



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2020-25
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 26, 2020
MEETING WILL BE HELD BY VIA ZOOM WEBINAR AND AT
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.

NOTE: Due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, special procedures are being implemented for City Council Meetings. The Mayor, Council Members, and the public may participate remotely during this time. Citizens may have written comments read into the record if submitted to the City Clerk in advance, or citizens may provide testimony via Zoom webinar if registered to do so in advance of the meeting (the three-minute time limit applies to all forms of public testimony). To help achieve social distancing, the seating in Council Chambers is spread out and limited. No more than 30 individuals will be allowed in the Chambers at the same time. Citizens arriving after the maximum number has been reached will be directed to wait in another area until it is their turn to speak to the Council. Meeting attendees must wear a mask or face covering (masks will be provided to those who do not have one). We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

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 September 14, 2020
- *b) Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2020
- *c) Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2020

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
10112	Great Alaskan Bud Company	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	SP&C Enterprises, LLC	1905 Livengood Avenue
10113	Great Alaskan Bud Company	Retail Marijuana Store	SP&C Enterprises, LLC	1905 Livengood Avenue
12325	Good, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Good, LLC	356 Old Steese Highway

- b) The Fairbanks City Council will hear interested citizens concerned with the following New Liquor License Application and Restaurant Designation Permit. Public Testimony will be taken and limited to three minutes.

Type: Beverage Dispensary – Tourism, License #5927
DBA: Hyatt Place Fairbanks
Applicant: Fairbanks Hospitality, LLC
Location: 400 Merhar Avenue, Fairbanks

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. 2020 REGULAR ELECTION

- a) Certification of the 2020 Regular Election Results
- b) Council Members' Comments

BRIEF TRANSITION RECESS

- c) Oaths of Office and Seating of Newly Elected Council Members

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

- a) Committee Reports

15. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- *a) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2020
- *b) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2020
- *c) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2020

16. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

17. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

18. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) PSEA Fairbanks Police Command Unit (FPCU) Labor Negotiation Strategy
- b) IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy

20. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
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 via Zoom webinar and 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 (remotely)
Valerie Therrien, Seat C
Aaron Gibson, Seat D
Jerry Cleworth, Seat E
David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: Clem Clooten, Building Official (remotely)
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Ewers, City Attorney
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director (remotely)
Richard Sweet, Acting Police Chief (remotely)
Bob Pristash, City Engineer (remotely)

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 that everyone join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jewelz Barker, 813 5th Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Barker stated she is following up on the last meeting regarding the comments made about local projects. She specifically referenced the 5th Avenue, Lacey Street, and Turner Street projects. She spoke briefly to the communication issues with the Turner Street project, and she stated that she shared her concerns with the Council via email. She stated the culverts on Turner Street have been removed, and the project funder was contacted the prior week to see whether they would cover the cost. She stated she has reporting obligations to the funder, and she needs to move forward. She offered her services to the City Council regarding state and federal grants and stated she would be happy to share her expertise.

She mentioned the question on the City sample ballot for the upcoming election regarding the Alaska Clean Water Fund loan for Golden Heart Utilities (GHU).

Christy Everett, 2308 Robinson Circle, North Pole – Ms. Everett stated she serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Tanana Valley Watershed Association (TVWA). She stated that TVWA was the grantee for the Turner Street and Lacey Street projects. She shared concerns that the culverts, vegetation, and soil had been removed on Turner Street. She stated there was a letter stating that it would be removed, but there was no indication as to when or who would remove it. She stated that the materials were grant-funded, and TVWA has not received a notification as to where the materials are or whether they are salvageable. She expressed disappointment about the way the project went.

Ms. Kun asked Ms. Everett whether they received a notification about the removal of the materials. Ms. Everett stated they received an email notification stating that the City determined that the culverts would be removed, but they did not know when the culverts were to be removed. She stated they were not given the opportunity to remove the materials themselves.

John Jackovich, 122 N. Turner, Fairbanks – Mr. Jackovich stated that Ms. Barker has been a catalyst for many projects in Fairbanks, and he spoke to her vast experience and knowledge. He stated that Ms. Barker approached him after she first joined the TVWA and brought up an idea to create a park on property that he owns. He stated that they created a place where fish can feed and where people can sit and enjoy the river. He spoke highly of Ms. Barker and stated he supports her 100%.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger stated that if the Council wants to help City residents, they would figure out a way to lower taxes instead of digging deeper into peoples' pockets. He suggested a casino on the river as a new form of City revenue. He suggested reducing the pay of all City employees and lowering taxes for citizens. He criticized the new road divider on College Road near Taco Bell.

Sue Sprinkle, 211 5th Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Sprinkle thanked the Council for passing the nuisance property ordinance, and she stated she looks forward to the next step in the process to address nuisance properties. She stated she is running for City Council Seat E, and she spoke about her background as a volunteer with various committees and organizations in Fairbanks. She stated that 2020 has really pushed Fairbanks as a City to reexamine what is important, how to stay safe, and the vision for the future.

Talyah Safir, 1708 Mary Ann Street, Fairbanks – Ms. Safir spoke about a nuisance property at 750 17th Avenue. She stated the property is an ongoing problem that affects the whole neighborhood. She stated that the house is surrounded by homes with families and elderly people, and she has heard screams and yelling as if someone is being tortured or raped. She stated the police come when they are called, but suspects tend to be good at evading officers. She stated that it is traumatizing to listen to the goings on night after night, and she asked that someone investigate the issue to see what can be done. She stated that her one encounter with the landlord was fairly aggressive, and she did nothing to provoke him.

Ms. Therrien asked Ms. Safir if she had filed a formal complaint. Ms. Safir stated that she has spoken with police officers who have advised that the best course of action would be to continue to call when there is an issue, but she has not filed a formal complaint.

Dana Zimmerman, 743 17th Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Zimmerman stated that her property parallels 750 and 752 17th Avenue, which are both nuisances; she stated it is a triplex. She thanked the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) for their prompt response to issues, and she stated that Mayor Matherly has been diligent in expediting processes. She stated she is grateful for the nuisance ordinance that was passed, and she hopes that the problem tenant will have their lease terminated. Ms. Zimmerman stated the police have had several calls since the evictions began at 752 17th Avenue, and it is a work in progress. She questioned whether there is anything the residents in the neighborhood can do to help the situation and suggested the possibility of a neighborhood watch.

Cherie Seiberlich, 731 17th Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Seiberlich stated she lives directly across from the nuisance property, and she thanked everyone for their understanding and help with the problem. She thanked the police for their continued response to the property.

Dennis Keley, Fairbanks – Mr. Keley read from a petition being worked on regarding 530 Front Street. The petition, signed by residents of the area, stated that the area at 530 Front Street is neither a nuisance nor unsafe to anyone lawfully or willingly on the property. The petition went on to say that many find the property to be unique and rich in Alaska heritage and culture and referred to the structure as the “gingerbread house.” He read that the building should not be abated or demolished.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Matherly requested that the IBEW Executive Session be removed from the Agenda; no members objected to removing the Executive Session.

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

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda into the record.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

b) Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2020

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Special Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2020

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing for the following Marijuana License Applications for Renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
10589	Nature's Releaf, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Nature's Releaf, LLC	503 7th Avenue
15800	Baked Alaska, LLC	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility	Baked Alaska, LLC	2745 Hanson Road, Unit B

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

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing for the following Marijuana Onsite Consumption Endorsement Application:

Type/License: Marijuana Onsite Consumption Endorsement, Lic. # 20827

DBA: Good Titrations

Applicant: FSE, Inc.

Location: 506 Merhar Avenue, Fairbanks

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to PROTEST the Marijuana Onsite Consumption Endorsement Application until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the Building Department.

Mayor Matherly called for public comment and, hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed. He requested that the business representatives present come forward in case the Council had questions for them.

Ms. Rogers asked about the response deadline included in the backup documentation. Clerk Snider stated that date was an internal deadline for departments to respond to the Clerk. **Ms. Rogers** stated she appreciated the fine application and thanked the representatives for attending.

Ms. Therrien asked whether the Borough Assembly waived protest on the application. Mr. Shaun Tacke stated that the Assembly did waive protest at their last meeting.

Mr. Pruhs stated they took a property that was vacant for eight years and remodeled it for a new business. He thanked them for their work. Mr. Brandon Emmett stated that they are familiar with regulations and bureaucratic groups. He stated that the process has not been too painful, and they are a model business in the marijuana industry.

Mr. Cleworth asked how they might prevent people from bringing outside product into the facility. Mr. Tacke explained that everything consumed in the onsite consumption area must be purchased within that limited space. He stated that all products will be packaged in bright colors to make product easy to identify. He stated that the area will also be actively monitored by cameras, and everyone will be checked in upon initial entry. Mr. Emmett stated they would be one of the first businesses to operate under this model, and they want to set an example for others.

Ms. Kun asked whether they had set an opening date. Mr. Tacke estimated that they may open the area in November, but things could change dependent on COVID-19.

Ms. Therrien stated she has received no public objections to the onsite consumption application.

Mr. Pruhs stated that if you look at the building, the plan, and the background of those involved, they have done a wonderful job. He thanked them for their patience and perseverance.

Mayor Matherly stated he spoke with someone earlier in the year who had concerns. He stated that he himself voted against the marijuana industry several years ago, but it is now legal and is a well-run industry. He stated that AMCO tracks complaints, and the City is notified of problems. **Mayor Matherly** stated that if a business does not follow regulations, they may lose their license.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO PROTEST THE MARIJUANA ONSITE CONSUMPTION ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION UNTIL A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- c) VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (VA 004-11, Riverside Drive) — Request by Stutzmann Engineering Associates, Inc., on behalf of Wideview Properties, LLC, to vacate an easement of undescribed purpose within the south portion of Block 11 and north portion of Block 11A, Charles Slater Homestead. The property is located within sections 2 and 11, T.1S., R.1W., FM, AK.

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.

City Clerk Danyielle Snider explained that by doing nothing, the Council gives its consent to the vacation. She stated that a motion to veto is in order if the Council objects to the vacation.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to NOT VETO the Vacation of Public Right-of-Way.

Mayor Matherly reported that City Engineer Bob Pristash has reviewed the vacation of right-of-way, and he sees no reason for the City to veto it.

Mr. Pruhs stated the Borough Platting Board voted unanimously in favor of the vacation.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO NOT VETO THE VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

a) Special Reports

Mayor Matherly thanked the public for their efforts with masking and spoke to the importance of wearing masks. He stated he supports the businesses that require masks. He explained why he has not issued a mask mandate in the City and stated that the Governor could mandate it. **Mayor Matherly** stated that voting matters and encouraged everyone to vote. He stated there will be a voting unit outside City Hall to accommodate absentee voting. He thanked everyone who is running for office and shared information on the various ways to vote early and absentee. **Mayor Matherly** stated he lives near the 17th Avenue property that was referenced during citizens' comments, and he reported that he has spoken to the property owner about the issues. He stated the owner is frustrated with the situation as well. **Mayor Matherly** stated he feels badly for landlords who have tenants that get carried away with the property, but he is convinced that sprucing up the property would draw a different type of tenant. He reported that the owner filed paperwork at the court but is waiting for a signature from the judge. He stated he has been a landlord, and it is difficult to get a tenant evicted from a property. **Mayor Matherly** stated he does not take the situation lightly, and he asked Acting Chief Rick Sweet for a staff report on the 17th Avenue property.

AC Sweet stated that FPD has responded 15 times to the property since July. He reported that just the past weekend FPD responded to one of the problem apartments to help a tenant retrieve items after an eviction, so half of the issue has been resolved. **Mayor Matherly** stated he gives his cell number out to everyone because he likes for people to have access to him. He encouraged the public to call him or other Council members to communicate issues or ask questions.

Mayor Matherly spoke about the Turner Street project, which is in a small area behind the bingo hall downtown. He stated that the City had not known that the culverts were going in, and the City sent a letter ordering that the culverts be removed. He stated that, at that point, the culverts were not completed. He explained that the following weekend, there was a work party and all the culverts were completed despite the letter. **Mayor Matherly** stated the culverts were dangerous with jagged, shredded steel edges. He stated the City had the culverts removed and absorbed the cost to have them relocated. He stated the culverts can be delivered to wherever they need to go. He stated he is all for beautification, but the City needs to be aware of what is happening on City-owned property and proper authorization must be given. He stated it is the first time he has encountered this type of issue. He stated that arrangements can be made for the delivery of the materials. **Mayor Matherly** stated the past week was September 11, and he attended a memorial. He thanked all the first responders who saved others on that day and thanked everyone who works as a first responder. He stated that even on its worst day, America is better than any other country in the world. He stated that people should defend the police – not defund the police. He stated he would not allow that as long as he is the Mayor.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Rogers thanked all who came to the meeting to testify and bring questions and solutions.

Mr. Gibson stated he had no comments.

Mr. Cleworth thanked candidate Sue Sprinkle for attending the meeting and noted that candidates Jim Clark and Lonny Marney have been attending Finance Committee meetings also. He stated the area on 17th Avenue has been a problem for a long time, and something needs to be done. He thanked Acting Chief Sweet for his update regarding the property.

Mr. Pruhs stated he had no comments.

Ms. Therrien asked about the 530 Front Street property. **Mayor Matherly** stated it is a property behind Island Homes that has been put on the abatement schedule by the Building Department. He stated the gentleman who testified about the property is not the owner but is someone who would like to save the property as a historical site.

Ms. Kun thanked Ms. Everett and Ms. Barker for engaging in the Turner Street project even though there were hiccups. She stated she had mixed feelings about the removal of the materials. She thanked the neighbors of the 17th Avenue property for having the courage to testify about it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6140 – An Ordinance Amending FGC Section 74-67 to Increase the Alcoholic Beverage Sales Tax Rate from Five Percent to Six Percent. Introduced by Council Member Kun. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Kun, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6140.

John Pearson, 2827 Chief William Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Pearson stated he does not see a reason to raise the alcohol tax, especially since people have been out of work for three months. He stated that the future is too unknown due to COVID-19.

Ms. Therrien asked Mr. Pearson whether they charge for a drink plus tax or if the price of the drink includes the tax. Mr. Pearson stated the drink price includes the tax.

Randall Kelsch, 3254 Riverview Drive, Fairbanks – Mr. Kelsch stated that increasing taxes is always difficult and asked the Council to not raise the alcohol tax. He stated the City should have to look at the way it spends money before asking for more. He asked what the alcohol tax revenue was designated for. **Mayor Matherly** stated the revenue goes into the City's General Fund. Mr. Kelsch spoke against the ordinance.

Mr. Gibson asked Mr. Kelsch if he was aware that property taxes could drop if the alcohol tax was increased. Mr. Kelsch stated taxes never go away, and it is always an unfavorable thing. He asked Mr. Gibson whether he consumed alcohol, and Mr. Gibson stated he did. Mr. Kelsch stated that a lot of people do not drink and will not feel any of the pain from an increase.

Bobby Wilken, 940 Fritz Court, Fairbanks – Mr. Wilken stated he opened the first brewery inside City limits; he spoke against the ordinance. He spoke to the effects of COVID-19 on his business and explained why raising the alcohol tax would harm his business. He asked the Council to not approve an alcohol tax increase during such a hard time for the industry. He urged the Council not to pass the ordinance.

Ms. Kun asked Mr. Wilken if he qualified for any of the CARES funding; Mr. Wilken stated they did not apply for CARES funding.

Larry Hackenmiller, 518 Farmers Loop Road, Fairbanks – Mr. Hackenmiller stated he represents the Interior Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association (CHARR). He spoke against raising the alcohol tax and shared that the economy is not in the right place to raise taxes. He stated that the idea that it may lower property taxes is a fairy tale. He asked the Council not to pass the ordinance.

Ms. Therrien asked Mr. Hackenmiller whether most establishments absorb the taxes into the price of the drink; Mr. Hackenmiller replied that they do. He stated they will have the option to increase the price of the drink to balance the tax increase. **Ms. Therrien** asked Mr. Hackenmiller whether he has any studies that show that a 1% tax increase would reduce consumption. Mr. Hackenmiller replied that he does not.

Mr. Gibson asked what loss CHARR members have seen this year. Mr. Hackenmiller stated some businesses will not be able to reopen while others have seen about a 30% loss in sales. He stated that takeout business has increased. He stated that employees did not want to return to work when they were getting an extra \$600 per week on unemployment.

Mr. Pruhs stated his friend worked at Odom, was let go at the beginning of the pandemic, and was not rehired until August. He asked Mr. Hackenmiller whether those situations are common

industry wide. Mr. Hackenmiller replied affirmatively. He stated the only budget he knows of that did not have to be cut was the City and Borough budget.

Brian Lackey, 2588 Boulder Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Lackey stated he has worked in the beverage industry for 25 years, and he stays because of the kind people he has met. He stated there are 68 employees at his place of employment, 14 of whom are graduates from UAF. He stated he has invited the Mayor to tour his facility that has been dramatically affected by the ongoing pandemic.

Brandon Emmett, 1299 Lowbush Lane, Fairbanks – Mr. Emmett stated he is somewhat ignorant about the ordinance, but he spoke against increasing the alcohol tax. He stated the industry at this time would be unduly taxed, and he does not believe it is a good idea during the pandemic.

Jori Clawson, 1517 Riffle Board Road, Fairbanks – Ms. Clawson stated that her business has contributed to the non-violent living shelter and to youth sports and recently put on a benefit for the FPD. She stated now is not the time to raise the alcohol tax. She stated that now is the wrong time to penalize an industry that is trying to stay afloat.

John Jackovich – Mr. Jackovich stated while a 1% tax increase is not that large, it does create a ripple effect on his business. He stated he wants to retain employees to support their families, and raising taxes is not the way to do that. He stated that now is the wrong time to increase taxes. He commended the Council for listening to all citizens. He stated the ordinance has terrible timing.

Arlette Eagle-Lavelle, 828 8th Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Eagle-Lavelle stated she owns Lavelle's Taphouse and, like everyone else in the industry, COVID-19 has impacted her business tremendously. She stated that now is not the time to raise taxes on alcohol.

Michael Cervantes, 1919 Esquire Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Cervantes stated he owns the Banks Alehouse, and, like many others, his drink prices include the tax. He stated he employs 44 people, and during the pandemic is the wrong time to increase alcohol taxes. He asked the Council to not pass the ordinance during COVID-19; he stated he wants to keep all his staff working.

Mr. Gibson asked Mr. Cervantes whether he would raise drink prices if the tax is increased. Mr. Cervantes stated he may raise drink prices by a nickel to make up for the tax increase.

Ms. Kun thanked Mr. Cervantes for coming to the meeting. She asked him when he believes raising the alcohol tax would be acceptable. Mr. Cervantes replied that any time that is not during the pandemic would be acceptable.

Jim Clark, 1426 2nd Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Clark stated he is running for City Council. He stated the Council should feel a little ashamed for bringing the ordinance forward at this time. He stated with small businesses struggling, it is irresponsible to try to raise taxes right now.

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

Mayor Matherly called for five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened following the brief recess.

City Clerk Danyielle Snider read the following written comments into record:

Caitlin D., Fairbanks – Ms. D. stated that raising the alcohol tax will not increase City revenue. She stated that, instead, it will negatively impact locally owned small businesses that are already hurting due to the pandemic.

Ashley Carver, Shannon Park, Fairbanks – Ms. Carver asked the Council to vote “no” on Ordinance No. 6140. He stated that the restaurant and bar industry has been adversely affected by the pandemic, as they were subject to state mandates and a decrease in tourism. She stated that now is the time for the City to show support to local businesses – not create more barriers for them. She stated that many businesses may not pass the tax increase onto their customers as they are already struggling to keep the business they have, which would result in even less business revenue. She stated that supporting the industry supports people who often live paycheck-to-paycheck and need these jobs to stay in their homes and feed their families.

Rick Mensik, Fairbanks – Mr. Mensik asked the Council to vote against Ordinance No. 6140. He stated that he and Sharon Mensik currently employ 75 people in the service industry, which has taken a serious economic hit in 2020. He stated they have permanently closed the Marlin due to the restrictions and costs to do business. He reported that it resulted in a loss of 15 jobs, a loss of income for the hundreds of musicians who perform there, and a loss of tax revenue for the Borough. He stated they are struggling to keep other businesses open.

Jessica Lissow, 2703 Chief Alexander Drive, Fairbanks – Ms. Lissow stated that the food and beverage industry has been hit hard economically by the pandemic, and now is not the time to increase a tax. She stated that Juneau recently forced bars to close indoor service and restaurants to reduce capacity. She stated that local businesses could be faced with the same mandates if COVID-19 cases continue to rise. She stated that many businesses cannot afford to shut their doors again, and Ordinance No. 6140 will only hurt small businesses even more. She stated that an increased tax will also put businesses within the City at a disadvantage to businesses outside the City. She commented that they will have to either raise their prices or reduce profit margins, and these businesses should not be unfairly penalized because they operate within the City. Ms. Lissow stated that across the country, communities are delaying tax increases due to the pandemic, and she questioned why the City Council is choosing this time to increase taxes for a targeted group. She indicated that the burden of trying to reduce the City’s budget deficit should not fall on one industry, and she asked the Council to support economic recovery by voting no on the ordinance.

Kara Nash, Fairbanks – Ms. Nash stated that she is the owner of Goldie’s AK, and her business has incurred many hardships due to the pandemic. She expressed her belief that local government should be supporting businesses through these tough times, and the proposed tax shows a lack of empathy for the people who are working to create a vibrant life. She stated that the timing demonstrates the selfishness of Council members and their lack of support for struggling businesses. She reported that CHARR projects that 47% of Alaskan bars and restaurants are unlikely to survive. She expressed hope that the Council would consider the poor timing of the ordinance. She stated the City needs start being a partner with community assets and show support for local businesses.

Jennifer Wehner, Fairbanks – Ms. Wehner asked the Council to vote against Ordinance No. 6140. She stated that raising the alcohol tax right now would be detrimental to the industry. She stated that small businesses are fighting to recover losses from the shutdown, and people are cautious about returning to a social environment. She expressed her belief that an alcohol tax increase may result in businesses closing and a loss in local jobs, which would be bad for the community.

Dave Messier, Fairbanks – Mr. Messier stated that he and his wife own residential rental properties within the City, and he spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 6140. He stated that his understanding is, due to the tax cap, the increase may reduce property taxes. He stated that a thriving City means quality housing options, and quality housing options require investment by property owners. He stated that property owners who are already squeezed by high utility costs have a hard time using remaining returns to improve property. He indicated that a higher alcohol tax would be worthwhile if it captures more revenue from tourism and leaves more money for local property owners.

Shaina Katz, Fairbanks – Ms. Katz asked the Council to vote against the tax increase. She stated that she is a single mother who works in the bar industry. She stated that, due to the pandemic, they have reduced business hours, which has caused her hours to be cut. She stated she is struggling financially, and an increased alcohol tax will place a burden on all the employees.

Patrick Levy, Fairbanks Distilling Company, 410 Cushman Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Levy stated that he is the producer of 68 Below Vodka, the most awarded spirit made in Alaska. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to submit written comment on the proposed alcohol tax increase. He stated he has chosen to keep his tasting room closed during the pandemic as a safety measure, which will cost his business 30-45% in revenue for the year. He stated that the failed tourist season and the statewide shutdown of Princess Hotels has resulted in not only lost revenue for his business but has also caused a loss of locally grown Yukon Gold potatoes used for vodka production. Mr. Levy stated that his distillery was able to diversity operations by becoming registered with the FDA to produce hand sanitizer at a time when it was scarce, and they were the only distillery in Interior Alaska able to legally produce it and supply it to Interior medical facilities and government offices. He stated he is grateful to local businesses that continue to support “local” by purchasing from his business. He stated his distillery helps support the local Community Service Patrol and many other non-profit groups. Mr. Levy stated that during a pandemic where small businesses have been adversely impacted is not the time to increase taxes. He stated that an increase would put those businesses operating within the City at an unfair disadvantage, and he does not support the alcohol tax increase.

There being no more written comments to be read into the record, **Mayor Matherly** declared Public Testimony closed.

Ms. Kun, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6140 by changing the effective date to November 1, 2020.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6140 BY CHANGING THE EFFECTIVE DATE TO NOVEMBER 1, 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Kun

NAYS: Pruhs, Cleworth, Gibson, Rogers
Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION FAILED.

Mayor Matherly thanked Ms. Kun for coming up with a potential revenue stream. He commented that the alcohol tax increase has potential, but it may not be the right time to enact it.

Ms. Therrien stated she did not see a 1% increase as significant, but she understands the time is not right. She questioned whether it may be an idea that has more support when not in a pandemic. She stated every taxed industry speaks out against taxes.

Mr. Cleworth stated that, because of the tax cap, the tax increase would not increase City revenue. He spoke to the history of taxation in Fairbanks and about the importance of the property tax rate remaining stable. He indicated that the Council should not consider the tax increase now, but it may be something to look at in the future.

Mr. Pruhs explained that he was not in support of the ordinance because the voters oppose new taxes every time they are brought up. He stated he could not support an increase in the alcohol tax without raising sin taxes equally across the board.

Ms. Kun explained why she proposed the tax increase. She stated she heard concerns from citizens who feel unsafe due to low staffing levels at FPD. She stated there is never a good time to raise taxes, and she understands that it is a difficult time; but the community needs to be kept safe. She shared that alcohol is damaging to many people, and she thought that raising the tax would help generate revenue and help staff the police department.

Ms. Rogers thanked everyone for coming out to speak on the issue. She suggested that she may support the ordinance but not during the pandemic.

Ms. Gibson stated he initially was going to vote in favor of the ordinance, but he changed his mind after hearing the overwhelming amount of public testimony against it.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6140 AS FOLLOWS:

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS & COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Pruhs spoke to the possibility of a grant for the demolition of the Polaris Building. He stated that City Environmental Manager Andrew Ackerman is helping to put together a bid to receive funds from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mr. Cleworth asked if the downtown core area could get swept one more time before snow flies. He thanked Ms. Therrien for attending the last Borough Assembly meeting and shared that he called in also to testify in support of Assembly Member Cash's ordinance regarding the Board of

Adjustment. He stated the ordinance ultimately failed. He spoke to the stakeholder group that met to discuss the Lacey Street project. He indicated that the survey that was done on the project was biased, and he would like the street design to remain as-is with a few improvements. He expressed concern that those most affected by the project are not being involved in the process.

Mr. Gibson complimented the Administration and staff for continuing to allow in-person attendance at meetings in a safe manner; he stated the City is doing a great job. He stated there are various ways for the public to participate in Council meetings safely. He commented that he has spoken to people who took the Lacey Street survey, and they only made it part of the way through it because it was a hassle.

Ms. Rogers stated the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) met recently, and it was a wonderfully fulfilling meeting. She shared the Acting Chief and Deputy Chief attended and reported on the training FPD officers have received recently. She stated she attended the Borough Assembly meeting by phone, but she also had issues being heard. She commented that the City's system is much more user-friendly. She asked Mayor Matherly for an update on the request for quiet space near the railroad on Trainer Gate Road.

Mayor Matherly reported that not much has happened because the City cannot dictate what the Alaska Railroad does.

Ms. Kun gave a land acknowledgement and asked everyone to check on their friends and family. She encouraged those in need of help to contact the suicide hotline. She thanked everyone for their input on Ordinance No. 6140.

Ms. Therrien stated she did not know if the audio problems were hers or the Borough's, but she could not hear Mr. Cleworth's testimony at the recent Borough Assembly meeting. She suggested the Mayor have staff draft talking points for Council Members when they attend Borough Assembly meetings. **Mayor Matherly** acknowledged Ms. Therrien's request. **Ms. Therrien** stated she did not think a 1% tax increase would make such a huge impact, but she decided to listen to Mr. Cleworth's advice on the issue.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) Memo to Approve the Appointment of 2020 Election Officials

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2020

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2020

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Appointment to the Hotel/Motel Discretionary Fund Committee

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

CITY CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Danyielle Snider reported there would be an absentee voting station open starting Monday, September 21; she reported it would be open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Matherly declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: EB/DS



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020
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 via Zoom webinar and 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 (remotely)
Valerie Therrien, Seat C
Aaron Gibson, 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
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
Tod Chambers, Fire Chief
Tish Gonzales, Deputy City Attorney
Carrie Peterson, Grants Administrator
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)
Richard Sweet, Acting Police Chief (remotely)
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer (remotely)

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 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Montean Jackson, 1018 27th Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Jackson stated she is a candidate for City Council. She stated she has heard some conflicting information about the recruitment process for a new Chief of Police, and she asked for some clarification on when and how the City plans to fill the position. She asked whether the City would pursue a direct hire from within, seek

reinstatement of a qualified officer who may no longer be employed by the City, or initiate an in state or national search. She asked whether an interview committee would be selected to assist in the process.

Arleigh Hitchcock, Fairbanks – Mx. Hitchcock complained about how the City conducted the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public presentation and vote on September 17 at noon. They stated the time of the meeting was a barrier for working folks, there was no virtual option to hear the proposals, and a virtual voting option was only given at the last minute with a 5 p.m. deadline. They stated that the City was prepared for only 20-30 people to attend the meeting despite this being a community vote. Mx. Hitchcock stated that people were packed in a line in the hallway. They stated that one proposal was a new kitchen for the Senior Center and the other was a warming hut for the No Limits homeless shelter. They stated that the elderly, social workers, and those experiencing homelessness – all high-risk groups for COVID – were crowded in line with no way to maintain social distancing. They stated they have not seen an announcement for the winning proposal, but they heard it was the Senior Center. Mx. Hitchcock stated they were both necessary proposals that should not have had to compete. They asked the Council what it plans to do to protect those experiencing homelessness in the community with winter approaching, and they listed several suggestions.

Ms. Therrien asked Mx. Hitchcock if they were an applicant for the CDBG. Mx. Hitchcock replied that they were not – they were only a concerned citizen. They also stated that they are non-binary, meaning they go by the gender-neutral term, “Mx.”

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to AMEND the Agenda by adding Hand-Carried Resolution No. 4936 under New Business.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY ADDING HAND-CARRIED RESOLUTION NO. 4936 UNDER NEW BUSINESS AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Matherly requested that the PSEA Fairbanks Police Command Unit (FPCU) Labor Negotiation Strategy Executive Session be removed from the Agenda; no members objected to removing the Executive Session.

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

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda into the record.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing for the following Marijuana License Applications for Renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
20827	Good Titrations	Retail Marijuana Store	FSE, Inc.	506 Merhar Avenue
15124	Fairbanks Analytical Testing, LLC	Marijuana Testing Facility	Fairbanks Analytical Testing, LLC	1521 Stacia Street, Suite A
11053	True Dank	Retail Marijuana Store	True Dank, LLC	1550 Cushman Street, Suite A
11051	Northlink, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Northlink, LLC	1550 Cushman Street, Suite B
17250	Pipe and Leaf	Retail Marijuana Store	Haley Essig	3546 Airport Way
16006	Arctic Bakery, LLC	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility	Arctic Bakery, LLC	1409 Well Street

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Marijuana License Applications for Renewal.

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

Mr. Pruhs noted that many other types of marijuana businesses are in place besides retail, and there are few complaints with the industry overall.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Matherly stated that the Administration will pursue recruitment for the next Chief of Police in the same manner as the last Police Chief recruitment. He stated that they will likely begin receiving applications in October, and there will be a community forum similar to the last time. **Mayor Matherly**, in response to Mx. Hitchcock’s earlier comments stated that there are enough available beds in Fairbanks to accommodate all the homeless, but some do not want to use those resources. He stated that he will ask Housing and Homeless Coordinator Mike Sanders to get in touch with Mx. Hitchcock. **Mayor Matherly** stated that he was unaware of the CDBG public meeting, but as soon as he was made aware, he arrived at City Hall. He stated that staff

was overwhelmed with the number of attendees, and Mike Sanders and Chief Chambers were onsite to help mitigate the crowd. He stated the City did not anticipate that large a crowd. **Mayor Matherly** stated that Lathrop High School defeated North Pole High School in the recent Mayor's Bowl 43-6, and he is proudly donning a Lathrop High School mask. He stated out of the 16 years the Mayor's Bowl has been around, each team has won eight times. **Mayor Matherly** challenged everyone to vote in the upcoming Municipal Election, and he commended those running for local office. He stated there is no excuse for not voting, and he also spoke to the importance of volunteering. He commended staff for their efforts with the absentee voting site outside City Hall. **Mayor Matherly** stated that the City kept very little of the CARES funding and distributed most of the funds into the community; he thanked staff for their hard work in that regard. He thanked all those who are masking up in the community, and he encouraged everyone to wear a mask and be safe.

a) Special Reports

Mayor Matherly asked City Grants Administrator Carrie Peterson to come forward and provide a staff report on the CDBG. Ms. Peterson stated that community support factors into which CDBG projects are selected, and both projects had a great deal of support. She stated that the Senior Center had a little more support than the No Limits warming center, but the main reason that the Senior Center project was selected is that the project fit within the guidelines of the grant. She stated that the grant cannot be used to cover operating costs. She explained that they can only apply for one project at a time, and the Senior Center project was fully fundable. **Mayor Matherly** commented that, in prior years, CDBG community meetings were not well-attended, but there were social media posts prior to the recent meeting inviting community members to "pack the house." He stated that was a large part of the reason why so many people showed up to the meeting. Ms. Peterson stated that in future years, they will review the proposals and only move forward the projects that fit under the grant guidelines; then, they will solicit public support. She stated the most they have ever had attend a CDBG meeting is about 20 people, and while it was exciting, it was overwhelming.

Mr. Cleworth stated that a few years ago the CDBG was used for The Door, a local youth homeless shelter. He stated that in years prior the grant was used only internally for City projects. He stated that shortly after the year the grant was used for The Door, City code was amended due to potential liability to the City. He questioned whether there would be liability to the City if one of the other projects was selected. Ms. Peterson stated that the warming center project may have presented a liability to the City for years to come, and she believes that is why it was being presented as a lease. She stated that the project was ultimately not right for the CDBG grant.

Ms. Therrien asked whether a list of CARES funds recipients would be published, excluding individual recipients. Chief of Staff Mike Meeks replied that a list was published for phase one, and they are working on completing the list for phase two.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Rogers thanked the Mayor for his regular comments and activities encouraging masking. She thanked Mr. Sanders and Ms. Peterson for their work and professionalism in working through the CDBG meeting. She stated it is difficult to hear some of the comments regarding the CDBG meeting. She suggested that there be some discussion about how the CDBG will be handled in the future and how the information will be presented to the public.

Mr. Gibson thanked Ms. Jackson and Mx. Hitchcock for coming to the meeting, and he agreed with Mx. Hitchcock that both projects are worthwhile. He thanked Ms. Peterson for the information she presented to the Council.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the last time the City recruited for the Police Chief position, he did not know much about the final applicants. He stated that the Council was not really a part of the process until the point of confirmation. He stated it is important that the Council be more involved so they may make a confirmation with confidence, and he encouraged the Mayor to bring the Council into the process a little more.

Mayor Matherly stated he thought that some Council Members attended the public forum that was held during the last selection process. Some members confirmed that they attended the forum.

Mr. Cleworth stated he deals with a lot of street people through his job, and he stated that many do not choose to use the resources available to them. He stated the City's job is to make sure that people are aware of the community resources at their disposal, and those resources are much more expanded than they used to be.

Mr. Pruhs thanked the four candidates who attended the meeting. He highlighted the Administration and City staff for its handling of the CARES funding and commented that the City used less than 2% of the funding for administrative purposes.

Ms. Therrien expressed concern about the confusion surrounding the CDBG. She stated she is happy to hear that Ms. Peterson has made note of some things that could be done differently in the future, but she suggested that a Council Work Session be held prior to the next CDBG project; she stated it will help the Council to be aware of what is happening and it will keep the public informed about what to expect.

Ms. Kun echoed comments of other Council Members; she thanked Ms. Peterson and Mr. Sanders for their work. She thanked Ms. Jackson and Mx. Hitchcock for coming forward and asking good questions. She thanked those who are running for local office.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4935 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept Funds from the University of Alaska Fairbanks Community and Technical College for Paramedic Training. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Ordinance No. 6141 – An Ordinance to Amend Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article X. Towing Vehicles. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Ordinance No. 6142 – An Ordinance to Amend Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article V. Alcoholic Beverages to Remove Fees for Inspections. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Hand-Carried Resolution No. 4936 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Nominate the Polaris Building Demolition Project to the United States Department of Defense (DoD) through the FFY2022 Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Program. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

Ms. Kun, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4936.

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

Mayor Matherly asked Ms. Peterson for a staff report. Ms. Peterson reported that the Polaris Work Group has been exploring various options for demolishing the Polaris Building. She stated that they reached out to Senator Murkowski's office who pointed them in the direction of the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training program. She stated the IRT uses community projects that both benefit communities and provide training for military personnel. She stated that, unfortunately, the application deadline is in two days, and they just learned about the program late in the prior week. Ms. Peterson stated the plan is to apply for assistance with the entire project, but the project will be broken out into smaller pieces. She stated the City would apply and would gather support from other local organizations and agencies; she stated that Senator Murkowski has agreed to write a letter of support for the request for assistance. She reported that there is no match required from the City.

Mr. Pruhs thanked the Mayor, City staff, and the Polaris Work Group for their rapid response to the news about the opportunity. He stated there are many facets to the project, but he believes the entire project can be completed bit by bit.

Ms. Kun thanked all those involved and stated she is ecstatic about the opportunity.

Ms. Rogers also thanked all those involved and stated that this is a big step forward. She stated that much groundwork has been done to bring it to this point. She thanked Mr. Pruhs for his steadfastness in his commitment to the project and for all Ms. Peterson's work.

Mr. Cleworth asked whether they have looked at opportunities for grant funding to demolish the Polaris Building through the EPA. Ms. Peterson stated they are currently working on an EPA multipurpose grant that is due in October and, if approved, would provide up to \$850,000 toward testing, abatement, remediation, and cleanup. She stated they are pursuing other grants as well. She stated there is a great deal of support for the project, and they are not putting all their eggs in one basket.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4936 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Gibson, Cleworth, Rogers, Kun, Therrien, Pruhs
NAYS: None
Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and
Resolution No. 4936 APPROVED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Matherly requested that the Council provide committee reports and comments together.

Mr. Gibson stated he had no comments.

Mr. Cleworth asked when Deputy Clerk Braniff's last day would be. Clerk Snider replied it would be Friday, October 2. **Mr. Cleworth** asked the Clerk to pass on appreciation from the Council to Ms. Braniff for her years of service. He echoed Mr. Pruhs' earlier comments on the CARES funds, and he commented on how well the City has done in administering the funds.

Mr. Pruhs shared that NeighborWorks is looking at funding a grant writer to work on identifying funds for demolition of the Polaris Building. He stated that the Polaris Work Group will continue to meet with HUD, the EPA and other federal and state agencies in regard to the demolition of the Polaris Building. He stated he will continue working on the project after his term on the Council ends.

Ms. Therrien thanked Mr. Pruhs for all his work in regard to the Polaris Building. She stated that she missed the last Finance Committee meeting, but she would like to see a survey of space available at City Hall before paying for a new space or taking the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) evidence room offsite. **Mayor Matherly** stated that they will not have the evidence room offsite.

Ms. Kun stated she will meet with the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors soon and will bring a report back to the Council. She gave a land acknowledgement, and she encouraged anyone struggling to contact the help line.

Ms. Rogers reported on the Housing and Homeless Committee and spoke about how hands-on Coordinator Mike Sanders is. She stated he is very effective in reducing the number of homeless people in Fairbanks. She encouraged anyone with concerns about those in the community that appear to go unnoticed to contact Mr. Sanders before taking matters into their own hands or

making assumptions. She stated that people throughout the state contact Mr. Sanders to see how things are being done in Fairbanks, because he is doing an exceptional job. **Ms. Rogers** thanked all those who attended the meeting and encouraged citizen participation at Council meetings. She encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Snider thanked Ms. Braniff for her five years of service as the Deputy Clerk. She shared specific information about early and absentee voting locations and hours, and she reminded the public that the deadline for by-mail absentee ballot applications is the following day. She shared that newly elected Council members will be sworn into office on October 26.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to ENTER Executive Session for the purpose of discussing IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy.

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

Mayor Matherly called for a brief recess. The Council reconvened in Executive Session following the brief recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy. Direction was given to the negotiating team, 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 8:09 p.m.

JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: DS



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 12, 2020
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 via Zoom webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor Jim Matherly presiding (remotely) and with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Shoshana Kun, Seat A (remotely)
June Rogers, Seat B (remotely)
Valerie Therrien, Seat C
Aaron Gibson, 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
Richard Sweet, Acting Police Chief
Tish Gonzales, Deputy City Attorney
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer (remotely)
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director (remotely)
Tod Chambers, Fire Chief (remotely)

City Clerk Danyielle Snider read the Mission Statement of the City of Fairbanks.

FLAG SALUTATION

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mayor Matherly called for in-person comment and, hearing none, declared in-person Citizens' Comments closed.

City Clerk Danyielle Snider read the following written comments into record:

Alyssa Quintyne, Fairbanks – Ms. Quintyne wished everyone a happy Indigenous Peoples Day, and she spoke in support of the implicit bias training for City employees. She stated that

accountability, education, and inclusion are key to addressing the issues of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and ableism. She stated that in the midst of the pandemic and racial justice uprisings, it is apparent that Fairbanks suffers from the same oppression and discrimination as other places in the nation. She stated that minorities and other marginalized communities have come to the City Council about issues of workplace discrimination, violence, and barriers to essential access perpetuated by government employees and first responders. Ms. Quintyne commented that nothing has been done to address the issue, and peoples' stories have been belittled and dismissed. She stated that in March, the community called for the City Council to implement mandatory diversity and inclusion training, decolonization training, and mental health and substance abuse training (to include implicit bias training) for all City employees. She shared that she is elated to see the first step. Ms. Quintyne stated that implicit bias training is a commitment to understanding and addressing the discrimination that impacts everyone, and it is a first step in addressing the root cause of the issues. She acknowledged that it is no government official or first responder's intention to cause harm, but it is imperative for those in positions of power to recognize and address lateral violence, microaggressions, and discrimination in ways that do not burden those impacted by it. Ms. Quintyne stated that training like the implicit bias training is an excellent first step in understanding the brevity of the issues and how to go about identifying solutions that will build a better City.

Arleigh Hitchcock, Fairbanks – Mx. Hitchcock spoke in support of the implicit bias training for City employees. They stated that the trainer, Mr. Hood, understands the complexities of implicit bias having worked as an FBI agent for 25 years and having been an adjunct professor of leadership and ethics for the FBI Academy at the University of Virginia. They stated that Mr. Hood designed courses on implicit bias and specialized in the psychology of leadership and the effects of implicit bias. Mx. Hitchcock stated the City of Fairbanks should be honored to have the opportunity to learn from an expert in their field and added that the whole community would benefit from the City's participation in the course.

Maria Berger, Fairbanks – Ms. Berger commended the City for offering the implicit bias training to employees. She stated that the opportunity to identify, examine, and understand implicit biases has potential to increase productivity and effectiveness in the workplace and enhance City Employees' ability to serve local citizens. She stated that because implicit bias is unconscious and is part of human nature, every person is subject the implicit biases of others. She indicated that such trainings benefit everyone both individually and collectively without diminishing anyone. She thanked the Council for their time and service to the community.

Savannah Fletcher, Fairbanks – Ms. Fletcher stated that she works in downtown Fairbanks at Alaska Legal Services Corporation. She thanked the City for participating in implicit bias training. She stated that as a lawyer who represents tribes and Alaska Natives, she knows that implicit bias enters into many of the services they provide to community members. She stated it will take time to truly live up to our country's standard of justice for all.

There being no more written comments to be read into the record, **Mayor Matherly** declared Citizens' Comments closed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

SPECIAL ORDERS

a) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing for the following Marijuana License Applications for Renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
10869	Grass Station 49	Retail Marijuana Store	The Grass Station, LLC	1326 Cushman Street
13949	Grass Station 49	Retail Marijuana Store	The Grass Station, LLC	3505 Airport Way, Suite A
18187	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	188 Bentley Trust Road, Suite A
10278	GoodSinse, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road
10279	GoodSinse, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Marijuana License Applications for Renewal.

Mr. Cleworth reminded the Clerk to read the approved Consent Agenda items into the record.

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda into the record.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Matherly stated that internal budget meetings are complete, and the 2021 City Budget has been drafted and will be distributed to the Council soon. He thanked all the City staff for their work in budget preparation. He thanked the City Clerk’s Office for their work in the recent election, and he announced that the final ballot count would take place the following afternoon. He thanked Public Works for their help in setting up the absentee voting trailer, and he commended all those who ran for office. He encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming

November election. **Mayor Matherly** stated that COVID-19 cases have continued to increase, but the hospitalization rate is low. He commented that he will continue to beat the drum on masking and social distancing. He stated that Dr. Zink reported that there are clinical trials for a COVID-19 vaccination being conducted, and he expressed hope that there would be a vaccination approved soon. **Mayor Matherly** stated he also spoke with General Andrysiak and General Krumm, the leadership of military forces in the state, and they are giving thought to prohibiting travel off-base due to the virus; he stated it would be a readiness precaution. **Mayor Matherly** shared that they will convert the trailer that was used for absentee voting into a COVID testing site. He stated that the trailer will be parked at Public Works where they will offer free, drive-up testing; he shared that the goal is to open by October 19. He explained that testing at Carlson Center is being shut down due to the cold weather. He stated the Council can be proud that the City is stepping up to help with the testing. **Mayor Matherly** stated that much training has been discussed in 2020, and Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) recently did some implicit bias training and verbal judo training. He stated that Bret Hood is in town and will be facilitating training for all City employees throughout the week. He stated that Mr. Hood will be visiting the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) meeting the following evening, and he turned the floor over to Mr. Hood.

a) Special Reports

Bret Hood, Implicit Bias Training Instructor – Mr. Hood thanked everyone for having him and for the opportunity to address the Council. He stated that implicit bias can be dangerous because it happens outside of one’s consciousness. He stated that research shows that 95% of the decision a person makes each day are made by the automatic part of the brain. He provided some examples, and he stated that implicit biases are based on stereotypes and previous experiences. Mr. Hood explained that the class gets people involved in exercises to exhibit some of the biases they are unaware of, and conversations start. He stated they then look at where those biases may come from, how they are formed, and how they show up in decision-making and behaviors. He stated he takes attendees through real cases and situations where people have allowed their biases to get in the way, and they discuss how biases cause a person to put false labels on people and different ways to mitigate how biases affect decision-making.

Mayor Matherly stated that both in-person and virtual classes are being offered to get as many employees as possible to participate in the training.

Ms. Rogers asked whether there would be an opportunity for Council Members to participate in the training. Clerk Snider stated that she would make sure to get the information out to the Council.

Ms. Therrien asked Mr. Hood whether his course addresses implicit racism. Mr. Hood stated that people often assume implicit bias is associated with racism, but that is not always the case. He stated that racism is a component of implicit bias. He provided some examples of implicit bias as it relates to racism but stated that the class covers all types of implicit biases and how people project their own stereotypes onto others. **Ms. Therrien** asked how long the class is. Mr. Hood stated it is 7 – 8 hours long.

Mayor Matherly thanked Mr. Hood for attending and speaking to the Council. He stated that the local Mayors put out a joint Proclamation in recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Rogers echoed Mayor Matherly's comments on masking. She expressed disappointment in the small voter turnout, and she stated people need to continue to talk about it and accept the responsibility of being a voting community. She stated that everyone needs to do their part to increase voter turnout.

Ms. Kun stated she is glad Mr. Hood is here. She expressed appreciation for the written comments that were submitted in support of the implicit bias training.

Ms. Therrien stated that she is interested in attending the training and commented that it is disappointing that the Council had not been notified about the training yet. She stated that she would try to attend. She suggested that the newly elected Council Members be invited to attend also.

Mr. Pruhs commended the Clerk's Office for its work in operating the absentee voting station during the pandemic and thanked other departments for chipping in to help.

Mr. Cleworth stated he had no comments.

Mr. Gibson stated he had no comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6141– An Ordinance to Amend Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article X. Towing Vehicles. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

Mr. Gibson, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6141.

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

Mr. Cleworth thanked the City Attorney's Office for all the work done on the ordinance. He stated that when the original towing ordinance was adopted, the fees were in the Code. He stated that he noticed the fees have been removed and placed into a fee schedule, and he asked how the new fee amounts were derived. He took note that the fees have increased.

Deputy City Attorney Gonzales stated that she spoke with operators on the tow rotation list, and each of them commented about the low fees authorized by the ordinance. She stated they indicated that current fees are not commensurate with the industry. She explained that the goal was to bring the fees more in line with what towing companies are currently charging. She stated that for the most part, the fees are an average of what local company rates are. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Ms. Gonzales how many companies she communicated with. Ms. Gonzales

replied that she spoke with representatives from each of the four companies on the City's tow rotation list, and she drafted the fee schedule after her conversations with them. She stated she has not heard from the companies since that time. **Mr. Cleworth** stated it was difficult to set the original fees, but it sounds as though everyone is on board. He stated it seems like a severe hike in some of the fees, but he understands that things change and costs increase.

Mr. Therrien asked whether there was any discussion about the hours in which a person may access a vehicle that was towed. Ms. Gonzales stated that was not a concern with the towing companies, with one exception. She stated that the City's towing contractor, Interior Towing, believes that all vehicles should be secured in an enclosed space; she stated they wanted to ensure that all companies were doing that. **Ms. Therrien** stated that the towing complaints she has heard have been in regard to vehicle access. She stated she hopes that people will have access to their vehicles and that access hours will be posted by tow companies.

Mr. Gibson pointed out that hours are addressed in the ordinance under Sec. 14-435 and Sec. 14-438. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the ordinance addresses contacting a company afterhours, but it does not address the posting of access hours.

Mr. Gibson stated he is happy to see that the fine amount for cleanup was increased. He asked about the history behind the surcharge for extreme weather. Ms. Gonzales stated there was a roundtable discussion on the ordinance including representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Clerk's Office, FECC, FPD, Engineering, and Public Works. She stated the group discussed the reluctance of towing companies to respond to calls when the weather is extremely cold. She stated the surcharge is being carried forward from the old ordinance, and it is an incentive for tow companies to respond to calls when it is cold. She stated that tow companies may need extra time to respond during severe weather conditions.

Ms. Rogers commented that it sounds as though every company on the tow rotation list was contacted, and she believes the City is on a good course with the ordinance.

Ms. Kun thanked Ms. Gonzales for all her hard work.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6141 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6141 ADOPTED.

- b) Ordinance No. 6142 – An Ordinance to Amend Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article V. Alcoholic Beverages to Remove Fees for Inspections. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6142.

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6142 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6142 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4937 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Participate in the FFY2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 4938 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Funds from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a FY2021 Brownfields Multipurpose Grant. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Resolution No. 4939 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept Funds from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security for the FFY2020 State Homeland Security Program. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Resolution No. 4940 – A Resolution to Accept Funds from the Alaska Highway Safety Office for FFY2021 DUI Traffic Enforcement Grant. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Matherly requested that the Council provide committee reports and comments together.

Ms. Rogers stated that she attended the Polaris Work Group meeting earlier in the day. She stated that City Environmental Manager Andrew Ackerman and City Grants Administrator Carrie Peterson provided reports, and the group will meet again in a month. She stated that the FDC will meet the following evening.

Ms. Kun stated that she was unable to attend the last Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors meeting, but there is another meeting coming up in a week or so. She gave a land acknowledgement.

Ms. Therrien stated she is happy the City got the grant for DUI traffic enforcement; she stated one would not believe how many people run red lights. She congratulated everyone in regard to Indigenous Peoples Day and thanked all those who came out to vote. She congratulated the victors in the election.

Mr. Pruhs thanked Ms. Rogers for attending the Polaris Work Group meeting and for providing a report. He stated that he was unable to attend.

Mr. Cleworth stated he had no comments.

Mr. Gibson thanked everyone who voted in the local election. He stated he is happy to see the DUI enforcement grant, and he acknowledged the issues Fairbanks has in that regard.

Ms. Rogers thanked Mr. Pruhs for all his work with the Polaris Work Group. She stated they would not be where they are at without all his work and attention. She thanked him also for his most recent comments indicating that he will stay actively involved with the group after his term on the Council ends.

Mr. Gibson, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to ENTER Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Frances Pfleegor v. City of Fairbanks – Settlement Negotiations, PSEA Fairbanks Police Command Unit (FPCU) Labor Negotiation Strategy, and IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy.

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

Mayor Matherly called for a brief recess. The Council reconvened in Executive Session following the brief recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Frances Pfleegor v. City of Fairbanks – Settlement Negotiations
- b) PSEA Fairbanks Police Command Unit (FPCU) Labor Negotiation Strategy
- c) IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss Frances Pfleegor v. City of Fairbanks – Settlement Negotiations, PSEA Fairbanks Police Command Unit (FPCU) Labor Negotiation Strategy, and IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy. Direction was given to legal counsel and the negotiating teams, and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

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

Mayor Matherly declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, 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, MMC, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Marijuana License Renewals

DATE: October 21, 2020

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
10112	Great Alaskan Bud Company	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	SP&C Enterprises, LLC	1905 Livengood Avenue
10113	Great Alaskan Bud Company	Retail Marijuana Store	SP&C Enterprises, LLC	1905 Livengood Avenue
12325	Good, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Good, LLC	356 Old Steese Highway

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 renewals is November 13, 2020.

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-listed 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 Fairbanks Police Department has included a call report for the above-listed locations; however, there are no recommended protests by FPD. There are **no departmental objections** to the above-listed marijuana license renewal applications. Please contact me if you need any further information.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Great Alaskan Bud Company 1905 Livengood Ave

09/22/2019-09/21/2020

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	10/20/2019 18:29	COMMERCIAL	1905 LIVENGOOD AVE	O9	FAB	10/20/2019 18:50:04

Total Number of Events Listed: 1

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Good LLC 356 Old Steese Hwy

09/20/2019-09/21/2020

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
20003362	09/11/2020 22:27	ADMIN -	356 OLD STEESE HWY	S3	RPT	09/13/2020 12:17:50
20003362	09/10/2020 21:52	WEAPONS INCIDENT -	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O56	RPT	09/11/2020 00:06:51
	09/07/2020 18:08	DISTURBANCE	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O54	NRP	09/07/2020 18:44:45
	06/17/2020 22:41	SI - FIELD CONTACT	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O26	NRP	06/17/2020 22:45:57
	04/29/2020 15:56	THEFT OR VEH	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O50	NRP	04/29/2020 17:00:03
	03/20/2020 17:31	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O29	NRP	03/20/2020 18:10:54
	03/05/2020 21:02	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O17	NRP	03/05/2020 21:17:29
	03/01/2020 23:10	INCAPACITATED	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O4	NRP	03/01/2020 23:31:20


Total Number of Events Listed: **8**

MEMORANDUM

City of Fairbanks Clerk's Office

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

TO: Mayor Jim Matherly & City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Application for New Liquor License

DATE: October 21, 2020

An application has been received from the State of Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) for the following new liquor license and Restaurant Designation Permit:

License #: **5927**
License Type: Beverage Dispensary – Tourism
D.B.A.: **Hyatt Place Fairbanks**
Licensee/Applicant: Fairbanks Hospitality, LLC
Physical Location: 400 Merhar Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska

Pursuant to FCG Sec. 14-178 the Council must determine whether or not to protest the liquor license action after holding a public hearing.

FGC Section 14-168, new locations, requires advertising in the newspaper and mailing notice of the date, time and place of public hearing to all owners of record of land within 500 feet of the place where alcoholic beverages will be sold. The City Clerk has complied with this provision.

The Fairbanks Police Department has included a call report for the location; however, there is no recommended protest by FPD. There are **no departmental objections** to this application for a new liquor license. Please contact me if you need any further information.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Fairbanks Hospitality LLC 500 Merhar Ave

09/16/2019-09/14/2020

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	08/29/2020 22:27	WELFARE CHECK	400 MERHAR AVE	O57	NRP	08/29/2020 23:07:02
	07/20/2020 17:44	SUSP	400 MERHAR AVE	O56	NRP	07/20/2020 21:35:14
	07/01/2020 21:42	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	400 MERHAR AVE	O19	NRP	07/01/2020 22:08:49
20001878	06/05/2020 16:29	FOUND PROPERTY -	400 MERHAR AVE	O7	RPT	06/05/2020 17:51:12
	05/28/2020 17:38	DISTURBANCE	400 MERHAR AVE	O54	NRP	05/28/2020 18:11:01
	05/19/2020 23:27	DISTURBANCE	400 MERHAR AVE	S11	NRP	05/19/2020 23:59:31
	05/07/2020 18:43	URGENT WELFARE	400 MERHAR AVE	O50	NRP	05/07/2020 19:03:35
20001408	05/03/2020 02:50	COMMERCIAL	400 MERHAR AVE	O26	RPT	05/03/2020 03:47:48
	04/14/2020 14:30	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	400 MERHAR AVE	O50	NRP	04/14/2020 14:57:36
	04/12/2020 21:58	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	400 MERHAR AVE	O26	NRP	04/12/2020 22:39:01
20001169	04/12/2020 14:00	PAST VEHICLE THEFT	400 MERHAR AVE	O50	RPT	04/12/2020 16:53:35
20000499	02/13/2020 15:18	FOUND PROPERTY -	400 MERHAR AVE	O29	RPT	02/13/2020 19:54:27
	02/13/2020 03:10	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	400 MERHAR AVE	O5	NRP	02/13/2020 03:28:07
20000431	02/08/2020 09:43	DAMAGE/VANDALISM	400 MERHAR AVE	O50	RPT	02/08/2020 12:09:15
	02/04/2020 02:25	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	400 MERHAR AVE	O26	NRP	02/04/2020 03:04:33
20000311	01/28/2020 22:54	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	400 MERHAR AVE	S1	RPT	01/28/2020 23:37:17
	01/28/2020 03:55	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	400 MERHAR AVE	O26	NRP	01/28/2020 04:40:29
	01/18/2020 02:07	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	400 MERHAR AVE	O5	NRP	01/18/2020 02:34:59
	12/28/2019 04:06	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	400 MERHAR AVE	O53	NRP	12/28/2019 04:25:09
	12/15/2019 05:50	911 HANG-UP -	400 MERHAR AVE	O34	NRP	12/15/2019 06:43:06
	12/10/2019 22:38	SUSP	400 MERHAR AVE	O5	NRP	12/10/2019 22:53:40
	11/29/2019 02:37	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	400 MERHAR AVE	O41	NRP	11/29/2019 02:59:56
	11/24/2019 22:54	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	400 MERHAR AVE	O5	NRP	11/24/2019 23:12:37
	11/24/2019 06:35	SUSP	400 MERHAR AVE	O41	NRP	11/24/2019 06:58:39
	11/09/2019 04:13	INCAPACITATED	400 MERHAR AVE	S3	NRP	11/09/2019 06:25:37
	10/26/2019 22:52	DISTURBANCE	400 MERHAR AVE	O2	NRP	10/26/2019 23:12:10

Total Number of Events Listed: **26**



Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Form AB-02: Premises Diagram

What is this form?

A detailed diagram of the proposed licensed premises is required for all liquor license applications, per AS 04.11.260 and 3 AAC 304.185. Your diagram must include dimensions and must show all entrances and boundaries of the premises, walls, bars, fixtures, and areas of storage, service, consumption, and manufacturing. If your proposed premises is located within a building or building complex that contains multiple businesses and/or tenants, please provide an additional page that clearly shows the location of your proposed premises within the building or building complex, along with the addresses and/or suite numbers of the other businesses and/or tenants within the building or building complex.

The second page of this form is not required. Blueprints, CAD drawings, or other clearly drawn and marked diagrams may be submitted in lieu of the second page of this form. The first page must still be completed, attached to, and submitted with any supplemental diagrams. An AMCO employee may require you to complete the second page of this form if additional documentation for your premises diagram is needed.

This form must be completed and submitted to AMCO's main office before any license application will be considered complete.

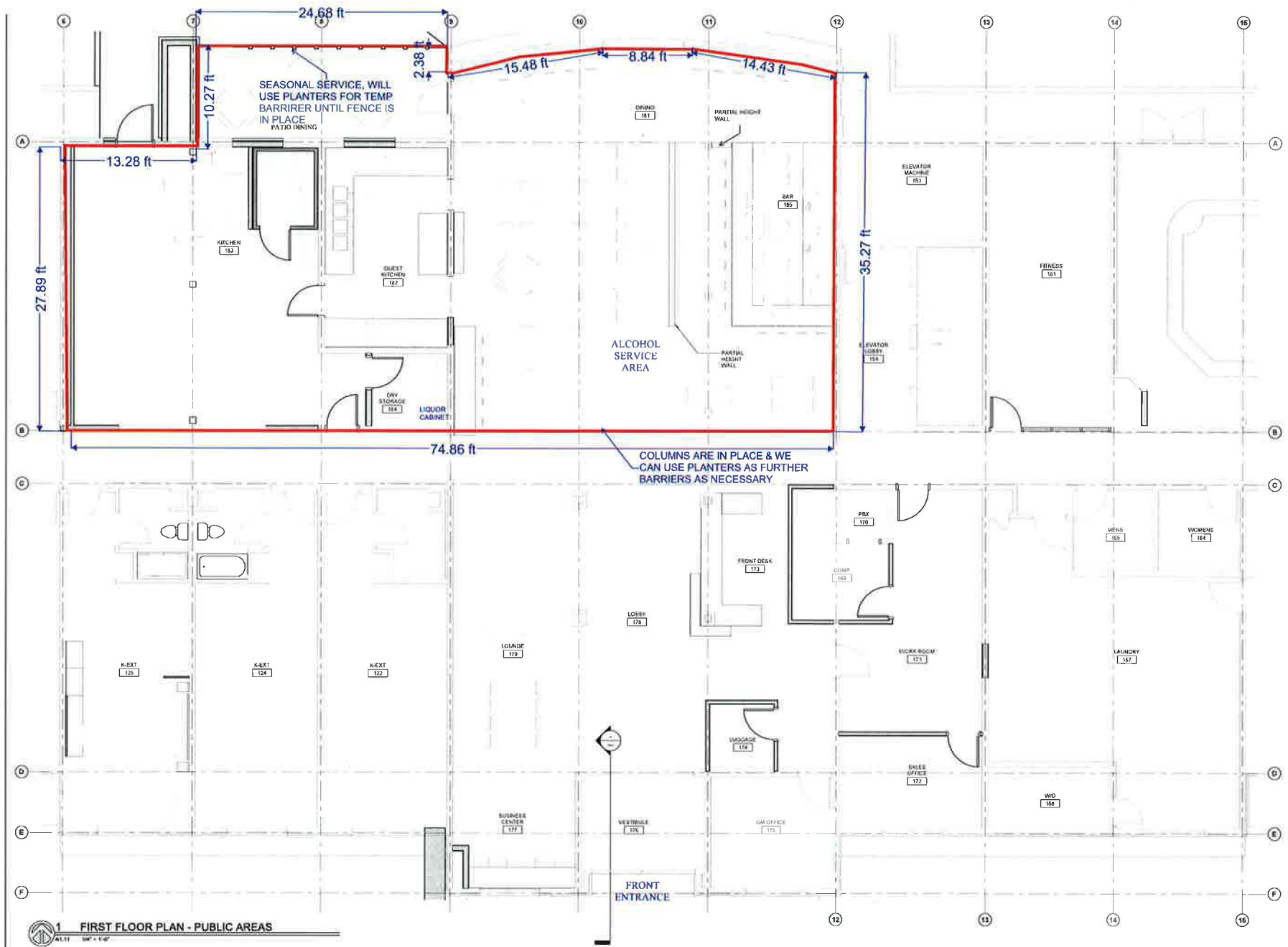
Yes No

I have attached blueprints, CAD drawings, or other supporting documents in addition to, or in lieu of, the second page of this form.

Section 1 – Establishment Information

Enter information for the business seeking to be licensed, as identified on the license application.

Licensee:	Fairbanks Hospitality, LLC	License Number:	5927		
License Type:	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism				
Doing Business As:	Hyatt Place Fairbanks				
Premises Address:	400 Merhar Avenue				
City:	Fairbanks	State:	AK	ZIP:	99701



1 FIRST FLOOR PLAN - PUBLIC AREAS
A1.11 1/8" = 1'-0"

Revisions:

ENLARGED PLAN

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A&A CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC.
400 MERHAR AVE, FAIRBANKS, AK 99701

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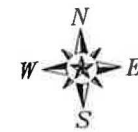
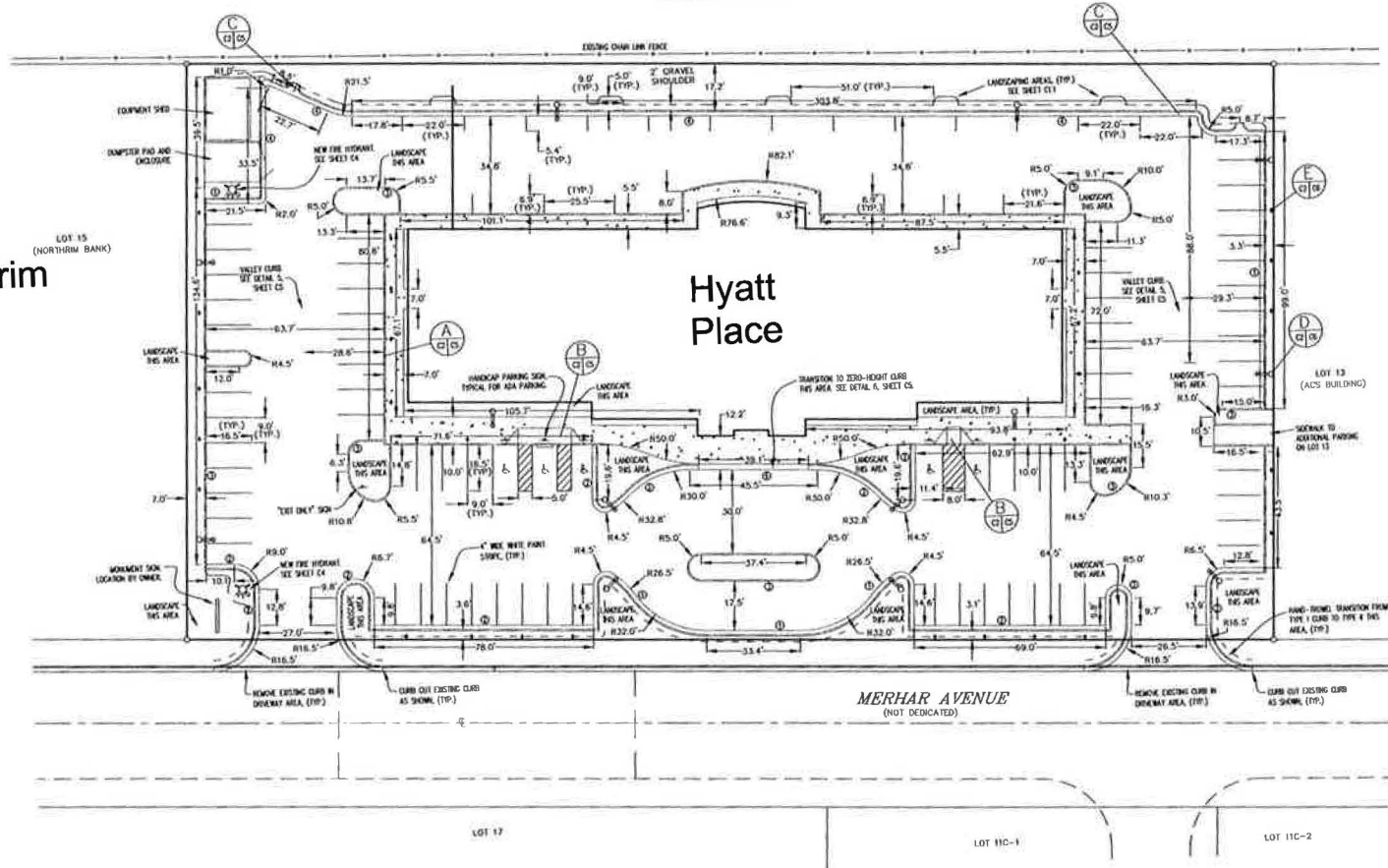
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Hyatt Place Fairbanks
Outdoor/Indoor Serving Security Plan

1. All minors must be accompanied by an adult (age over 21) while in the restricted area when any alcohol is being served/sold/consumed.
2. All new patrons are carded upon ordering alcohol.
3. All staff is trained in the identification of fake IDs.
4. Waist-high planters will be used temporarily for barriers around the outdoor servicing area until winter is over.
5. Underaged persons will be monitored closely by our professionally trained alcohol servers.
6. Proper egress from the outdoor service area will always remain unobstructed.
7. ABC mandated posters as required by law are posted inside Hyatt Place Fairbanks and at the entrances of the outdoor seating area.
8. All entrances and exits will provide clear notice that NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED BEYOND THE OUTDOOR SEATING AREA.
9. Keeping outdoor seating area viable without any increased risk to minors exposed to alcohol WILL continue to be a part of our training for our staff.
10. All safety related operations for our current liquor service will additionally be enforced in the new service area.
11. Proper signage at points of entry indicating no minors without a parent or legal guardian will be posted.
12. All servers will closely monitor that only the guests that have been carded will have alcoholic beverages.
13. Our top priority continues in providing safety for all guests regarding the service of alcoholic beverages.
14. Servers will be present in the outdoor area to monitor consumption.



CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION
REGULAR ELECTION – October 6, 2020

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, in the meeting duly convened this 26th day of October 2020, do hereby certify that the attached Certification of Election Returns is true and correct in all particulars.

That **LONNY R. MARNEY**, having received a majority of the votes cast for CITY COUNCIL SEAT E, for a three-year term ending October 2023, is hereby declared elected as a Member of the Fairbanks City Council.

That **JIM CLARK**, having received a majority of the votes cast for CITY COUNCIL SEAT F, for a three-year term ending October 2023, is hereby declared elected as a Member of the Fairbanks City Council.

That **PROPOSITION A**, as written below, PASSED:

Should City of Fairbanks Ordinance No. 6125 be ratified?

A “YES” vote ratifies Ordinance No. 6125, which authorizes the Mayor to enter into agreements with the State of Alaska and Golden Heart Utilities (GHU) to borrow up to \$1.5 million at 1.5% interest from the Alaska Clean Water Fund for the Main Extension and Water Piping Improvement Project at the Peger Road Wastewater Treatment Plant, with GHU to pay in full all principal, interest, and fees.

A “NO” vote rejects Ordinance No. 6125.

2,893 Total “YES” Votes

926 Total “NO” Votes

Shoshana Kun, Seat A

Aaron Gibson, Seat D

June Rogers, Seat B

Jerry Cleworth, Seat E

Valerie Therrien, Seat C

David Pruhs, Seat F

ATTEST:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Jim Matherly, City Mayor



REPORT OF ELECTION CANVASS BOARD

October 6, 2020 Municipal Election

We, the undersigned, duly appointed at the Regular Council Meeting of September 14, 2020 to serve as canvass board judges in the Municipal Election of October 6, 2020, do hereby certify that we have examined in detail all absentee ballots, special needs ballots, questioned ballots, and original and questioned registers for each of the 12 precincts of the City of Fairbanks.

Upon completion of the canvass, it is our opinion that the attached summary of election returns, as compiled by the City Clerk, accurately reflects the total shown on the Certificate of Election returns by the election board of each voting precinct.

Mary McCarroll

Sean Tolson

Linda Nuss

Carolyn Mustard
Canvass Board Chair

Patty Wisel

Ramona Beers

Ben Digdon

Henry D. Dwyer

Election Summary Report

Regular Election

City of Fairbanks

October 06, 2020

Summary for: All COF Contests, Tabulators, Counting Groups

Unofficial Election Results

Elector Group	Counting Group	Ballots	Voters	Registered Voters	Turnout
COF	Election Day	3,182	3,182	22,403	14.20%
	Absentee	429	429		1.91%
	Early Voting	268	268		1.20%
	Questioned	94	94		0.42%
	Total	3,973	3,973		17.73%

Precincts Reported: 12 of 12 (100.00%)

FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL - SEAT E

Candidate	Total	
Sue Sprinkle	1,777	47.06%
Lonny R. Marney	1,967	52.09%
Total		
Unresolved Write-In	32	

FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL - SEAT F

Candidate	Total	
Robert Howard	204	5.46%
Charles Foster III	133	3.56%
Montean R. Jackson	1,067	28.56%
Jim Clark	1,475	39.48%
David van den Berg	833	22.30%
Total		
Unresolved Write-In	24	

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PROPOSITION A

Candidate	Total	
YES	2,893	75.75%
NO	926	24.25%
Total		
Unresolved Write-In	0	

**2020 Unofficial Precinct, Early Voting, Absentee and Questioned Results
City of Fairbanks
Regular Election
October 6, 2020**

FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL - SEAT E

Precinct	Sue Sprinkle	Lonny R. Marney	Write-in
01-446 Aurora	209	264	5
01-455 Fairbanks #1	40	67	2
01-465 Fairbanks #2	61	66	0
01-470 Fairbanks #3	137	168	2
01-475 Fairbanks #4	78	88	0
01-480 Fairbanks #5	212	268	3
01-485 Fairbanks #6	74	110	2
01-490 Fairbanks #7	100	93	3
01-495 Fairbanks #10	49	56	0
02-355 Fairbanks #8	149	227	4
02-365 Fairbanks #9	208	279	2
02-375 Fort Wainwright	7	15	0
20-000 Absentee	263	130	2
30-000 Early Voting	154	98	3
40-000 Questioned	36	38	4
Total	1,777	1,967	32

**2020 Unofficial Precinct, Early Voting, Absentee and Questioned Results
City of Fairbanks
Regular Election
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FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL - SEAT F

Precinct	Robert Howard	Charles Foster III	Montean R. Jackson	Jim Clark	David van den Berg	Write-in
01-446 Aurora	39	24	122	203	86	2
01-455 Fairbanks #1	8	4	19	43	32	0
01-465 Fairbanks #2	11	4	25	56	30	0
01-470 Fairbanks #3	13	13	73	128	68	1
01-475 Fairbanks #4	6	4	40	69	43	0
01-480 Fairbanks #5	24	5	129	208	112	1
01-485 Fairbanks #6	8	7	65	82	26	2
01-490 Fairbanks #7	16	9	62	71	39	2
01-495 Fairbanks #10	5	3	34	50	11	1
02-355 Fairbanks #8	15	15	76	152	115	3
02-365 Fairbanks #9	31	20	125	203	93	5
02-375 Fort Wainwright	1	1	1	16	3	0
20-000 Absentee	7	14	173	92	105	1
30-000 Early Voting	16	7	91	77	59	3
40-000 Questioned	4	3	32	25	11	3
Total	204	133	1,067	1,475	833	24

**2020 Unofficial Precinct, Early Voting, Absentee and Questioned Results
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CITY OF FAIRBANKS PROPOSITION A

Precinct	YES	NO
01-446 Aurora	368	120
01-455 Fairbanks #1	79	27
01-465 Fairbanks #2	98	30
01-470 Fairbanks #3	247	62
01-475 Fairbanks #4	126	34
01-480 Fairbanks #5	385	107
01-485 Fairbanks #6	133	58
01-490 Fairbanks #7	141	63
01-495 Fairbanks #10	84	25
02-355 Fairbanks #8	288	100
02-365 Fairbanks #9	368	120
02-375 Fort Wainwright	11	12
20-000 Absentee	316	72
30-000 Early Voting	195	65
40-000 Questioned	54	31
Total	2,893	926

City of Fairbanks
Permanent Fund Review Board
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2020

The Permanent Fund Review Board (PFRB) convened at 1:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers to conduct a quarterly meeting with the following board members in attendance.

Board Members Present: Council Member Valerie Therrien
Patty Mongold
Bernard Gatewood
Dave Owen
Jennifer Imus

Also Present: Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
Brandy Niclai, Chief Investment Officer - APCM
Blake Phillips, Director of Institutional Solutions – APCM

Dave Owen moved, and Valerie Therrien seconded to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2020 meeting. The PFRB unanimously agreed.

Margarita Bell reviewed the account's performance through June 30, 2020:

- \$130,438,492 - Balance including accrued income
- \$ 1,051,352 - Dividend and interest earnings
- \$ 778,338 - Realized gain
- \$ (6,509,770) - Unrealized loss
- \$ (52,072) - Management and custodial fees
- \$ (4,732,152) - Earnings, net of expenses

Brandy Niclai reported that the balance of the fund was \$134,647,001 on July 21, 2020.

The 2020 draw is expected to be made in December 2020. The appropriation of \$5,586,013 to the general and capital funds are shown below, respectively:

- \$4,965,345 and \$620,668

Portfolio Summary							
2nd Quarter		Year to Date		Last 12 Months		Inception to Date	
Account	Benchmark	Account	Benchmark	Account	Benchmark	Account	Benchmark
11.69%	12.40%	-3.33%	-3.07%	2.29%	2.83%	5.34%	5.15%
	0.13% ¹		0.25% ²		0.50% ³		
<u>11.69%</u>	<u>12.53%</u>	<u>-3.33%</u>	<u>-2.82%</u>	<u>2.29%</u>	<u>3.33%</u>	<u>5.34%</u>	<u>5.15%</u>

1 - 12.5 bps - per quarter rounded
2 - 50 bps hurdle -annual (YTD = 12.5 basis pts X # quarters)
3 - 50 bps hurdle codified in March 2009. Inception performance begins January 31, 1998.

Brandy Niclai presented a market review for the second quarter. She stated that the pandemic has resulted in a quick and severe downturn in the market and causing a recession. However, these negative effects of the pandemic were met with widespread and unprecedented amounts of both monetary and fiscal stimulus that were able to calm the markets and ease the access to capital for companies and individuals that has resulted in a strong correction in most markets. She also stated that APCM continues to monitor the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic, both from a case and death count perspective, but also the progress being made in treatment and vaccine development. With interest rates likely to be held at low historical levels this will have an effect on lowering the estimated returns for the fixed income component of the portfolio.

Brandy Niclai also presented the portfolio review for the second quarter, which ended up 11.7% for the quarter due to strongly rising markets despite some more conservative positioning. She reported that APCM took a conservative approach after the initial shocks in the portfolio from the equity markets and scaled back towards the strategic equity allocation as APCM was able to gain more clarity on effects from policy response and the ability to respond to the virus. The effect of the conservative positioning did lead to some underperformance versus the benchmark in the quarter but APCM continues to believe in its prudence given the uncertain environment.

Brandy Niclai stated that there were no compliance issues to report.

The next quarterly meeting will be October 21, 2020 in the City Council Chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.



CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2, 2020
HELD IN FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AND VIA TELECONFERENCE
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The **Clay Street Cemetery Commission** convened at 5:00 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Karen Erickson (Seat F) presiding (telephonically) and with the following members in attendance:

Members Present: George Dalton, Seat A (telephonic)
 Julie Jones, Seat E (telephonic)
 Karen Erickson, Seat F (telephonic)
 Kristina Heredia, Seat D (telephonic)
 Victoria Dowling, Seat G (telephonic)

Absent: Michael Gibson, Seat B
 Aldean Kilbourn, Chair, Seat C

Also Present: Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director
 Emily Braniff, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes August 5, 2020.

Ms. Heredia, seconded by **Ms. Jones**, moved to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2020.

Ms. Erickson called for objection, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Heredia, seconded by **Ms. Jones**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda.

Ms. Erickson called for objection, to the APPROVAL of the Agenda, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION

a) Mary Shaw Letter

Commission Members discussed the letter and agreed they would address the letter in greater depth at a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) 36 Markers Set in 2020

Commission members discussed the progress made at the cemetery over the summer and thanked Janet Richardson for all of her hard work at the cemetery.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the Clay Street Cemetery Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Erickson, seconded by **Ms. Dowling**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

There being no objection, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 5:30 p.m.



Aldean Kilbourn, Chair



D. Danyielle Shider, MMC, City Clerk

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FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.



HELD VIA ZOOM WEBINAR AND AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The **Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC)** convened at 5:30 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting via Zoom Webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor Jim Matherly presiding (remotely) and with the following members in attendance [Z = Zoom; P = In Person]:

Members Present: (Z) Kennita Williams, Seat A (Z) Kelvin Lee, Seat I
(Z) Robert Dorton, Seat B (Z) Doug Toelle, Seat J (joined @ 5:41)
(Z) Jose Martinez II, Seat C (joined @ 5:41) (Z) Sara Harriger, Seat K (left @ 6:27)
(Z) Juanita Webb, Seat D (Z) Angela Foster-Snow, HR Dir.
(Z) Shelissa Thomas, Seat E (Z) June Rogers, Councilmember
(Z) Andrew Aquino, Seat G (joined @ 5:45)

Members Absent: Rita Davis, Seat F Vacant, Seat H

Also Present: (P) Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff (left @ 6:10) (P) Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
(Z) Mike Sanders, H&H Coord. (left @ 6:05) (P) Ron Dupee, FPD Lieutenant
(P) Richard Sweet, Acting Police Chief

CALL TO ORDER & READING OF THE FDC MISSION STATEMENT

Chair Matherly called the meeting to order and read the FDC Mission Statement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Matherly led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS (Limited to 3 Minutes)

There were no citizens' comments.

MAYOR & CITY STAFF REPORT

Chair Matherly stated that he needs to leave the meeting early, so he provided his comments to the FDC right away. He stated that Ms. Foster-Snow would chair the remainder of the meeting. He shared his excitement that the City's CARES funding program is now in phase two, and he commended the City Finance Department, Executive Assistant Teal Soden, and the CARES funding committee for their hard work. **Chair Matherly** stated that the election is coming up quickly, and he reminded everyone to vote. He encouraged everyone to mask-up, and he spoke to his efforts in getting businesses to promoting mask wearing. He spoke briefly to the resignation of the Police Chief and stated that officer training will continue. **Chair Matherly** excused himself from the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Ms. Foster-Snow shared that the City hired six new firefighters, and three of them are paramedics. She stated that the Fire Department is having more success with recruitment than the Police Department.

Mr. Aquino, seconded by **Ms. Harriger**, moved to hear New Business right away since some people need to leave early. There was no objection.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Nomination/Election of New Second Vice Chair

Clerk Snider explained the process according to the Fairbanks General Code.

Mr. Dorton, seconded by **Ms. Thomas**, nominated Ms. Williams to the position of Second Vice Chair. **Ms. Williams** accepted the nomination.

Ms. Foster-Snow called for objection to the appointment of Ms. Williams as the new Second Vice Chair, and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

b) Hiring of City Police Chief

Ms. Foster-Snow shared that the City will follow the same hiring process as the last time a Chief of Police was hired. She stated that the position may not be posted for some time as there are some items the Administration is working through with the Police Department. She stated that when it is time to post the position, it will be posted internally first, then it may be opened to the public. She stated a selection committee would be selected, and she listed several community members who were a part of the last process. **Ms. Foster-Snow** spoke in detail to the candidate screening and selection process and stated that finalists will participate in a public forum like the last time. She explained that the FDC plays an important role in the process, and the Mayor takes recommendations before making a final selection.

Ms. Harriger asked whether the City plans to have the same selection committee. **Ms. Foster-Snow** replied that it will be up to the Mayor.

Mr. Martinez asked what the reason would be for delaying the hiring process. **Ms. Foster-Snow** replied that there are some things internally, including training, that are addressed before a new Chief comes on board.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Toelle, seconded by **Mr. Martinez**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda.

Hearing no objection, the Agenda was APPROVED.

Ms. Foster-Snow asked Mike Sanders, City Housing and Homeless Coordinator, to provide a report to the FDC.

Mr. Sanders discussed what the Homeless Coalition has been doing to help those experiencing homelessness in the community during the pandemic. He commended No Limits for providing housing for COVID-positive individuals. He shared information about activities and staffing in the Housing and Homeless Coordinator office.

Ms. Foster-Snow asked Acting Police Chief Sweet and Lt. Dupee to provide a report to the FDC.

AC Sweet introduced himself and provided some information about his background. He stated that Lt. Dupee is currently acting as Deputy Chief. He stated they are working on backfilling positions until a new Chief of Police is selected. He stated that Mayor Matherly and Chief of Staff Meeks have given the department an action plan, and the department is working on developing a training plan to fill in gaps in officer training. AC Sweet reported that he and the lieutenants have come up with an 18-month training plan for the department, and he listed several of the trainings that entails. He spoke in detail to verbal judo and CIT training and stated the importance of communication-type training. He stated that two officers went through the “train the trainer” CIT program to help facilitate future training. AC Sweet stated they have looked into implicit bias training, but the pandemic has prevented it from happening. He stated that instead they found an online training that will be required for officers to complete. He spoke about what is involved with de-escalation and use of force training, and he stated that they are looking into updating the program they have used in the past. He stated he met recently with the NAACP and the Native movement to discuss some of the department’s plans. AC Sweet spoke to some of FPD’s efforts to update equipment such as bodycams and tasers.

Lt. Dupee added that the 18-month training calendar is important for FPD to help maintain adequate officer training.

AC Sweet stated the department is putting efforts toward reinvigorating community outreach, and he listed several goals he has for FPD.

Lt. Dupee stated that if FDC members have events that they would like an officer to attend, to reach out to the department. He stated they would be happy to attend if their schedules will allow.

AC Sweet offered to meet with FDC members individually upon request.

Ms. Thomas asked whether FPD has looked into software that would store bodycam footage in the cloud. AC Sweet stated that they are looking to transition to cloud-based storage. Ms. Thomas asked whether AC Sweet has reached out to the Black Caucus in Fairbanks; AC Sweet replied that he has not yet, but he will.

Ms. Webb thanked AC Sweet for the report. She asked whether there would be an in-person CIT training course offered after the officers participate in the 2-hour online CIT training. AC Sweet stated that the CIT training is a 40-hour course, and they have trained officers to facilitate the follow-up training. He stated the implicit bias training is the 2-hour course.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Clerk Snider shared that absentee and early voting for the October 6 Municipal Election would begin on September 21.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020

Ms. Thomas, seconded by **Mr. Toelle**, moved to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020.

Hearing no objection, the minutes were APPROVED.

- b) Regular Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2020

Ms. Thomas, seconded by **Mr. Aquino**, moved to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020.

Hearing no objection, the minutes were APPROVED.

DIVERSITY TOPIC OF THE MONTH

- a) Community Listening Session

Ms. Foster-Snow stated that the outcome of the recent meeting with the NAACP and the Native movement is that there may be value in a community listening session in partnership with the FDC. She stated that the two groups are willing to participate, and perhaps other groups may want to join or have ideas for the listening session.

AC Sweet stated it was a good meeting. He spoke in support of a listening session and stated it is all about perception. He indicated that he would like the session to focus on both the positive and the negative. He commented that the challenge is bringing a police solution to a mental health issue and how to gain access to counselors. AC Sweet stated there was some discussion on defunding, and he spoke to the low staffing levels at FPD. He stated that many times a mental health crisis is masked by what appears to be criminal behavior. He indicated that it would be nice to have a mental health professional available to officers in such cases to step in after officers have the situation under control. He stated it can be frustrating to officers when they do not have enough time for follow-up with an individual after an incident.

Mr. Dorton suggested peer support showing up on scene to assist police. He stated it would be a nice partnership with the police.

Ms. Thomas asked whether officers would deem a situation safe before asking peer support to step in. AC Sweet replied affirmatively. **Ms. Thomas** asked whether officers could give

individuals a phone number on the spot to call for peer support. She stated that the outpatient detox program begins October 1, but it is only an outpatient, day service. AC Sweet spoke to community resources for such situations; he stated he would like to see a positive hand-off from an officer to peer support or a person with mental health expertise.

Ms. Foster-Snow asked whether the FDC would like to host or schedule a community listening session. **Ms. Thomas** stated it is something the FDC can work on. **Ms. Foster-Snow** asked the FDC whether they would like to have the listening session in place of or outside of a regular meeting. Members supported the idea of holding a session outside of a regular meeting. **Ms. Foster-Snow** stated that the chairs can discuss and iron out the details.

FDC MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Williams stated she cannot wait until everyone can meet together again. She stated she is excited to see what she can do to help in her new role as Second Vice Chair.

Mr. Dorton stated it seems the FDC should meet more often than once a month. He stated there are many goals to work towards.

Mr. Lee stated he misses everyone, and he looks forward to seeing everyone again. He commended Ms. Foster-Snow for how well she ran the meeting.

Mr. Martinez stated he looks forward to continuing to learn more about the impact the FDC can have on the community.

Mr. Aquino stated he hopes to receive a list of FDC committees and members. Clerk Snider stated that the committees have been dormant in 2020; she stated she can send out a list of where everything was prior to that. She stated that committees may be addressed in upcoming discussions about the Diversity Action Plan (DAP).

Ms. Webb thanked Ms. Williams for stepping up as Second Vice Chair. She thanked City staff who provided updates at the meeting and thanked others for their support of the FDC.

Ms. Rogers thanked everyone for the meeting and the information presented. She stated that AC Sweet's comments were very positive, and his report was exceptional.

Ms. Foster-Snow asked Ms. Jacoby from the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) if she wanted to provide any comments. Ms. Jacoby stated that the School Board continues to meet and discuss school closures. She stated she would be happy to take questions from the FDC back to the FNSBSD.

Ms. Foster-Snow encouraged everyone to take precautions due to the pandemic. She stated she is still out of town, but she is available to FDC members.

Ms. Thomas thanked everyone for their time and input at the meeting. She stated it is good to hear that FPD's training is continuing. She expressed hope that everyone stays safe.

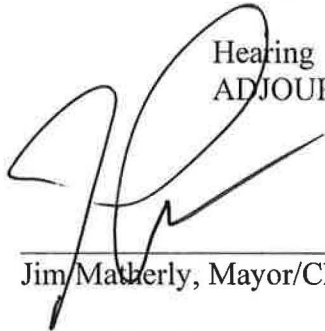
MEETING DATES

The next Regular Meeting of the FDC will be held on October 13, 2020. Members briefly discussed review of the DAP and supported the idea of a reintroduction to the Plan before diving back into a full review.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Thomas, seconded by **Ms. Williams**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

Hearing no objection, **Ms. Foster-Snow** declared the meeting
ADJOURNED at 7:01 p.m.



Jim Matherly, Mayor/Chair



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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