

## **STAY CONNECTED WITH THE CITY COUNCIL**

A Special City Council Meeting has been called by Mayor Matherly for March 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The Council will be considering Emergency Ordinance No. 6126 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the State of Alaska. If adopted, this ordinance will temporarily allow telephonic participation of Councilmembers at Council meetings and will allow the Mayor to temporarily modify provisions of the Fairbanks General Code regarding public meetings and participation in order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

## **HOW TO LISTEN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

All Regular and Special City Council meetings and Council Finance Committee meetings are streamed live through the City website: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/page/listen-live>. Regular City Council meetings are also broadcast on KFBX AM 970 live at 6:30 p.m. Special meetings are not broadcast on the radio.

## **HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

### Written Testimony

Written testimony is encouraged during the COVID-19 outbreak. Citizens wishing to submit written testimony may do so by emailing [council@fairbanks.us](mailto:council@fairbanks.us). Please indicate in the email subject line which agenda item(s) you are providing written testimony for (e.g., ordinance or resolution number, agenda item number, or description of subject). If the subject of your comments does not pertain to any agenda item, please indicate in the email subject line that the comments are “general citizens’ comments”. Finally, please specify whether you wish for your comments to be read into the record at the City Council meeting.

Note: Written testimony to be read into the record is subject to the three-minute time limit, and the Clerk will include the name of the citizen who submitted the written testimony at the time the testimony is read into the record.

### In-Person Testimony During Regular and Special Council Meetings

In-person testimony during regular and special Council meetings will be taken in the usual manner. However, we encourage citizens to submit written testimony if:

- Within the last fourteen days, you have traveled to any area for which the CDC has issued Level 2 or Level 3 travel health notices (see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>; this list may be updated as further guidance is received);
- You reside or have had close contact with someone who has traveled to any of Level 2 or Level 3 area within the last fourteen days;
- You have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health care provider;

- You have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- You have apparent symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath.

To help with social distancing, public seating at City Council meetings will be spread out. Those who attend meetings are asked not to rearrange chairs.

#### What to Expect When Testifying

The Clerk or other City staff, prior to the start of the meeting, may collect the names and addresses of those physically present who wish to speak. Public testimony will be heard first from citizens who are physically present, then written comments will be read into the record by the Clerk. To help avoid the spread of germs, speakers will be asked to refrain from touching the microphone, and only one person will be called up to testify at a time.