



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 26, 2020  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date 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  
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer  
Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff  
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)  
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director (remotely)  
Tish Gonzales, Deputy City Attorney  
Richard Sweet, Acting Police Chief  
Ron Dupee, FPD Lieutenant  
Tod Chambers, Fire Chief

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

### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

### **FLAG SALUTATION**

Mayor Matherly led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

Mayor Matherly shared that Glenda Kroshus, Emergency Dispatcher at the Fairbanks Emergency Communication Center (FECC), is retiring. He shared about Ms. Kroshus' career and background, and he thanked her for serving 22 years with the City of Fairbanks. He stated that working as an emergency dispatcher is a grueling job. He wished Ms. Kroshus well in retirement.

## CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Brian Beal, 1737 University Avenue, #G-93, Fairbanks – Mr. Beal stated he has recently undergone surgery. He spoke about the federal money that was distributed to individuals earlier in the year and to the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, which was distributed to Alaskans earlier than it typically is. Mr. Beal stated that the time period for the City's CARES funding to individuals had already passed when he inquired about it, so he pursued Borough CARES funding. He reported that the Borough is not providing CARES funding to individuals. He stated that the only funding available to individuals now is the City of North Pole (CNP) CARES funding, and recipients must be CNP residents. Mr. Beal spoke to his financial need and stated that he has had to borrow money to pay bills. He thanked the Council for their work.

**Mayor Matherly** asked Mr. Beal to leave his phone number with Chief of Staff Mike Meeks.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked Mr. Beal whether he applied for City of Fairbanks CARES funding. Mr. Beal stated that he does not have internet at his home, and he lives on a limited income.

**Mayor Matherly** called for in-person public comment and, hearing none, declared in-person Citizens' Comments closed. Citizens comments over Zoom were heard next.

Helenmarie Matesi, P.O. Box 82818, Fairbanks – Ms. Matesi thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and for their service. She thanked the new members for their willingness to run for office and represent the citizens of Fairbanks. She spoke to the issue of unfair policing practices within marginalized communities and stated that Alaska's statistics for infractions and fatalities are high. Ms. Matesi encouraged the Council to seize this moment when the spotlight shines brightly on the issue to seek accountability and the eradication of harmful policing practices. She applauded the City's efforts to improve services with the implicit bias training that employees recently participated in, with the dialogue the City has had with marginalized communities, and by maintaining things like the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC). She expressed hope that such things would continue and become routine. Ms. Matesi encouraged the Mayor and Council to include Black, Indigenous, and people of color on the hiring committee for the new Police Chief. She stated those communities are more likely to support a system that they had input in creating.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Ms. Matesi if she is willing to serve on the hiring committee; Ms. Matesi replied affirmatively. She stated she would be honored to serve. **Ms. Rogers** stated the City would be well-served with someone of Ms. Matesi's caliber. **Mayor Matherly** stated he has already been following a process for committee selection, and he was not anticipating nominations at the meeting. He stated he will reach out to Ms. Matesi to speak with her more. **Ms. Rogers** spoke to the importance of involving people in the process who bring information forward to the Council. She spoke highly of Ms. Matesi. Ms. Matesi requested that someone from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) be appointed to the selection committee.

One more citizen, Andrea Quintyne, had signed up to provide comments over Zoom; however, Ms. Quintyne was not available at the time to speak.

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

Arleigh Hitchcock, Fairbanks – Mx. Hitchcock urged the Mayor and Council to appoint a NAACP Executive Board member, a Native Movement board member, and a Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Board member to the hiring committee for a new Chief of Police, as well as representation from any other local organizations that serve minorities. They stated that the appointments would be a great aid in hiring a Chief who will help the department serve the entire community and who will continue the dialogue between the City, the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD), and citizens.

There being no more public comment, **Mayor Matherly** declared Citizens' Comments closed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda into the record.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2020

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

b) Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2020

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

c) Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2020

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

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

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

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

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

**Ms. Rogers** asked about the police call relating to weapons on the callout report for Good, LLC. **Mayor Matherly** called Acting Chief Sweet forward to address Ms. Rogers' question. AC Sweet stated he would look into the details about the call, but it would take him a few minutes.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated that several other businesses are located at the same address. He stated the incident may have had nothing to do with the Good, LLC business.

**Ms. Rogers** asked if, in the future, FPD could provide more information to the Council for those types of calls. AC Sweet acknowledged Ms. Rogers' request.

**Mayor Matherly** called for a vote on the motion to waive protest. **Ms. Therrien** objected, stating that she would like to move on to Special Orders Item (b) while AC Sweet is gathering the information to answer the question.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to LAY ON THE TABLE Special Orders Item (a).

There was no objection from the Council to the motion to LAY ON THE TABLE Special Orders Item (a).

b) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing to consider the following New Liquor License Application and Restaurant Designation Permit:

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

**Mr. Gibson**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Application for a New Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Permit.

Catherine DeVane, Representative for Fairbanks Hospitality, LLC – Ms. DeVane appeared remotely to answer questions.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Ms. DeVane whether this was an existing hotel. Ms. DeVane stated it is and that it is a conversion to a different brand.

**Mr. Pruhs** asked whether there had been extensive indoor and outdoor remodeling at the location; Ms. DeVane replied that there had been. **Mr. Pruhs** asked how long they had been looking at the new brand. Ms. DeVane stated they began conversion earlier in the year prior to the pandemic. She stated that discussions with Hyatt began in 2019.

**Ms. Therrien** stated that there were 26 incidents listed in the call report for the location within the last year. She asked Ms. DeVane whether there is a lot of trespassing issues at the hotel. Ms. DeVane asked which types of violations Ms. Therrien is referring to. **Ms. Therrien** stated that nine of the incidents relate to trespassing. Ms. DeVane stated that there are transient walk-ins at the location, and it is management's obligation to protect team members. She stated that is a byproduct of being in the hotel industry.

**Ms. Rogers** thanked the applicant for the security plans submitted with their application.

**Mr. Gibson** asked AC Sweet whether the calls reported required response by an officer only if a report number is attached to the incident. AC Sweet replied that that is not necessarily the case. He stated that if the police have to take some kind of action – like make an arrest – then a report is generated. He stated that some incident types require reports as mandated by law.

**Ms. Rogers** asked what the callout referring to “commercial” means. AC Sweet stated that “commercial” does not signify the type of call; he stated that it may refer to a commercial property as the location of the incident. He stated it is more than likely in regard to a commercial alarm.

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

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

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

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to TAKE FROM THE TABLE Special Orders Item (a).

There was no objection from the Council to the motion to TAKE FROM THE TABLE Special Orders Item (a).

AC Sweet explained that the weapons call was for an incident that a male subject was walking down the street carrying a hatchet. He stated that the male did not threaten anyone, but the caller was concerned about the hatchet being carried openly. AC Sweet reported that it was tied to that address because that is the location where the caller observed the subject.

**Mr. Gibson** asked AC Sweet whether a report for all businesses at that address would list the weapons call; AC Sweet replied affirmatively.

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.

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

**Mayor Matherly** thanked all those who participated in the implicit bias training. He stated that there are many different types of bias – not just racial bias. He stated that attendees learned a lot, and the City will continue to look for valuable trainings. **Mayor Matherly** stated that the Administration will lean heavily on the FDC in the selection process for a new Chief of Police. He stated they are working on putting together a hiring committee similar to the committee that was formed the last time the City hired a Police Chief. He stated he will inform the Council when the committee has been finalized and when the public forums will begin. He thanked AC Sweet and Acting Deputy Chief Dupee for their work in the interim. **Mayor Matherly** shared that he is happy to have Geoff Coon join the City as the new Assistant Fire Chief. He wished Ms. Kroshus well in retirement. **Mayor Matherly** shared that the COVID-19 testing site has been set up at the City's Public Works facility, and it will open soon. He thanked the Council and citizens for being diligent with masking and social distancing, and he commented that, so far, the community has not maxed out hospital capacity. He thanked local businesses for their efforts to modify their operations in order to continue during the pandemic. **Mayor Matherly** expressed hope that all the CARES funding given to local governments in the community would get out into the community soon. He commended Executive Assistant/PIO Teal Soden, CFO Margarita Bell, and the CARES committee for their efforts in making the City's CARES funding program a success. **Mayor Matherly** reminded everyone that the statewide and national election will take place the following week, and he encouraged all to get out and vote. **Mayor Matherly** announced that he will be distributing his 2021 proposed budget to the Council after new members are sworn in, and he mentioned that budget meetings would begin on October 28. He thanked the Council for all their support and for working together, especially during the pandemic.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

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

**Ms. Rogers** thanked Mayor Matherly for all his comments. She thanked the Administration for bringing in Bret Hood to facilitate the implicit bias training, and she stated she would like to see those discussions continued. She stated that an important part of any growth is making a commitment.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he had no comments.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated that he had no comments.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated that he had no comments.

**Ms. Therrien** asked whether the FDC members were notified about and were invited to participate in the implicit bias training. Clerk Snider confirmed that they were but stated that she

is not sure as to how many members attended. **Ms. Therrien** stated that the training was excellent, and the FDC along with other boards and commissions should be invited to participate in future trainings. She asked about the turnaround time for COVID-19 testing at the new location at Public Works. **Mayor Matherly** replied that Public Health is performing the testing, and results may take 3 – 7 days. **Ms. Therrien** spoke to the importance of rapid testing.

### **2020 REGULAR ELECTION**

a) Certification of the 2020 Regular Election Results

**Mr. Pruhs**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to CERTIFY the results of the 2020 Regular Election.

City Clerk Danyielle Snider read the following 2020 Regular Election results into the record:

**LONNY 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.

**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.

**PROPOSITION A** to ratify Ordinance No. 6125 PASSED by a vote of 2893 “yes” votes to 926 “no” votes.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF THE 2020 REGULAR ELECTION AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and the 2020 Regular Election Results CERTIFIED.

b) Council Members’ Comments

**Ms. Kun** thanked **Mr. Cleworth** for always bringing insight into any City-related issue. She thanked him for all his years of service. She stated she will miss **Mr. Pruhs’** sense of humor, and she commented that he keeps the meetings interesting. **Ms. Kun** thanked **Mr. Pruhs** specifically for his work with the Polaris Work Group. She stated that both Council Member **Pruhs** and **Cleworth** have been an inspiration to her and have taught her a lot.

**Ms. Therrien** stated she believes that she and **Mr. Cleworth** have become friends over the past four years, and there are quite a few issues they agree on. She expressed appreciation for **Mr. Cleworth’s** experience as a Mayor and a Council Member and for his historic knowledge about and dedication to the City of Fairbanks. **Ms. Therrien** thanked **Mr. Pruhs** for all his work on the

Polaris Building, and it is incredible that all the funding that has gone into the project has been from private sources. She stated she has become good friends with Mr. Pruhs and will miss him.

**Mr. Gibson** stated it has been a wild ride with Mr. Pruhs this past year. He stated he has enjoyed Mr. Pruhs' quick wit, and he commended Mr. Pruhs for recognizing those who are bringing new things to Fairbanks. **Mr. Gibson** spoke to Mr. Cleworth's knowledge and experience and stated he will miss him.

**Ms. Rogers** stated that Mr. Pruhs and Mr. Cleworth have much different styles, but they both have strength and depth in regard to community commitment. She stated that both gentlemen are very giving and will be missed during Council discussions. She stated she will not miss them in community work because she knows they will both continue to be involved in community projects and efforts. She stated she is grateful for the opportunity to have worked so closely with Mr. Pruhs and Mr. Cleworth.

**Mayor Matherly** stated he has known Mr. Cleworth and Mr. Pruhs for a good portion of his life. He stated he served as a Council Member when Mr. Cleworth was Mayor, and Mr. Cleworth served on the Council while he was Mayor. He remarked that Mr. Cleworth is Fairbanks history, and his knowledge of the City of Fairbanks and its budget is amazing. He stated that Mr. Cleworth has been a good friend, confidant, and mentor to him, and he thanked him. **Mayor Matherly** stated that Mr. Pruhs is a booger, but he is a knowledgeable booger. He expressed admiration for Mr. Pruhs' sense of humor and stated that Mr. Marney and Mr. Clark have big shoes to fill. He thanked Mr. Pruhs specifically for his tireless efforts in his work on the Polaris Building. He stated that when the building is torn down, whatever is rebuilt will be named after Mr. Pruhs.

**Mr. Pruhs** stated that six years goes by quickly, and he has enjoyed it. He expressed appreciation for Mayor Matherly and the consistency of his staff. He stated the various departments and department heads have been great to work with. He stated that each Council Member has a different strength, and he has enjoyed working with the Council. He stated he will miss certain little things like pouring cups of coffee for Ms. Therrien at Finance Committee meetings and trying to make the City Clerk laugh about a spotted dog. **Mr. Pruhs** stated he will miss Mr. Cleworth's stories and depth of knowledge and watching new Council Members grow and learn. He wished new Council Members Marney and Clark good luck; he stated that a Council Member may disagree with another member today but will agree with them tomorrow because there are always new issues coming before the Council.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated that as he was leaving the parking garage earlier, he noticed that none of the lights were on. He stated the lights are on a computer system, and he asked if Public Works could look into it. He congratulated Mr. Clark and Mr. Marney for winning their respective Council seats, and he commended and expressed admiration for all those who ran for office. He stated he has known Mr. Clark for only a short time, but he seems to be a great individual. He stated he has known Mr. Marney and his family for over 40 years, and they are a great bunch of people who have worked and served in the community in so many capacities. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he has served as a Council Member for 28 or 29 years, and he has found real joy in seeing things come to fruition. He stated that City infrastructure was not given much attention until around 2000, and the City made some good decisions back then, one of which was to create the



Capital Fund. He stated that when he became Mayor, he made a list of all the needs at the time, and his goal was to try to complete the punch list in one 3-year term as Mayor. He stated that one of those items was the restoration of City Hall, and he pointed out that the City never borrowed money for the restoration. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that when he first joined the City Council, the Fire and Police Stations were sharing a building on 7th Avenue. He stated that a new Fire Station was built, and he wrote the bond to have the new Police Station built. He stated that when he was Mayor, the City was able to complete the second floor of the new Police Station. He shared while he was Mayor, they were able to complete the expansion of the mechanic bays at Public Works. He stated that he does not know of any City infrastructure that is currently a critical need except for the steam heating system at City Hall. He spoke to the importance of Capital projects, and he emphasized the importance of fighting for the City's fair share of funds through the FAST Planning Policy Committee. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that it is a big deal that the City is debt-free as there are very few cities across America that have no debt. He stated that the pressure on the Council to go into debt is pretty intense, and it is not easy to make compromises. He shared an experience he had as Mayor demonstrating that the City cannot make all citizens happy. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he is grateful that Paul Ewers is still the City Attorney, and he spoke to the value of retaining employees with such institutional knowledge. He expressed appreciation to the City Clerk for making sure everything is done in order and according to the rules. He commended CFO Margarita Bell for being available and willing to help Council Members, and he expressed appreciation to all City employees for doing their best. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the Council works well together as a body. He commented that he did not know Ms. Kun well when she ran for office, but he appreciates her quiet demeanor and level-headed approach to issues. He stated he has worked with Ms. Rogers for many years, and he recognized her work with multiple committees throughout the community. He added that Ms. Rogers always sees the best in people. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that Ms. Therrien served on the City Council in the early 1980s before serving on the Borough Assembly. He stated that he and Ms. Therrien have had differences, but they worked together on new revenues for the City. He commented that Mr. Gibson is a quick study and a very sharp individual, and he spoke to the importance of his service on the FAST Planning Policy Board. **Mr. Cleworth** expressed appreciation to Mr. Pruhs for his work on the Council; he stated that Mr. Pruhs formerly served on the Borough Planning Commission as a City representative. He stated he is glad he has gotten to know Mr. Pruhs better.

**Mayor Matherly** called for a brief transition recess. The meeting continued following the brief recess.

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

City Clerk Snider swore in newly elected Council Members Lonny Marney and Jim Clark. The new members assumed their respective seats.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Mayor Matherly** stated that each of the new members will be assigned to a City committee, but those appointments can be discussed at a later time. He asked Council Members for committee reports and final comments.

**Ms. Kun** gave a land acknowledgement. She stated she will be attending the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, October 28 and will have a report at the next Council Meeting. She welcomed Mr. Marney and Mr. Clark and thanked them for running good campaigns.

**Ms. Rogers** stated she attended the FDC meeting the evening after the last Council meeting, and she stated that there are many good members on that committee. She stated that the Task Force on Suicide Prevention took a hiatus during the pandemic as many of those involved were also involved with other health care issues and programs in the community. She stated, however, that they are regrouping, and they will meet on Zoom October 27 at 5:45 p.m. She stated the group deals with a very serious and difficult problem in the community and throughout the state. **Ms. Rogers** shared that Polaris Work Group meetings continue, and she attended the most recent meeting. She stated she attended the latest Borough Assembly meeting and shared with the listening audience about the vacancies on City Boards and Commissions. **Ms. Rogers** welcomed the new Council Members and stated that she looks forward to working with each of them. She stated she has been attending Council meetings remotely and was considering attending this meeting in person until she read about the spike in COVID-19 cases in the community. She stated she looks forward to meeting Mr. Marney and Mr. Clark in person, and she wished them well.

**Ms. Therrien** stated she attended a Permanent Fund Review Board meeting recently, and she reported that as of September 30, the City's Permanent Fund balance was \$135,980,156.00. She stated that as of the date of the Board meeting, the balance was \$138,786,554.00. She shared that there was a balance between bonds and equities with some alternatives in real estate and infrastructure. **Ms. Therrien** stated the Board may start discussing some investment changes into private equity, because it would help the City meet its 4.5% annual drawdown. She stated that the downside with private equity is you have to stay with it for quite some time. She reported that the Board may also discuss changing the target for equities from 60% to 65%. **Ms. Therrien** stated that they expect the market to be affected by the outcome of the election no matter who wins, and the pandemic will influence the economic recovery. She stated that she would like to continue serving on the Permanent Fund Review Board. **Ms. Therrien** stated she enjoyed participating in the implicit bias training. She welcomed new Council Members Marney and Clark and stated she would be happy to answer any questions they may have with regard to the Permanent Fund.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he and Mayor Matherly attended the FAST Planning Policy Board meeting the prior week, and public testimony was given regarding whether 5th Avenue should be a one-way or a two-way street. He stated that keeping it a one-way street likely seems like the best idea. He stated that the Board also discussed the Lacey Street project, and he spoke briefly to the community survey that was done. He suggested that perhaps the Council should have a discussion and possibly a resolution in regard to the Lacey Street project. **Mr. Gibson** welcomed the two new Council Members and stated he is excited to have them. He stated he has learned a lot over the past year, and he empathized with new Council Members who feel that they are drinking from a firehose when they initially join the Council.

**Mr. Clark** stated he is excited to be a part of the Council and learn about the City and its Committees.

**Mr. Marney** stated that he has some big shoes to fill. He spoke to Mr. Cleworth's vast store of knowledge and commented that he is not sure whether he should jump in headfirst or feet first. He stated he will need the help and input of City staff and fellow Council Members. He stated he looks forward to working with Mayor Matherly and wished him well in his recovery.

**Mayor Matherly** welcomed Mr. Marney and Mr. Clark; he stated that the new members will have a ball. He stated that decisions of the Council can affect over 30,000 people, and he encouraged new members to reach out to City staff for help. He stated he has been with the City for 10 years, including his time as a Council Member, and he still does not know all he needs to know. He expressed faith in Mr. Marney and Mr. Clark. **Mayor Matherly** reflected on the passing of FPD Sgt. Allen Brandt on October 28, 2016. He stated that Sgt. Brandt's spirit is kept alive, especially by his widow, Natasha Brandt and the FPD staff.

**Ms. Therrien** reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 3; she stated she will be chairing the Aurora precinct on election day. She mentioned a possible Council retreat in January to discuss the goals of the community and a strategic plan moving forward.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

- a) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2020

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- b) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2020

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- c) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2020

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

**Mr. Clark**, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to ENTER Executive Session for the purpose of discussing 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) PSEA Fairbanks Police Command Unit (FPCU) Labor Negotiation Strategy

- b) IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy

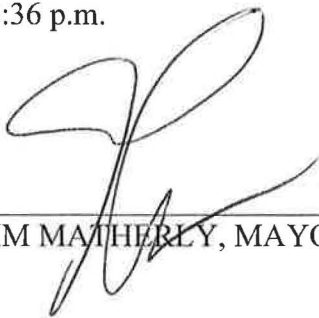
The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss PSEA FPCU Labor Negotiation Strategy and IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy. Direction was given to the negotiating teams, and no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

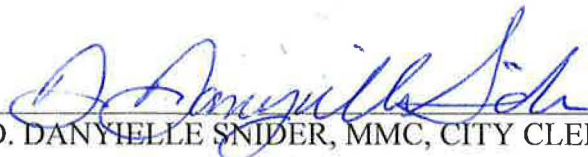
**Mr. Clark**, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

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

**Mayor Matherly** declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

  
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JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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D. DANYELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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