOW REMOVAL AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Pruhs, Rogers, Kun, Therrien  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Gibson

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6117, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Kun, Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth, Rogers,  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Gibson

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Ordinance No 6118 – An Ordinance Adopting the 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Ordinance No. 6119 – An Ordinance to Amend FGC Sec. 74-151 to Include E-Cigarettes and Vaping Devices in the Definition of Tobacco Products Subject to Taxation Under Article V of Chapter 74. Introduced by Council Member Gibson.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Ordinance No. 6120 – An Ordinance to Combine the Landscape Review and Appeals Commission with the Building Code Review and Appeals Commission. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6120.

Council members debated the language in Sec. 2-483(c), but no amendments were proposed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6120 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Pruhs, Therrien, Cleworth, Rogers  
NAYS: Kun  
ABSENT: Gibson

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- f) Ordinance No. 6121 – An Ordinance to Amend FGC Chapter 62, by Adding Article II Regarding Regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### a) Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – **Ms. Therrien** stated the first meeting will be January 26 at 4:00 p.m.

**Ms. Rogers** reported on the various meetings she has attended since the last regular Council meeting. She stated that those are good opportunities to meet people.

FAST Planning Policy Board – **Mr. Cleworth** stated the Board met and discussed the Minnie Street project, and he shared some of the challenges that will come with reconstructing the narrow road. He explained they are going to have more meetings to discuss right-of-way issues with the public.

## WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

### a) Memorandum Approving Temporary Additional Battalion Chief

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

### b) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2019

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

### c) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2019

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

### d) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2019

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

### e) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2019

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

### f) Public Safety Commission Special Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2019

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

**Ms. Rogers** shared how pleased she was with the information provided in the Work Session.

**Ms. Kun** thanked the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for hosting a remembrance on November 23. She stated it is currently world AIDS awareness month and spoke to the number of HIV-positive people in the Interior. She offered the phone number for the Suicide Prevention hotline and asked everyone to be safe over the holidays.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated the last time he did a ride-along it was in a Dodge Charger, and lightheartedly stated he would prefer a Ford Explorer. He shared his surprise in learning of the recent loss of Deputy City Attorney, and he offered condolences to her family.

**Mr. Pruhs** offered condolences to the family of the Deputy City Attorney.

**Ms. Therrien** expressed interest in going on a ride-along.

**Ms. Kun**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ENTER Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies for ALF-CIO and Fairbanks Firefighter Union (FFU) Labor Negotiations.

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

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) AFL-CIO Labor Negotiation Strategy
- b) FFU Labor Negotiation Strategy

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss AFL-CIO and FFU labor negotiation strategies. Direction was given to the negotiating teams, and no action was taken.

### ADJOURNMENT

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


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

**Mayor Matherly** declared the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.



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JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

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