



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA NO. 2021-23  
**REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2021**  
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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WORK SESSIONS

- 5:15 p.m. – FEDC Annual Presentation/Report  
5:50 p.m. – Explore Fairbanks Annual Presentation/Report

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*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 are asked to wear a mask or face covering unless they have been fully vaccinated (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 27, 2021

8. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
18187	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	188 Bentley Trust Road, Suite A
14467	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	1200 Well Street
11051	Northlink, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Northlink, LLC	1550 Cushman Street, Suite B

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Resolution No. 4981 – A Resolution Approving the Reading of a Land Acknowledgement at the Beginning of Regular City Council Meetings. Introduced by Council Members Kun, Therrien, and Rogers. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2021.

12. NEW BUSINESS

\*a) Resolution No. 4994 – A Resolution Stating the City of Fairbanks Legislative and Capital Priorities for 2022. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

- \*b) Resolution No. 4995 – A Resolution in Recognition of the Lathrop Malemutes for Winning the ASAA Division II State Football Championship. Introduced by Council Member Cleworth.
- \*c) Resolution No. 4996 – A Resolution Terminating the Mayor's Declaration of a Disaster Emergency and the Temporary Provisions of Ordinance No. 6126 and Resolution No. 4928, as Amended, Regarding Telephonic Participation of Council Members and Conduct of Council Meetings. Introduced by Council Member Gibson.
- \*d) Ordinance No. 6186 – An Ordinance to Limit All-Purpose Vehicles to Public Roadways with a Maximum Speed Limit Not Greater than 30 Miles Per Hour. Introduced by Mayor Matherly and Council Member Gibson.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

- a) Committee Reports

14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- \*a) Approval of the 2022 City Council Meeting Schedule
- \*b) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2021
- \*c) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021
- \*d) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2021
- \*e) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2021
- \*f) Reappointment to the Chena Riverfront Commission

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

16. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

17. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:30 p.m. Work Session to discuss the Employee Capital Incentive Program, 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  
Valerie Therrien, Seat C  
Aaron Gibson, Seat D  
Lonny Marney, Seat E  
Jim Clark, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer (remotely)  
Paul Ewers, City Attorney  
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk  
Mike Meeks, Chief of Staff  
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)  
Jeff Jacobson, PW Director  
Christina Rowlett, Risk Manager  
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director (remotely)  
Ron Dupee, Police Chief  
Rick Sweet, Deputy Police Chief  
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** asked Mr. Marney to lead the Flag Salutation.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**Mayor Matherly** recognized Lisa Howard for her 18 years of service at the City of Fairbanks Fire Department and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement. Chief Tod Chambers spoke about her exceptional service to the City and presented her with a City of Fairbanks gold pan.

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Andrew Wixon, Fairbanks – Mr. Wixon shared that he and his wife have been lifelong residents of Fairbanks, and he has worked at the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) for nearly five years. He went on to share his concerns about FPD staffing levels and emphasized the hardship that forced overtime has placed on the department. He added that recently he has considered leaving the community to find a job better suited to maintaining his family life. He concluded by adding his support for Ordinance No. 6181 regarding paid family leave, adding that he and his wife are expecting their second child.

**Ms. Therrien** asked Mr. Wixon for suggestions to remedy the problem. Mr. Wixon stated that it was a very long and varied list, but more money and benefits would be a good place to start; he compared his wages to the wages of Alaska State Troopers (AST).

**Ms. Rogers** asked if there were other considerations he would like to add. Mr. Wixon shared that he was involved in the FPD Union activities and did not wish to speak inappropriately. He noted, however, that consideration of the cost of living and incentive pay for taking on extra roles such as Field Training or SWAT would help.

**Mr. Clark** confirmed that that Council has been aware of the situation the FPD has had with staffing and asked Mr. Wixon if he knew the reasons some officers are considering leaving the City. Mr. Wixon stated that forced overtime is a huge issue.

**Mr. Marney** asked Mr. Wixon about the shift that he worked. Mr. Wixon stated that he is on a specialized traffic unit that typically works the midnight shift.

Rebecca Burcell, Fairbanks – Ms. Burcell stated she is a 30-year resident of Fairbanks and the wife of an FPD officer. She questioned statements made by Council members that were printed in the Daily News-Miner regarding the City's inability to compete with the AST regarding wages and that the benefit of City officers being able to go home to their families is worth something. She added that she and others feel that the Council is out of touch with officer wages throughout the state and that the statements made by the Council indicate they either want less qualified officers or they simply value officers less. She concluded by adding that every day officers go to work tired from working multiple overtime shifts, and they are in danger. She indicated that the retention crisis will not be solved until the City is willing to pay its officers a competitive wage.

**Ms. Kun** asked Ms. Burcell about the date of the newspaper article, and Ms. Burcell thought it might have been in the August 24, 2021 issue.

**Mr. Clark** expressed his appreciation for Ms. Burcell's comments and asked her whether the environment at the City was still an issue, regardless of the pay. Ms. Burcell confirmed that it was. **Mr. Clark** asked if the overtime wages help compensate for the long hours her husband works. Ms. Burcell stated that it felt more like the backfilling of a hole that cannot be filled and that a good wage would help keep more officers. She added that overtime wages are not a fix.

**Ms. Rogers** stated that the comments Ms. Burcell quoted are not necessarily those of the entire Council and asked Ms. Burcell to rephrase her statements more clearly. Ms. Burcell stated that the rules of public testimony ask that she not address individual Council members.

**Mr. Marney** shared that he had stated that the City could not compete with the state, but the officers had the benefit of going home every night. He stated that he had meant no offense. He clarified that the City is on a tighter budget than the state, adding that he was trying to find positives in a negative situation.

Cameron Gladowski, Fairbanks – Mr. Gladowski shared that he is an FPD officer, a licensed minister, a father, and a citizen of Fairbanks. He shared his concern for the safety of the overworked officers and for that of the underserved community. He emphasized the City's retention issues and asked the Council for their help, adding that he may also be forced to move on. He concluded by reading from Romans 5:7.

**Mr. Gibson** asked if a lack of training was part of the retention issue. Mr. Gladowski stated that he had been pleasantly surprised by the high-quality training he received at the FPD, adding that unfortunately, training cannot make up for understaffing and the lack of retention.

**Mr. Clark** asked Mr. Gladowski if he could provide some examples of some changes introduced by Chief Dupee that changed the environment at the FPD. Mr. Gladowski said that could be better answered in a session with more time for discussion.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Mr. Gladowski if he would like to have a Work Session scheduled. Mr. Gladowski stated that any opportunity that provided open dialogue would be helpful.

Arlette Eagle-Lavelle, Fairbanks – Ms. Eagle-Lavelle stated that the property located at 707 Cowles Street borders her property and has been a nuisance for the past several years; she added that it has recently become a safety issue as well. She stated that the owner of the property often uses power tools and yells long into the night, but due to his intimidating behavior and the fact that he always carries a firearm, it is not practical for her to approach him on her own. She stated she placed numerous complaints with the Borough; however, it was only recently that she was able to talk to the Code Enforcement Officer. She stated she learned about the long and difficult process of Code enforcement. Ms. Eagle-Lavelle shared that one of her neighbors had been operating an Air BnB out of his home, providing a direct benefit to the City through room rental tax and tourism promotion; however, the nuisance property nearby already resulted in complaints from his tenants. She concluded by citing the inequity in the application of the local ordinances, explaining that last winter she had received a fine for piling hardpacked snow and ice too close to a City stop sign. She stated that another neighbor had received a fine for their hedges encroaching on the sidewalk while the nuisance property has gone largely unaddressed for years.

**Mr. Gibson** asked Ms. Eagle-Lavelle if she had called the FPD while the neighbor is creating a nuisance during the night. She stated that she has not, but her neighbors have.

**Mr. Clark** asked Ms. Eagle-Lavelle whether the violations she mentioned were cited by the City or the Borough. Ms. Eagle-Lavelle confirmed that they were from the City.

Robert Hanson, Fairbanks – Mr. Hanson shared that he was speaking on behalf of his mother-in-law, Sheryl Eagan, who is also a neighbor to the nuisance property located at 707 Cowles Street. He noted that she has made over \$100,000 in permitted improvements to her property over the last three years and has a valid concern with the effects the nuisance property may have on the value of and ability to sell her home in the future. Mr. Hanson shared his experience as Operations Manager for Fountainhead Development which manages over 600 rental properties in the Fairbanks area. He also shared his knowledge of the Landlord-Tenant Act and listed multiple violations that continue to occur at the 707 Cowles Street property. He concluded by acknowledging that enforcement will take time but asked that forward progress be initiated.

Victor Buberger, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger addressed concerns at the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD), inquiring about the ability to enlist volunteers. He added that it would be good practice for students taking firefighting classes at UAF while saving the City money.

Clint Brubeck, Fairbanks – Mr. Brubeck stated that he had spent 21 years in the military before joining the FPD over 4 years ago. He added that while the community has been very supportive of the FPD, he would like to see more active support from the City. He stated that kind words are not enough to retain officers, and they cannot afford to lose any more. He went on to state that it is an obvious problem when officers are leaving to take jobs at lesser pay. Mr. Brubeck asked that the Council take time to talk to the officers on a personal level and directed their attention to the many officers and families who have shown up to support the FPD. He added that more would have come had it not been for COVID-19 exposure issues, which is another daily problem for the department.

**Ms. Therrien** thanked Mr. Brubeck for his time and asked if a Work Session or individual conversations would be more valuable. He indicated that one-on-one conversations would likely provide more information than a formal Work Session.

**Mr. Clark** asked if Mr. Brubeck was aware that the Council is grateful for the comments shared. Mr. Brubeck confirmed that he was.

**Ms. Rogers** asked if it would be appropriate to follow up the personal conversations with a City Council Work Session. Mr. Brubeck stated that would help ensure everyone had a better understanding of both sides.

Brian Beal, Fairbanks – Mr. Beal thanked the Council for being approachable, adding that the Council had been very helpful in a situation he recently experienced. He stated that good staff is key and added his blessings.

Robert Shields, Fairbanks – Mr. Shields shared his frustration at not being able to find an open forum to discuss the future of the Polaris Building. He stated that food security is a real threat to the Fairbanks community. He stated he felt that the City is only interested in demolishing the Polaris Building and is uninterested in his ideas. He stated that the recommendations he has received have him going in circles, and he added that there are already many empty lots in town.

**Mr. Clark** asked if Mr. Shields had considered any other properties to apply the grant funds to. Mr. Shields said that he has looked at other buildings in the past, but his interest in the Polaris

Building is based on its cultural significance. **Mr. Clark** asked Mr. Shields if the Polaris Building was the best option for the idea, and Mr. Shields confirmed based on its location.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Mr. Shields if he had identified other communities that have implemented such a facility within their downtown commercial districts. Mr. Shields stated that there are successful operations in Anchorage as well as Jackson Hole, Colorado. He added that he has a real concern about food supply and what will happen when that is disrupted.

Dennis Kelley, Fairbanks – Mr. Kelley spoke about the property at 530 Front Street that was deemed unsafe to enter after a fire occurred there. He stated that he had been told to hire an engineer but had been unable to do so within the timeline provided by the City. He stated that he did not agree with the City’s determination that it would be costlier to repair than to demolish and that he would like the City to provide a cost estimate on repairs. He concluded by stating he has taken the matter to the Superior Court under case number 4FA-21-02064CI and asked that the matter be placed on hold until a judge makes a decision.

**Ms. Therrien** asked if Mr. Kelley had filed a suit against the City to stop the condemnation. Mr. Kelley confirmed and repeated the case number. **Ms. Therrien** asked for a summary of progress made at the property since the last time Mr. Kelley came before the Council. Mr. Kelley stated he had cleaned up some things, but the City had told him he could not be on the property; he stated progress stopped when the extension of time was denied. **Ms. Therrien** asked if any of the abandon vehicles had been removed from the property, and Mr. Kelley replied that three of them had been. **Ms. Therrien** asked if anything else had been done to improve the looks of the property while waiting for the results of the lawsuit. Mr. Kelley said he had disposed of 4 large trailers full of trash, adding that he did not feel he was given a good faith opportunity to fulfill the City’s request. He stated he did not feel the building should have been condemned.

City Clerk Snider stated that it was 7:26 p.m., and the Council agreed to extend Citizens’ Comments to hear all citizens who signed up to speak remotely.

Bill Wright, Explore Fairbanks – Mr. Wright gave an update for Explore Fairbanks, describing the different ways they have reached out to travel agencies and trade shows to promote tourism. He spoke also to Explore Fairbanks’ participation in the US Travel Association’s IPW, a premier platform to present to international journalists, agencies, and other trades which can enhance local tourism. He added that Fairbanks’ current tourism numbers are 86% of pre-pandemic numbers. Mr. Wright thanked the Council for their reinvestment of room rental tax dollars.

Jared Lundgren, Fairbanks – Mr. Lundgren stated he shares a property line with 707 Cowles Street. He stated that the nuisance property is visibly unlivable, adding that the owner is extremely disruptive and unapproachable. He stated that there is a safety issue with his ramshackle fences that are falling in an attempt to contain the garbage and that there are frequently people living in tents on the property. Mr. Lundgren shared his disappointment in the degradation of the neighborhood and noted that while FPD has been contacted, he does not wish to burden an already taxed police force. He went on to add that he has tried to mitigate the situation by covering his windows so that the mess cannot be seen and added white noise machines to help drown out the noise, but it does not solve the issue.



**Mayor Matherly** asked for additional comments from citizens present in the Council Chambers.

Tyler Hanson, Fairbanks – Mr. Hanson shared that he had recently transferred to the FPD after retiring from 20 years of service in Utah, adding that the crew he works with has made FPD a fantastic place to work. He stated that his previous role included hiring officers and that the issue Fairbanks is facing is not uncommon nationwide. He went on to state that city councils often claim there is not enough money, when in reality it is an issue of priority. Mr. Hanson stated that the safety of officers and citizens should be the Council's top priority.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Mr. Hanson how long he had been with the FPD, and Mr. Hanson stated that he has been with the FPD for one month.

Trevor Norris, Fairbanks – Mr. Norris shared that he had recently resigned from the FPD. He stated that it was not the wages or the schedule that made his decision to leave, but his experiences with the Administration. He went on to state that he had heard from other previous FPD officers that it was a difficult place to work, and shortly after leaving the academy he was told he had to pay back funds to the City due a payroll accounting error. He concluded by stating that he did not want to leave his co-workers, but ultimately, he did not feel supported by the City.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Mr. Norris if the circumstances described are unique and whether he is currently employed. Mr. Norris stated that he is currently working for the AST.

**Ms. Therrien** asked Mr. Norris to provide his phone number during the break, and he agreed.

**Mr. Clark** asked Mr. Norris whether he had been through an exit interview. Mr. Norris said he has one he needs to complete, but he has not sat down with anyone regarding his resignation.

**Mr. Gibson** asked if Mr. Norris had a position lined up when he resigned, and Mr. Norris confirmed that he had accepted the job with the AST.

**Mayor Matherly** asked for any remaining remote Citizens Comments to be heard.

Liz Lyke, Fairbanks – Ms. Lyke spoke in favor of the resolution regarding the Land Acknowledgment, adding that it is important to remember that the land belongs to the Alaska Natives. She stated it is good to give respect and acknowledgment.

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Mr. Marney** requested to pull Ordinance No. 6181.

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

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda, as Amended, into the record.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- a) Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

- a) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with 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
12325	Good Cannabis	Retail Marijuana Store	Good, LLC	356 Old Steese Highway
16006	Arctic Bakery, LLC	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility	Arctic Bakery, LLC	1409 Well Street

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

**Mayor Matherly** called for Public Testimony.

Kelly Paschall, Nature’s Releaf, LLC – Mr. Paschall stated that they have been good community members by always paying their taxes and working to improve the neighborhood. He added that they had purchased the neighboring lot and demolished the abandoned building to use the land as a parking lot. He clarified that his wife, Barb Paschall, owns the license.

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 MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Gibson, Kun, Marney, Clark  
NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Controlling Interest:

Type/License: Package Store/License #435  
DBA: Garden Island Party Store  
Applicant: Market Basket, Inc.  
Location: 246 Illinois Street, Fairbanks  
From Owner: Market Basket, Inc.

From DBA: Garden Island Party Store  
From Location: 246 Illinois Street, Fairbanks

**Mr. Marney**, seconded by **Mr. Clark**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Controlling Interest.

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROLLING INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Clark, Therrien, Gibson, Rogers, Kun  
NAYS: None  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

c) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Controlling Interest:

Type/License: Package Store/License #703  
DBA: Gavora's Fine Wine  
Applicant: Market Basket, Inc.  
Location: 250 Third Street, Fairbanks  
From Owner: Market Basket, Inc.  
From DBA: Gavora's Fine Wine  
From Location: 250 Third Street, Fairbanks

**Mr. Marney**, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Controlling Interest.

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROLLING INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Therrien, Clark, Kun, Marney, Gibson  
NAYS: None  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

d) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Controlling Interest:

Type/License: Package Store/License #1134  
DBA: Thrifty Liquor  
Applicant: Market Basket, Inc.  
Location: 1410 Cushman Street, Fairbanks

From Owner: Market Basket, Inc.  
From DBA: Thrifty Liquor  
From Location: 1410 Cushman Street, Fairbanks

**Mr. Clark**, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Controlling Interest.

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

**Ms. Therrien** asked for clarification on the number of calls made to FPD regarding the property as the memo states that there is one call, but the report indicates otherwise. City Clerk Snider stated that she made an error in the memo. **Ms. Therrien** stated that she has had concerns about the establishment in the past and hopes that the owners take the Council's concerns seriously.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROLLING INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Gibson, Kun, Marney, Clark, Therrien, Rogers  
NAYS: None  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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

**Mayor Matherly** gave an update on the property located at 520 Front Street. He reported that contractors had visited the property earlier in the day, and the demolition process had begun. He recognized Mr. Kelley's multiple attempts to prolong the process, reminding the Council that the process has been thorough. He stated that the issue went before the Building and Landscape Review and Appeals Commission prior to coming before the Council. **Mayor Matherly** expressed his gratitude for the comments from the FPD officers and their families, adding that he has spoken with Chief Dupee and Deputy Chief Sweet about the same issues. He went on to share his support for the ordinance regarding family and funeral leave. He stated that the City is fortunate to have the support of the public behind the FPD, while other cities are struggling. **Mayor Matherly** encouraged Council members to have one-on-one conversations with employees and to go on a ride-along if they have the opportunity; he added that it is important for all City employees to feel valued and respected. He noted that early voting is ongoing and encouraged citizens to vote and volunteer to help in the election process; he emphasized the importance of local elections. He spoke about the Polaris Building and to Mr. Shields' comments. He stated that the building needs to come down, and while food security is a real issue, it should be addressed differently. He commented on the complaints received about the Cowles Street property, stating that it has only recently been brought to his attention. He requested for a staff report from Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson.

Mr. Jacobson empathized with the neighboring property owners. He explained the recently formed team of City employees who have been tasked with identifying and addressing nuisance properties within the City, adding that the Cowles Street property is included. He stated it is unfortunate that his temporary worker budget has been depleted, resulting in a slower response.

**Mayor Matherly** spoke about the City's outreach regarding nuisance properties as well as homeless camps. He expressed his pride in remaining open to the public, encouraging public comment and electronic participation.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Mr. Gibson** thanked everyone who took the time to comment on all the various issues and expressed appreciation for the high level of involvement. He added that Officer Hanson was correct that prioritizing money is part of the issue and stated that the Council needs to look at where they want to prioritize the spending of tax dollars. He recognized that no one wants to make cuts to departments, but considerations need to be made on how to best prioritize spending.

**Mr. Marney** stated that he is an advocate for the FPD, FFD, and Public Works. He stated that he has done his best to try and understand the intricacies of each department, including meeting with detectives and participating in a ride-along. He stated that by the time he leaves the City Council he hopes that all three departments are improved.

**Mr. Clark** thanked everyone who participated in the meeting, stating that type of involvement is the exact thing needed to make things happen. He shared that his family had made doughnuts and asked Dispatch to invite officers to stop by, which resulted in great conversation. He agreed with Mr. Gibson regarding prioritizing expenditures but added that money does not answer all problems. He stated that an environment change may solve many issues.

**Ms. Therrien** wished Lisa Howard good luck in her retirement and thanked her for all her hard work. She expressed her appreciation of FPD officers and family members who gave comments and asked that they contact her with their phone numbers. She asked that the Council consider a work session with the FPD sometime in early November. **Ms. Therrien** expressed her concern over the lawsuit filed by Mr. Kelley. She commented that Mr. Shields' request should not be dismissed and asked that the Mayor consider writing a letter in support of his grant application. She concluded by sharing her concerns over the Cowles Street issue.

**Ms. Rogers** shared her agreement with previous comments, adding that everyone is in this together. She stated that if the Council, staff, and community can maintain that connection they will all be able to move forward in a better fashion. She expressed her confidence in the City of Fairbanks staff and shared appreciation for all of those who spoke at the meeting.

**Ms. Kun** echoed the comments of the other Council Members, recognizing the courage of officers and their families who came to speak in the public forum. She shared her experience on a ride-along with the FPD. She noted that Chief Dupee is the third Chief since she was elected three years ago and stated that she has confidence in his ability to stick with it and work with the Administration to make the FPD the best place to work. **Ms. Kun** shared that she has seen the issue at 707 Cowles Street grow over the years and expressed excitement to hear that it would be taken care of. She thanked Explore Fairbanks for their report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Ordinance No. 6178, as Amended – An Ordinance to Amend FGC Chapter 78, Article XXII Motor Vehicle Impoundment and Forfeiture, to Remove Driving While License Suspended and No Insurance Convictions. Introduced by Council Member Gibson. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021; Public Hearing was held on August 9, 2021.

*The motion to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6178, as Amended, was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Clark at the August 9 Regular Meeting and remained on the floor.*

**Ms. Therrien** asked if Mr. Gibson would care to comment on the correspondence sent from Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that there are several issues with the impoundment and appeal procedures, adding that the current ordinance often harms the non-operating owner of the vehicle. He stated that even if the Council is within their legal rights to keep the ordinance the same, it is not necessarily the most ethical solution. He questioned whether the City should be in the business of impoundment and forfeiture. He concluded by stating he was open to more discussion and ideas.

**Mr. Clark** stated he felt swayed to change the administrative fee based on the previous Council discussions and asked Mr. Gibson what other options he would be willing to entertain.

**Mr. Gibson** indicated that a step or scaled impoundment time for the two offenses when the operator is not the owner could be considered.

**Ms. Kun** stated that her intent behind the failed amendment to change the impoundment period to 7 days was to lessen the pain of the cost of impoundment; however, since hearing from FPD and Public Works it has become apparent that there are many drivers being arrested for no license. She added that it is in the interest of public safety to remove unlicensed and uninsured drivers from the City streets.

City Attorney Paul Ewers clarified that roughly 55% of DUI drivers and 60% of those driving without insurance or licenses are not the owners of the vehicle. He went on to state that the Council cannot stairstep the punishment for DUI second offenses and refusals, but they could stairstep the punishment for violations for no insurance and driving without a license. He provided a handout demonstrating how such an amendment might look. He clarified that by approving the amendment to Sec. 78-963(b), language throughout the ordinance would be changed for consistency.

**Mr. Clark**, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6178, as Amended, Sec 78-963(b) to read as follows: A vehicle used in the alleged violation of AS 28.35.030 or AS 28.35.032 shall be impounded for 30 days if the person driving, operating or in the actual physical control of the vehicle has not been previously convicted, and shall be forfeited to the city if the person has been previously convicted. A vehicle used in the alleged violation of AS 28.15.291 or FGC Sec. 78-929 shall be impounded for 10 days if the person driving, operating or

in the actual physical control of the vehicle has not been previously convicted, and shall be forfeited to the city of the person has been previously convicted.

*Based on the City Attorney's prior advisement that other sections of the ordinance would require a change if the amendment were adopted, there was an understanding that changes would be made to Sec. 78-966(f) and Sec. 78-973(c) and (d) if the amendment passed.*

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6178, AS AMENDED, SEC 78-963(b) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: A VEHICLE USED IN THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF AS 28.35.030 OR AS 28.35.032 SHALL BE IMPOUNDED FOR 30 DAYS IF THE PERSON DRIVING, OPERATING OR IN THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED, AND SHALL BE FORFEITED TO THE CITY IF THE PERSON HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED. A VEHICLE USED IN THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF AS 28.15.291 OR FGC SEC. 78-929 SHALL BE IMPOUNDED FOR 10 DAYS IF THE PERSON DRIVING, OPERATING OR IN THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED, AND SHALL BE FORFEITED TO THE CITY OF THE PERSON HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED. AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Clark, Gibson, Rogers, Marney  
NAYS: Therrien, Kun  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6178, AS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Clark, Therrien, Rogers, Gibson  
NAYS: Kun  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6178, as Amended, ADOPTED.

- b) Resolution No. 4980 – A Resolution Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services by Reducing the Administrative Fee for City Impounds. Introduced by Council Member Therrien. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021

*The motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 4980 was made by Ms. Therrien and seconded by Ms. Kun at the August 23 Regular Meeting and remained on the floor.*

Chief of Staff Mike Meeks stated that the new towing contract will increase the tow fee from \$135 to \$175. He added that he did some research and determined the total employee time spent in the impound process, and the average cost in administrative time is \$350 per impound without consideration of overtime and with the elimination of the appeal process.

**Mr. Gibson** asked about the process in an impound situation when the offender is not arrested.

Chief Dupee explained that unless it is extremely cold or there is a safety issue, the officer may assist in making phone calls to procure a ride for the occupant, if necessary, before leaving the scene once the vehicle has been removed.

**Ms. Therrien** spoke in favor of the resolution, adding that reducing the administrative fee to \$500 was reasonable given the numbers provided by Mr. Meeks.

**Mr. Gibson**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 4980 by increasing the towing fee from \$135 to \$175.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 4980 BY INCREASING THE TOWING FEE FROM \$135 TO \$175 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Kun, Clark, Gibson, Rogers, Therrien

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Ms. Therrien** asked if public notice was required prior to approving the increase in fees. Mr. Ewers advised that, in order to give the public proper notice, the increase in the towing fee should be made in a separate resolution to be decided at the next Regular City Council meeting.

**Mr. Gibson**, with concurrence of the Second and with no objection by the Council, WITHDREW his amendment to increase the towing fee from \$135 to \$175.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4980 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Kun, Marney, Clark, Gibson

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 4980 APPROVED.

- c) Resolution No. 4981 – A Resolution Approving the Reading of a Land Acknowledgement at the Beginning of Regular City Council Meetings. Introduced by Council Members Kun, Therrien, and Rogers. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021.

*The motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 4981 was made by Ms. Kun and seconded by Ms. Therrien at the August 23 Regular Meeting and remained on the floor.*

**Ms. Therrien** asked if the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) had provided a recommendation.

**Mayor Matherly** shared that the FDC had been unable to establish a quorum at their last meeting.

**Ms. Therrien** stated that she would prefer not to wait any longer to address the resolution.



**Mr. Gibson** stated that he would prefer to hear from the FDC prior to voting on the resolution.

**Ms. Rogers** shared her understanding of Ms. Therrien's preference but spoke in favor of waiting for a recommendation from the FDC.

**Ms. Therrien** asked when the FDC would meet again. City Clerk Snider stated that the next scheduled FDC meeting is October 12, 2021.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 4981 until the Regular City Council Meeting of November 8, 2021.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NO. 4981 UNTIL THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Gibson, Therrien, Clark, Rogers

NAYS: Kun, Marney

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

d) Ordinance No. 6179, as Amended – An Ordinance to Amend Fairbanks General Code Sec. 46-81 Curfew for Minors. Introduced by Council Member Kun. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

**Ms. Kun**, seconded by **Mr. Clark**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6179, as Amended.

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

**Mr. Gibson**, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6179, as Amended, by changing the curfew from 1:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that there is nothing good that happens after midnight. He added that there are many exceptions to be considered and that he would be working with the City Attorney to clean up those exceptions, but, in general, midnight is a good time for reasons that are not already covered by exemptions within the ordinance.

**Mr. Marney** asked for input from Police Chief Dupee. Chief Dupee stated that the difference between midnight and 1:00 a.m., without looking at the exemptions, will effectively be the same. He stated, however, that it will be beneficial to have one standard time rather than different times for weekdays and weekends for officers to remember.

**Ms. Therrien** spoke against the amendment, stating that it would be cumbersome for the FPD to memorize the exemptions and that 1:00 a.m. is reasonable and less confusing.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that the exemptions already exist in code and should be enforced. He asked Chief Dupee how often the violation is enforced. Chief Dupee stated that the curfew violation is enforced relatively often, but he stated he does not know the exact citation count.

**Ms. Rogers** asked Chief Dupee to confirm that he would approve of the 1:00 a.m. curfew time. Chief Dupee stated that he did, adding that given the social events that end near midnight, such as movies, 1:00 a.m. may be the better option.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6179, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE CURFEW FROM 1:00 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M. AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Gibson  
NAYS: Clark, Kun, Marney, Rogers, Therrien  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION FAILED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6179, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Kun, Gibson, Rogers, Therrien, Clark, Marney  
NAYS: None  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6179, as Amended, ADOPTED.

- e) Ordinance No. 6180, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 50, Article XIII, to Add American Flag Standard. Introduced by Council Member Clark. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

**Ms. Kun**, seconded by **Mr. Clark**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6180, as Amended.

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

**Ms. Kun** asked Mr. Clark his reasons for introducing the ordinance.

**Mr. Clark** stated that the American flag has become very commercialized, including adaptations for the support of different factions of government such as the blue version to support law enforcement. He added that this makes a statement of limited support and while he has no issue with those modifications personally, he felt that as a City it was important to show respect for the entirety of what the American flag stands for.

**Ms. Kun** asked if that would pertain to vehicles with American flag decals.

**Mr. Clark** clarified that the ordinance would only apply to City vehicles and City property.

**Ms. Kun** asked for clarification on the definition of “property” as used in the ordinance.

**Mr. Clark** clarified that property pertains to any City property, real or otherwise, including but not limited to vehicles and equipment owned by the City.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6180, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Marney, Rogers, Gibson, Kun, Clark  
NAYS: None  
**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6180, as Amended, ADOPTED.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Resolution No. 4983 – A Resolution to Extend the Sunset Date for the Incentive Bonus Program with the Fairbanks Police Department for Recruitment and Hiring. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 4984 – A Resolution to Extend the Sunset Date for the Incentive Bonus Program with the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center for Recruitment and Hiring. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Resolution No. 4985 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Expend Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Resolution No. 4986 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Stryker Corporation for Ambulance Equipment in the Amount of \$1,478,300. Introduced by Mayor Matherly and Council Members Kun and Rogers.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Resolution No. 4987 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks Participation in Settlement Agreements Related to the Nationwide Opioid Litigation. Introduced by Mayor Matherly and Council Member Rogers.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- f) Ordinance No. 6181 – An Ordinance to Amend Fairbanks General Code Chapter 50, Article VIII, to Add Paid Family Leave and Paid Funeral Leave. Introduced by Mayor Matherly and Council Members Therrien, Rogers, Kun, and Marney.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6181.

**Mr. Marney**, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6181 Sec. 50-288(b)(2) by changing 17 to 3.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to AMEND the amendment to Ordinance No. 6181 by changing 3 to 5.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 6181 BY CHANGING 3 TO 5.

YEAS: Clark, Therrien, Rogers, Kun, Gibson, Marney

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Ms. Rogers** asked for input from HR Director Angela Foster-Snow. Ms. Foster-Snow stated that she had a conversation with Mr. Marney about finding something more reasonable regarding the availability of childcare, which is typically available at 3 years.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6181 SEC. 50-288(B)(2) BY CHANGING 17 TO 5.

YEAS: Kun, Clark, Rogers, Marney, Therrien, Gibson

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Mr. Marney**, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6181, as Amended, Sec. 50-288(a) and (b) by changing the eligibility requirements for medical maternity leave and parental leave from a six-month minimum to a one-year minimum.

**Mr. Gibson** asked for clarification about the statement in Sec. 50-288(a)(2) not requiring years of employment to be consecutive. Ms. Foster-Snow explained that temporary employees are included in the benefit; however, seasonal employees are not. She stated that if a temporary employee was later hired as a permanent employee it would allow for them to use all their service time to qualify for leave.

City Clerk Snider stated that she and the City Attorney had a concern about conflicting language between Sec. 50-288(a)(2) and (b)(3). Mr. Ewers clarified that the consecutive employment language had been removed from subsection (b) but not from subsection (a) and that he and the Clerk were unsure whether that was an oversight.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6181, AS AMENDED, SEC. 50-288(a) AND (b) BY CHANGING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL MATERNITY LEAVE AND PARENTAL LEAVE FROM A SIX-MONTH MINIMUM TO A ONE-YEAR MINIMUM AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Rogers, Gibson, Kun, Marney, Clark

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Mr. Marney**, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6181, as Amended, Sec. 50-289(a) by inserting the phrase “regardless of length of employment” after the first occurrence of the word employee.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6181, AS AMENDED, SEC. 50-289(a) BY INSERTING THE PHRASE “REGARDLESS OF LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT” AFTER THE FIRST OCCURRENCE OF THE WORD EMPLOYEE AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Clark, Therrien, Gibson, Rogers, Kun

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Kun**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6181, as Amended, by striking the last sentence of Sec. 50-288(a)(2).

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6181, AS AMENDED, BY STRIKING THE LAST SENTENCE OF SEC. 50-288(a)(2) AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Therrien, Clark, Kun, Marney, Gibson

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6181, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Gibson, Clark, Kun, Marney, Rogers, Therrien

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

g) Ordinance No. 6182 – An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Fourth Time. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

a) Appointment to the Discretionary Fund Committee

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

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

a) Committee Reports

**Mr. Clark** expressed his concern that a vaccine mandate may be another driving factor for employees to leave the City and suggested that the City avoid that topic if possible.

**Mr. Marney** stated he had no comments.

**Mr. Gibson** stated that FAST Planning had met but did not have a quorum. He addressed the Cowles Street property issue and stated that there is an ordinance that makes it uncomfortable for violators, but it requires calls to the FPD for enforcement.

**Ms. Kun** spoke to suicide awareness, noting that it does not limit itself to one class of people. She provided the Careline and encouraged citizens to check on their neighbors. She respected the Council's desire to have the FDC weigh in on the land acknowledgment, and she provided a land acknowledgement.

**Ms. Rogers** shared that she had attended the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly meeting and had the pleasure to provide her support to the Yukon Quest tax exemption request. She thanked everyone for their comments and discussion, adding that it was an exceptional meeting.

**Ms. Therrien** asked when the Polaris Building Work Group would be meeting again, and **Ms. Rogers** stated the group would meet at 2:00 p.m. the following day. **Ms. Therrien** asked the Council to review the Polaris Work Group meeting minutes that had been emailed by the Clerk and to reach out to her if they had any questions. She asked if there would be a meeting to discuss legislative priorities. Mr. Meeks stated there would be a meeting in November. **Ms. Therrien** asked for a work session to be scheduled with the FPD staff and encouraged Council members to talk to them individually beforehand.

**Ms. Therrien** asked to be excused from the October 25, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.

**Mayor Matherly** called for objection to Ms. Therrien's request to be excused, and no Council Members objected.

### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Snider reported that election polls would be open on October 5, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

**Ms. Kun**, seconded by **Mr. Clark**, moved to ENTER Executive Session to discuss the Fairbanks Firefighters Union Labor Negotiation Strategy.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a) Fairbanks Firefighters Union Labor Negotiation Strategy

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss the Fairbanks Firefighters Union Labor Negotiation Strategy. Direction was given to the negotiating team, and no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Mayor Matherly** declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: RR



# MEMORANDUM

City of Fairbanks Clerk's Office

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

TO: Mayor Matherly and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Marijuana License Renewals

DATE: November 3, 2021

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
18187	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	The Fairbanks Cut, LLC	188 Bentley Trust Road, Suite A
14467	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	1200 Well Street
11051	Northlink, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Northlink, LLC	1550 Cushman Street, Suite B

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 26, 2021.

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-215(b)(12), I have inquired about complaints filed within the past 12 months with the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) and AMCO in regard to the above-listed marijuana establishments. There are no complaints on file.

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



# CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Call Time	Event ID	Rpt #	Street	Nature	Additi
01/01/2021 03	2021000064		188-A BENTLEY TRUST RD	ALARM BURGLARY	(S) (N
11/27/2020 06	2020115275		188-A BENTLEY TRUST RD	ALARM BURGLARY	(S) (N

*The Fairbanks Cut*

# CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Call Time	Event ID	Rpt #	Street	Nature	Additi
06/17/2021 17	2021044609		1200 WELL ST	TRESPASS/UNWANT (S) (N	
06/16/2021 22	2021044371	21002177	1200 WELL ST	SI - FIELD CONT (N)RAI	
12/31/2020 19	2020123622	20004902	1200 WELL ST	ASSAULT CHARLIE (S) (N	

Tanana Herb

# CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Call Time	Event ID	Rpt #	Street	Nature	Additi
09/26/2021 18	2021074992		1550 S CUSHMAN ST	SUSP CIRCUMSTAN	(S) (N)
08/20/2021 23	2021064307		1550 S CUSHMAN ST	TRESPASS/UNWANT	(S) (N)
08/20/2021 21	2021064268		1550 S CUSHMAN ST	SI - FOLLOW-UP	
07/11/2021 13	2021052246		1550 S CUSHMAN ST	DISTURBANCE VER	(S) (N)
05/13/2021 21	2021034125		1550 S CUSHMAN ST	CIVIL PROBLEM	(S) (N)
05/10/2021 21	2021033282		1550 S CUSHMAN ST	DISTURBANCE PHY	(S) (N)
05/04/2021 00	2021031305	21001551	1550 S CUSHMAN ST	SI - FOLLOW-UP	(S) (N)
05/03/2021 21	2021031245	21001551	1550 S CUSHMAN ST	DISTURBANCE PHY	(S) (N)
12/04/2020 17	2020117186		1550 S CUSHMAN ST	PAST ROAD RAGE	(S) (N)

*Northlink LLC*

**RESOLUTION NO. 4981**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE READING OF A LAND  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF REGULAR CITY  
COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the esteemed Denakkanaaga Elders have crafted and approved of the Land Acknowledgement set out below to be used in various publications, on appropriate signage, prior to meetings and conferences, as well as other suitable uses; and

**WHEREAS**, a Land Acknowledgement can function as a living celebration of Indigenous communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a Land Acknowledgement, by itself, is a small gesture, but it becomes meaningful when coupled with authentic relationships and informed action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairbanks City Council directs that the following Land Acknowledgement be read at the beginning of Regular City Council meetings:

We respectfully acknowledge the Dena people upon whose traditional lands we reside. We honor the Dena who have been the stewards of Interior lands and waters for centuries, the Elders who lived here before, the Dena people of today, and future generations to come. We also recognize that Alaskan Native people would traditionally gather here and harvest Native foods.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 23rd day of August 2021.

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**Jim Matherly, Mayor**

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Paul Ewers, City Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. 4994**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS  
LEGISLATIVE AND CAPITAL PRIORITIES FOR 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the City is grateful for the funding provided by the State of Alaska which has added significantly to the City's ability to provide essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the services the City provides are centered on protecting the lives and property of Fairbanks citizens; preparedness and infrastructure are key in that endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairbanks has identified the following legislative and capital priorities, and the public had the opportunity to speak to this Resolution at the November 8, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Fairbanks City Council that the 2022 legislative and capital priorities of the City of Fairbanks are stated in the attached list. In summary, the projects are ranked as follows:

2022 Legislative Priorities

1. Maintain PERS contribution rates
2. Maintain a baseline of \$60 million annually in Community Assistance Program funding
3. Revisit the Off-Road Vehicle regulation
4. Express concern about fairness and unfunded liabilities for a Public Safety defined benefit plan
5. Oppose the state general sales tax
6. Increase SART funding

2022 Capital Priorities

1. Provide funding for construction of a Law Enforcement Firing Range and Training Facility
2. Support the demolition of the Polaris Building

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Office of the Governor and the Interior Alaska Legislative Delegation.

**PASSED and APPROVED this 8th Day of November 2021.**

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**Jim Matherly, City Mayor**

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Paul Ewers, City Attorney



## CITY OF FAIRBANKS

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### City of Fairbanks Legislative and Capital Priorities 2022

- 1. PERS Contribution Rate:** The City of Fairbanks supports maintaining the 22% PERS contribution rate as was agreed to by PERS employers and the State in allocating the unfunded liability. We support amendments to termination studies and penalties for leaving PERS/TRS.
- 2. Community Assistance Program:** The City of Fairbanks is concerned with the reductions in the community assistance program and requests that the State restore a baseline floor of \$60 million annually to the program.
- 3. Off-Road Vehicles:** State regulations effective January 1, 2022, will allow all-purpose vehicles (APVs) on roads with speed limits up to 45 MPH. These unfunded regulations will impact the City, which will have to provide signage on numerous roads and intersections. The City requests the legislature pass a law allowing municipalities to opt in instead of having to opt out. If this is not possible, the City requests that the legislature provide the capital funds to properly sign the streets of Fairbanks once it has determined the total costs.
- 4. Defined Benefit:** A "Tier 5" defined benefit plan is currently being discussed. The City of Fairbanks is concerned about unfunded liabilities and the exclusive nature regarding which employees receive the benefit. The economic viability of this plan relies on an assumed 7.38% annual rate of return on investments. This potential new plan does differ from previous PERS plans with the major differences being: employee contributions are higher, employees must be 55 years old with 20 years of service, the benefit amount is calculated using the employee's high five years of service instead of high three, and health care is removed from the plan. Defined benefit plans have been cited as an incentive as it pertains to the retention of public safety employees.

5. **State General Sales Tax:** Resolution #4753, as amended, was approved on July 11, 2016, by the City Council. The resolution stated, "...the Fairbanks City Council respectfully requests that the Alaska Legislature rejected any proposal for a statewide general sales tax..." The Council stands by this resolution today.
6. **SART Funding and Priorities:** Sexual assaults continue to be a serious issue throughout the State of Alaska and working SA cases is a priority for Fairbanks Police Department. The City of Fairbanks requests an increase in SART funding, with \$100,000 earmarked to Fairbanks.
7. **Construction of a Law Enforcement Firing Range and Training Facility:** The City of Fairbanks supports the City of North Pole's request for state funding to obtain property and construct a new law enforcement firing range and training facility. Due to safety concerns, the law enforcement range that was located on the Fairbanks International Airport property has permanently closed. There is currently no other firearms training facility within interior Alaska that is capable of functioning as a training range for law enforcement.

A cost estimate and business plan have been completed for a new range facility that would be open to and serve every local, state, and federal law enforcement agency within Interior Alaska. It would also serve as the primary training site for our interior Alaska police academy. At a time when law enforcement is under constant scrutiny and expected to perform at the highest level of professionalism, a high level of training and a professional training environment is essential.

8. **Demolition of the Polaris Building:** The City of Fairbanks expresses its gratitude to Alaska's Congressional Delegation for supporting \$10 million for the demolition of the Polaris Building. The City requests that the state also support federal funding for this demolition project and advocate for it, as this project will have a huge impact on downtown Fairbanks.



**RESOLUTION NO. 4995**

**A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATHROP  
MALEMUTES FOR WINNING THE ASAA DIVISION II  
STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Lathrop High School Football Program is to develop each team member to be leaders in their family and community, and their motto is “EMAL” which stands for “Every Man a Leader;” and

**WHEREAS**, the code of the Lathrop High School Football Program is “WHARPALTSO” which stands for:

- Work Hard** – we value hard work as nothing good happens without it
- Always Respectful** – in the ways we interact with one another and others
- Plan Ahead** – leaders always plan ahead in all ways
- Learn and Think** – we strive to be independent thinkers, problem solvers, etc.
- Serve Others** – we don’t exist for ourselves, we exist to serve others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lathrop High School football team defeated the Soldotna High School football team 39-28 on October 16, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, it was the first Division II State of Alaska Football Championship in Lathrop High School history; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fairbanks applaud the Lathrop High School student athletes and coaches for their hard work and dedication and celebrates with them in their victory.

**PASSED and APPROVED this 8th day of November 2021.**

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**Jim Matherly, Mayor**

AYES:  
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ABSENT:  
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Paul Ewers, City Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. 4996**

**A RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF A  
DISASTER EMERGENCY AND THE TEMPORARY PROVISIONS OF  
ORDINANCE NO. 6126 AND RESOLUTION NO. 4928, AS AMENDED,  
REGARDING TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND  
CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, Mayor Matherly issued a Declaration of a Disaster Emergency Within the City of Fairbanks for the COVID-19 Pandemic and Requesting State and Federal Assistance, which has been extended numerous times by the Council and is set to expire on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council enacted Ordinance No. 6126 that authorized telephonic participation by Council members at City Council meetings and authorized the Mayor to modify the provisions of the Fairbanks General Code regarding the conduct of public meetings through May 31, 2020, which was extended by the Council and is also set to expire on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council adopted Resolution No. 4928, as Amended, which in addition to extending the Mayor's disaster declaration and the provisions of Ordinance No. 6126, included a specific provision directing remote participation of Council and community members using an online platform; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2021, Governor Dunleavy ended his Emergency Declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, under the circumstances, the Mayor's declaration of a disaster emergency and the emergency provisions of Ordinances No. 6126 and Resolution No. 4928, as Amended, are no longer warranted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, that the Mayor's Declaration of a Disaster Emergency Within the City of Fairbanks for the COVID-19 Pandemic and Requesting State and Federal Assistance will expire on the day following adoption of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the temporary provisions of Ordinance No. 6126, authorizing the telephonic participation of Council members at City Council meetings and authorizing the Mayor to modify provisions of the Fairbanks General Code regarding public meetings and the temporary provision approved by Resolution No. 4928, as Amended, allowing remote participation of Council and community members via an online platform, will expire on the day following adoption of this Resolution.

**PASSED and APPROVED this 8th Day of November 2021.**

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**Jim Matherly, Mayor**

AYES:  
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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

**ORDINANCE NO. 6186**

**AN ORDINANCE TO LIMIT ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES TO PUBLIC  
ROADWAYS WITH A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT NOT GREATER THAN  
30 MILES PER HOUR**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska adopted regulations that would allow “all-purpose vehicles” to operate on public roadways where the designated maximum speed limit was not greater than 45 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, these regulations are set to take effect on January 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the State regulations authorize local governments to prohibit or restrict the use of all-purpose vehicles on public roadways within their jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the 45 mile per hour maximum speed limit would include roadways in the City that are not appropriate for all-purpose vehicle operation.

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

**Section 1.** That Fairbanks General Code Chapter 78, Traffic and Vehicles, Article XV, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

**ARTICLE XV. SNOWMACHINES, ~~AND~~ OTHER OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES,  
AND ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES.**

**Sec. 78-542. Limits on All-Purpose Vehicles.**

**(a) All-purpose vehicles, as defined in 13 AAC 40.010, may not be operated on any roadway within the City of Fairbanks where the maximum designated speed limit is greater than 30 miles per hour.**

**Section 2.** That Fairbanks General Code Sec. 78-5, Traffic Fine Schedule, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

**Sec. 78-5. Traffic Fine Schedule.**

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, the city's traffic fine schedule for violations not set forth under section 78-1 shall be as follows:

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- 32. **Limits on All-Purpose Vehicles (Section 78-542) . . . . . 125.00**
- 332. Carrying animals on outside of vehicle (Section 78-573) .....40.00
- 343. Boarding or alighting from vehicles (Section 78-574) .....40.00
- 354. Drinking while driving; open container (Section 78-576) .....200.00
- 365. Avoidance of traffic controlled intersections (Section 78-579) .....80.00
- 376. Overtaking and passing emergency vehicles (no personal injury)  
(Section 78-617) .....150.00
- 387. License to be carried and exhibited on demand (Section 78-892) .....50.00

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**Section 3.** That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the 1st day of January 2022.

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**Jim Matherly, City Mayor**

AYES:  
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 ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

# CALENDAR 2022

## 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS and CITY-OBSERVED HOLIDAY LIST

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>10</b> <b>24</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>11</b> <b>25</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>14</b> <b>28</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>15</b> <b>29</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>14</b> <b>28</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>12</b> <b>26</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>11</b> <b>25</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>10</b> <b>24</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>09</b> <b>23</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>07</b> <b>28</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>13</b> <b>27</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>05</b> <b>12</b>

**NOTE:** Any deviation from FGC is a result of City-observed holidays, City Council-approved amendments, budget deadlines, or AML Conference conflicts.

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### 2022 CITY-OBSERVED HOLIDAYS (City Offices Closed)

<b>New Year's Day (Observed)</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
<b>President's Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 21, 2022</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 30, 2022</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 4, 2022</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 5, 2022</b>
<b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 11, 2022</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 24, 2022</b>
<b>Christmas Day (Observed)</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 26, 2022</b>

*Meeting Schedule was approved by the City Council on Monday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2021*

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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

**February 22, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held via Zoom from the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Molly Proue.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin Gutoski, Matthew Reckard, Patricia Piersol, Amy Viltrakis, Kirsten Freeman and Molly Proue

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Cook, US Army Garrison, Alaska; Josh Reuther, UAF; Justin Cramb, UAF; Burr Neely, Statistical Research, Inc.; Jeanne Creamer, Friends of the SS Nenana; Holly McKinney, Cultural Resource Specialist, AKDOT&PF  
Melissa Kellner, FNSB Staff Representative; Kristina Heredia, FNSB Planner and Laura Melotte, FNSB Recording Clerk

### A. ROLL CALL

### B. MESSAGES

#### 1. Chairman's Comments

**Ms. Proue** thanked the Commission for being patient about not meeting during the pandemic.

#### 2. Staff's Comments

**Ms. Kellner** introduced the guests at the meeting.

**Ms. Kellner** announced that the Mayors office did receive an application for the empty seat on this commission. She will continue to follow the Assembly agenda to see when this applicant will be going to the Assembly for approval of appointment.

**Ms. Kellner** spoke to the ongoing operating procedures at the borough due to COVID-19. More information will be forthcoming.

**Ms. Heredia** announced that elections of Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at the next meeting as it did not make the agenda for this meeting.

#### 3. Citizen's Comments

None

#### 4. Disclosure and Statement of Conflict

**Ms. Proue** stated that as she is a DOT employee, she can not participate in any DOT items.

C. \*MINUTES

\*Minutes of November 23, 2020

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

**MOTION:** Moved by **Ms. Peirsol**, seconded by **Mr. Reckard** that the Agenda be re-ordered to accommodate the guests who have joined the meeting this evening and approving the minutes of November 23, 2020 as presented.

**VOTE:** No objections

**MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**1. Updates on topics on the HPC Priorities List**

**Ms. Proue** announced that the SHPO office has more staff than in the past. They have hired Katie Ringsmuth to be their new State Historian. Additionally, they are now taking applications for nominations to the National Register. **Ms. Proue** will keep the commission updated regarding nominating Pioneer Park to the National Register.

**2. CIP and the SS Nenana**

**Ms. Proue** commented that she received a draft RFP for this project last week for the selection committee to review. She stated that she has not had time to review it to date but will do so by the end of the week and forward comments to Leslie Gonzales, the borough Engineer for this project. In conclusion, this commission will have an opportunity to be involved in drafting the language for the final RFP for this project.

**Ms. Peirsol** queried if it was possible for Ms. Proue to provide the draft document to the rest of the commission so that all members of the commission can have an opportunity to provide comment. **Ms. Proue** commented that she is not sure if she can do that as she, individually, was selected to be on the review committee. **Ms. Kellner** added that at this point, such documents are confidential so as not to disrupt the RFP process. That is why the HPC appointed one commission member to be



on the review team.

**Ms. Kellner** stated that she will confirm with the project manager if the HPC can provide comments for the language of the draft RFP.

**Ms. Peirsol** commented that Mr. Reckard has produced a report of the repair work required and that the Friends of the SS Nenana have a letter or e-mail from the borough stating that they would like to include said report in the RFP.

**Jeanne Creamer** confirmed that Friends of the SS Nenana did send an e-mail with this request to the Mayors Office, the Assembly, Jim Williams, David Bredlie, Leslie Gonzales, Michael Bork, Donnie Hayes and Moll Proue this afternoon.

**Mr. Reckard** commented that David Bredlie told him that he would like to send said report out to people with the RFP.

**Trish Schmidt** offered to forward the report to anyone who wants a copy of it.

**Ms. Peirsol** requested a copy of the report. Ms. Kellner stated that once she receives the report, she will send it out.

Further discussion ensued regarding who would like to receive the report by Mr. Reckard.

**Ms. Peirsol** queried if Ms. Proue is allowed to converse with Mr. Reckard in the RFP process. **Ms. Proue** stated that she was not familiar with the rules of the borough and requested that Ms. Kellner find out the answer to this question. **Ms. Kellner** stated that she will e-mail the project manager to find the answer to this question.

**Ms. Kellner** recapped the CIP process and purpose for the commission.

**Mr. Reckard** commented that if he were to work with Ms. Proue on developing an FP, it would most likely disqualify him from being able to participate in any team that would submit a proposal.

Further discussion ensued with regards to the CIP and the process.

**Mr. Gutoski** queried if a Pioneer Park Commission was ever formed. **Ms. Kellner** replied that it is still "on hold."

### **3. Update from the Friends of the SS Nenana**

**Jeanne Creamer** gave an update regarding educational and recreational programs that the Friends of the SS Nenana are interested in participating

with once the boat is opened back up to the public.

#### **4. Bailey Bridge update**

**Ms. Proue** commented about a video that was taken of the Bailey Bridge prior to it being dismantled. She further commented that she sent it to Ms. Kellner to distribute to the commission. She suggested that all commissioners take the time to view the video as it was quite interesting.

**Ms. Peirsol** stated that she did not have much to add to this discussion of the Bailey Bridge that was on Ft. Wainwright.

**Ms. Peirsol** did state that there are two additional Bailey Bridges in town. One is serving as the temporary pedestrian bridge over the Chena River on University Avenue. The other will serving as the temporary pedestrian bridge over the Chena River on Wendell Avenue.

**Ms. Peirsol** will report back as plans develop regarding the Ft. Wainwright Bailey Bridge.

#### **5. Friends of Creamer's Field – Storage of Historic Dairy Hardware**

**Ms. Heredia** commented that the Department of Community Planning has not received any communications regarding this topic.

**Jeanne Creamer** reported that the artifacts that Friends of Creamer's Field were concerned about have been removed and are stored safely until they can be displayed properly.

### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Minnie Street request for information from Burr Neely, Statistical Research, Inc.**

**Burr Neely** addressed the commission with regards to this matter. He stated that his company, Statistical Research, Inc., has been retained by DOT to do a typical built environment inventory and evaluations of select properties within the boundaries of the Minnie Street improvement project. He gave a comprehensive overview of the work that he has performed to date on this project.

#### **2. Chena Townsite archaeology field school presentation by Josh Reuther, UAF**

**Josh Reuther** and **Justin Cramb** addressed the commission and gave a brief overview of this education opportunity. A question and answer period followed.

#### **3. Fort Wainwright's proposed changes to its Operations & Maintenance Programmatic Agreement**

**Elizabeth Cook** addressed the commission regarding this document.

**Mr. Gutoski** queried that if the commission decided it wanted to sign this document, what date would it have to be signed by. **Ms. Proue** clarified that the extension will have to be signed by March but the commission does not have to sign the extension. As long as the extension happens, this commission would have a year from that time to sign the Agreement. **Ms. Cook** further clarified that as a concurring party, this commission on the extension memo is not required.

#### **4. Update on historic building projects**

**Ms. Peirsol** reported that the Chena Building is sitting in the townsite of Chena. The Masonic Temple artifacts are still encased in storage at Summit Logistics.

#### **5. Section 106 Projects**

**Ms. Heredia** stated that the Department of Community Planning did not receive any Section 106 projects for the commission to review.

### G. CORRESPONDENCE

#### **1. Pioneer Park Summer 2021**

**Ms. Heredia** reported that this correspondence is what Pioneer Park expects to do in the summer of 2021.

#### **2. National Archives news**

**Ms. Heredia** reported that the archives that were originally in Anchorage were moved to Seattle. Now there is discussion of moving the artifacts further south to California. It is her understanding that Doyon, Ltd. and Tanana Chiefs Conference have filed a lawsuit to halt the move of the artifacts to California.

### H. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

**Mr. Gutoski** announced that he has been appointed to the board of the Tanana Yukon Historic Society.

**Ms. Peirsol** questioned if it was possible to get the Agenda packet sooner than the week before the meeting. **Ms. Kellner** commented that it may be possible to send the agenda well in advance as they are published well in advance in the NewsMiner.

**Mr. Reckard** commented that in preparing the report for the SS Nenana, Donnie Hayes was tremendously helpful and friendly and he appreciates that. However, he commented that the same is not true of Public Works.

**Ms. Viltrakis** was not able to comment as she lost connectivity and was not able to re-connect.

**Ms. Freeman** had no comments.

I. AGENDA SETTING

The commission determined which items would move forward to the next meeting and which items have been concluded.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

May 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was hosted via Zoom from the Assembly Chambers, 1st Floor, Borough Administrative Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Molly Proue, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin Gutoski, Patricia Peirsol, Amy Viltrakis, Kirsten Freeman and Molly Proue

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Matthew Reckard (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Sara Harriger, Morris Thompson Cultural Center; Patricia Schmidt, Friends of the SS Nenana; Jeanne Creamer, Friends of the SS Nenana; Donnie Hayes, FNSB Parks and Recreation; Melissa Kellner, FNSB Staff Representative; Kristina Heredia, FNSB Staff Representative and Laura Melotte, FNSB Recording Clerk

### A. ROLL CALL

### B. MESSAGES

#### 1. Chairman's Comments

Ms. Proue thanked the commission and the attendees for their patience while technical difficulties were being resolved.

#### 2. Staff's Comments

**Ms. Heredia** welcomed the guests in attendance for the meeting.

**Ms. Heredia** announced that this will be her last meeting with this commission as she resigned her position with the Borough and will be moving back to California.

#### 3. Citizen's Comments

None

### C. DISCLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF CONFLICT

**Ms. Proue** announced that she is not able to participate in any DOT projects on the agenda as she is employed by DOT&PF.

### D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

### E. \*MINUTES

\*Minutes of February 22, 2021 meeting

**Ms. Proue** commented that Ms. Ringsmuth's name was misspelled in the minutes.

**Ms. Proue** proposed re-ordering the agenda to accommodate the guests in attendance.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Mr. Gutoski**, seconded by **Ms. Freeman** that the agenda be re-ordered and that the minutes of February 22, 2021 be approved with the one minor edit.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. There were no objections.

## **MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

### F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1. Updates on topics on the HPC Priorities List

**Ms. Proue** commented that she had been in contact with Katie Ringsmuth at SHPO regarding the Pioneer Park nomination. She queried if Ms. Kellner or Ms. Heredia had found the original nomination paperwork to re-submit to SHPO. **Ms. Kellner** responded that they have not and that Community Planning has been given the direction to focus on urgent projects only at this time. This project will not be moving forward at this time.

**Ms. Proue** offered to work with Ms. Ringsmuth if Ms. Kellner could locate the materials and send them to her. **Ms. Kellner** responded that she would attempt to locate the documents and forward them to Ms. Proue.

There were no other updates to the HPC Priorities List.

#### 2. CIP and the SS Nenana

**Ms. Kellner** queried if Ms. Proue had any information to share as Ms. Proue is a member of the RFP committee.

**Ms. Proue** shared what information she could without jeopardizing the RFP process.

**Mr. Gutoski** commented that he believes that Design Alaska was the only respondent to the RFP request and that Mr. Reckard is involved as well. **Ms. Peirsol** echoed Mr. Gutoski's comments.

**Ms. Schmidt** provided the commission with an update and stated that the award should be made public soon.

Discussion turned to what determines an "Essential Meeting" and when this commission might be able to meet again.

**Ms. Schmidt** questioned who the Project Manager is from the Borough for this project. **Ms. Proue** stated that the Project Manager is Leslie Gonzalez in Public Works.

### 3. Bailey Bridge update

**Ms. Peirsol** stated that she did not have an update to provide as she was unable to speak with the appropriate people. She will try to obtain an update for a future meeting. This item will remain on the agenda for a possible update in the future.

### 4. Fort Wainwright's proposed changes to its Operations & Maintenance Programmatic Agreement

**Ms. Kellner** addressed the commission. She stated that after speaking with Elizabeth Cook, it was determined that it is not critical for the HPC to sign the agreement. This item will remain on the agenda for a possible update in the future.

## G. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Elections

Discussion ensued with possibly making a motion to extend the term of the Chair and Vice Chair for one and a half years as this year is already halfway over.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Ms. Peirsol**, seconded by **Ms. Viltrakis**, that the terms for the Chair and Vice Chair be for one and a half years.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. There were no objections.

**Ms. Peirsol** nominated Ms. Freeman as Vice Chair for another one and one half years. **Ms. Viltrakis** echoed Ms. Peirsol's comments. There were no other nominations. **Ms. Freeman** accepted the nomination.

**Mr. Gutoski** nominated Ms. Proue as Chair for another one and one half years. **Ms. Peirsol** echoed Mr. Gutoski's comments. There were no other nominations. **Ms. Proue** accepted the nomination.

### 2. Pioneer Park Master Plan

**Donnie Hayes** addressed the commission with regards to this topic. He presented a brief overview of the project. A question and answer period followed.

**Mr. Gutoski** commented that he attended the Public Workshop that Pioneer Park held back in April. He stated that he is supportive of the project. **Ms. Peirsol** echoed the comments of Mr. Gutoski.

### 3. National Register Nomination: Gould Cabin

**Peter Winfrey** addressed the commission regarding this proposed nomination and gave a brief overview of the request.

**Sara Harriger** addressed the commission and thanked Mr. Winfrey for the nomination. She further commented on the proposed nomination.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Mr. Gutoski**, seconded by **Ms. Viltrakis** to provide a letter of general support for the Gould Cabin.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. There were no objections.

4. Section 106 Projects

a. Building 2077 (Hanger 7/8) Fort Wainwright

**Ms. Heredia** addressed the commission giving an update on this item.

**Ms. Proue** commented that she read the letter and she does not have issues with the “No Adverse Effect” finding. **Ms. Peirsol** concurred with Ms. Proue.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Mr. Gutoski**, seconded by **Ms. Freeman** to respond “No Objection” to the Findings of Fact relating to FTWW Building 2077.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. There were no objections.

b. Fairbanks Area PM 2.5 Motor Vehicle Plug-ins

**Ms. Proue** passed the gavel to Ms. Peirsol due to a conflict of interest.

**Ms. Heredia** addressed the commission giving an update on this item.

**Ms. Peirsol** questioned if staff has determined that DOT is correct in stating that there are no historic properties affected by this action. **Ms. Heredia** replied that Community Planning did not do a separate survey.

**Ms. Peirsol** requested that Ms. Heredia take ten minutes to do a survey to ensure DOT was correct in their findings.

**Ms. Heredia** reported that she did not find any historic properties that would be affected by this project and concurs with DOT.

**Ms. Peirsol** queried if the commission should respond “No response”.

No motion was made to respond “No objection”.

c. Building 1046 Fort Wainwright



**Ms. Kellner** addressed the commission giving an update on this item.

**Ms. Proue** commented that she read the letter and she does not have issues with the “No Adverse Effect” finding. **Ms. Peirsol** concurred with Ms. Proue.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Mr. Gutoski**, seconded by **Ms. Peirsol** to respond “No Objection” to the Findings of Fact relating to FTWW Building 1046.

**VOTE:** All were in favor. There were no objections.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Seattle National Archives

**Ms. Kellner** referenced a recent article in the NewsMiner which stated that the Biden administration has halted the sale of the National Archives in Seattle.

2. Cultural Resources Working Group Update

**Ms. Kellner** encouraged the commission to review the slides provided in the packet to become familiar with what is happening in the Army.

I. COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

**Ms. Viltrakis** gave an update on works that is being done on Bingle Camp. They are repairing the foundation and putting a new roof on the building to help stabilize the lodge building.

**Ms. Freeman did not have comments.**

**Ms. Peirsol** congratulated Ms. Proue and Ms. Freeman on their elections as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

**Mr. Gutoski** commented regarding the lack of a relationship with the Air Force and the Borough regarding historical properties. **Ms. Kellner** stated that she will follow up on this matter.

J. AGENDA SETTING

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
Historic Preservation Commission  
August 3, 2021  
5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, August 3, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present appearing telephonically and in person:

Amy Viltrakis	Martin Gutoski
Patricia Peirsol	Matthew Reckard

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk  
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk  
Melissa Kellner, Long-Range Planner

Absent & Excused

Molly Proue, Chair

**ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEM**

1. Nominations from the Floor

Mr. Gutoski nominated Mr. Reckard as Chair Pro Tem which was seconded by Ms. Peirsol. There being no other nominations Mr. Reckard was elected Chair Pro Tem for the duration of this meeting.

**MESSAGES**

1. Melissa Kellner, Community Planning Long-Range Planner, spoke on the changes and apologized for the growing pains as the Commission was moved to the new management of the Borough Clerk's Office.

## **MESSAGES - continued**

- 1.a. Citizen's Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

Barbara Carlson Johnson, 316 Front Street Fairbanks, historic house relocation from 313 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- 1.b. Citizen's Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

NONE

2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

Mr. Reckard stated he was part of the contract team that is working on the restoration of the S.S. Nenana. However, he ruled as they were not making decisions, he would not need to recuse himself.

## **REPORTS**

- 1.a. Update on the Bailey Bridge restoration on Fort Wainwright.

Ms. Kellner stated the bridge has been removed from Fort Wainwright and gave the floor to Ms. Peirsol for the update. Ms. Peirsol spoke with the President of the Interior Alaska Land Trust about the design of footings, the difficult time the team is having getting missing components for the bridge, and stated they are hoping for vehicle access this fall, and the struggle to get parts is because they were hoping to deal with U.S. manufacturers and are not receiving responses to their inquiries. The State of Alaska Department of Transportation has also offered aid in getting parts for the bridge.

- 1.b. Message about the Gould Cabin and the status of its nomination to the National Historic Register.

Ms. Kellner stated the State Commission on Historic Preservation voted to move forward on the nomination of the Gould Cabin to the National Historic Register.

- 1.c. Message about the recently installed John D. "Jack" Schleppegrell Memorial Bench on the Juanita Helms Administration Center grounds.

Ms. Kellner informed the commission about the new memorial bench to commemorate the Borough's first mayor near the river on the west side of the building.

## **REPORTS - continued**

- 2.a. Update on the FNSB Capital Improvement Plan and the S.S. Nenana by the Friends of the S.S. Nenana.

Jeannie Creamer-Dalton, with the Friends of the S.S. Nenana, gave the floor to Joanne White, also with the Friends of the S.S. Nenana. Ms. Peirsol stated that Jonathan Schamber with the Public Works Department was the Borough Liaison to the project. The phases of the project were discussed. Ms. White provided a report on the phases as well. The overall report stated that the building progress would be made next spring. Mr. Gutoski asked whether the public safety ingress/egress referred to the cargo doors or to the second floor. Ms. White stated that she was not sure but thought it might be all of those. Mr. Reckard stated that access to the upper decks was important for maintenance and snow removal. Mr. Gutoski asked if there was any funding devoted to the diorama and the repair of the fluorescent tubes housing. Chair Pro Tem Reckard replied that it would depend how far the money will go. Ms. Kellner pointed out that Gloria Corey, wishes to speak and the Chair Pro Tem Reckard allowed her to speak. Ms. Corey was a director of the Friends of the S.S. Nenana and stated that she was happy that there was progress being made.

- 2.b. Updates on the Pioneer Park master plan.

Ms. Kellner stated a second public workshop on the Pioneer Park master plan will be held on August 12, 2021 from 6 to 8 p.m. Ms. Kellner invited members of the commission to attend as a representative and gave the website for the plan as [fairbankspioneerparkplan.com](http://fairbankspioneerparkplan.com). The clerk interjected that in order to avoid an Open Meetings Act violation only one of them could go. This was corrected by April Trickey, the Borough Clerk, that two of them could attend. Discussion on this topic ensued. It was determined that the total number of commissioners that could attend was three according to the Open Meetings Act.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

PEIRSOL,  
Seconded by VILTRAKIS

moved to approve the agenda and consent  
agenda as read.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA - continued**

Yeses: Viltrakis, Gutoski, Peirsol, Reckard

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 4 Yeses, 0 Noes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. \* Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes of May 18, 2021.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review of Historic Preservation Commission Potential Project List

This was not discussed.

2. Discussion of the Office of History and Archaeology Certified Local Government Grants.

There was no further discussion, but the website, <https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds>, was shared.

3. Discussion of possible resources for a historic house relocation from 313 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

There was no further discussion.

4. Review and Potential Recommendations Regarding Section 106 Projects.

- 3.a. Project B1406 Walkway and Railing

Ms. Kellner presented a report and recommended that no historical properties were affected. The commission asked that this item be included on the next meeting's agenda.

- 3.b. Project B1051 Install Insulation and Snow Guards

**NEW BUSINESS - continued**

Ms. Kellner presented a report and recommended that no historical properties were affected. The commission asked that this item be included on the next meeting's agenda.

3.c. Project B1557 Exterior Personnel Door Replacement

Ms. Kellner presented a report and recommended that no historical properties were affected. The commission asked that this item be included on the next meeting's agenda.

3.d. Project B1562 Exterior Renovation

Ms. Kellner presented a report and could not make a recommendation to the commission. The commission asked that this item be included on the next meeting's agenda.

**EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

NONE

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Approved October 6, 2021.

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
Chena Riverfront Commission  
September 22, 2021  
12:07 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Chena Riverfront Commission was held Wednesday, September 22, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present appearing telephonically and in person:

Diana Campbell	Robert Henszey
Julie Jones (Joined at 1:10 p.m.)	Gregory Barker
Lee Wood	Annette Freiburger, Vice-Chairperson
Buki Wright, Chairperson	

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Sharon Wittenkeller, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk  
Kellen Spillman, Acting Community Planning Director  
Melissa Kellner, Acting Community Planning Deputy Director  
Donnie Hayes, Parks and Recreation, Director  
Brian Charlton, Parks and Recreation, Project Coordinator  
Andrew Ackerman, City of Fairbanks, Environmental Manager  
John Netardus, State of Alaska DOT&PF, Engineer/Architect II  
Jackson Fox, FAST Planning, Executive Director  
Ashley Carrick, Tanana Valley Watershed Association, Executive Director

Absent & Excused

Wade Binkley

**MESSAGES**

1. Chair's Comments

Chair Wright reminded everyone to mute their microphones on Zoom when they are not speaking and warned he could possibly experience technical difficulties with his connection on Zoom.

**Messages – continued**

2.a. Citizen’s Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

NONE

2.b. Citizen’s Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

NONE

3. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Wright requested to move item H.1. ahead of item G.1. on the agenda.

HENSZEY,  
Seconded by WOOD

moved to approve the agenda as re-ordered and consent agenda as read.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS RE-ORDERED AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses: Barker, Campbell, Henszey, Wood, Freiburger, Wright

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 0 Noes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. \*Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2021.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

**REPORTS**

1.a. Status updates on Chena Riverfront Commission Project List by Acting Community Planning Director Kellen Spillman.

Kellen Spillman, Acting Community Planning Director, explained the Chena Riverfront Commission Project List was updated and informed the Commission if anyone had updates or additions to include on the project list to let him know. Mr. Spillman noted



## **REPORTS – continued**

Community Planning staff vacancies and a rezone application that was submitted for property along the Chena River in the Smith Ranch neighborhood which will be forwarded to the Chena Riverfront Commission for review.

### 1.b. Status Update of Letter of Support to FAST Planning regarding River Safety Signage.

Chair Wright explained the letter of support was completed and sent.

### 1.c. Status of the State of Alaska Chena River State Recreation Site (Wayside) by Brian Charlton Project Coordinator with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Brian Charlton, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator, shared the reply he received from State Parks, which noted the Chena River State Recreation Site will remain closed for the time being. They expressed they are currently strategizing on what the future of the site looks like. Unfortunately, they do not know what this means for the 2022 season. Mr. Charlton has the contact information if anyone would like to discuss it with them further.

Mr. Charlton expressed his understanding of the situation, which was, there were issues with partying, homeless frequenting, and difficulty with enforcement because it is a state facility within the city. It was also his understanding that due to staffing issues they are on hold and will not be open for the 2022 summer.

Mr. Charlton further noted from his experience working at the facility, is the rangers experienced challenges dealing with the facility. The facility needs a full-time employee, and it is operated by volunteers.

Commissioner Henszey commented it is worth looking into seeing if there is something the Commission can do. He further explained it is one of the few areas that has native vegetation growing along the Chena River.

Mr. Charlton stated a letter to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks Commissioner or Director stating their support for keeping the facility could be useful.

Chair Wright inquired if Commissioner Henszey would draft a letter of support before the next meeting. Commissioner Henszey accepted.

### 1.d Status Update on the Alaska DOT&PF Riverfront Projects by John Netardus.

John Netardus, State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), provided status updates on the following DOT&PF riverfront projects:

## **REPORTS – continued**

University Avenue, Wendell Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Growden Park path, Chena River Walk Phase III, Airport Way West, Cushman Street Bridge, Steese Bridge Redecking, and Cowles Street Reconstruction.

Chair Wright inquired on the following:

- Growden Park Project, status of seeding and who is responsible for the interpretative signs. It was answered dormant seeding is going down this week and the interpretive signs were done by FNSB Parks and Rec, Brian Charlton and team, who conducted the research.
- Cushman Street Bridge Project, projection of the bridge closure and how it would be detoured. It was answered most likely a year bridge closure, and Mr. Netardus stated he would follow up with definitive answers.
- Cowles Street Project, construction year. It was unknown at the time.

Andrew Ackerman, City of Fairbanks, Environmental Manager, inquired about the new ADA ramps in relation to the Cowles Street Project; whether it is due to the project being extended into the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue intersection or whether it is that the design originally neglected the ramps. It was answered, a little of both, it was neglected, and they did extend it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review the Draft Pioneer Park Master Plan and determine if the plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Chena Riverfront Plan and make a recommendation to the Borough Mayor.

Kellen Spillman, Acting Community Planning Director, expressed FNSB Mayor Ward officially requested the Chena Riverfront Commission to weigh in on the Draft Pioneer Park Master Plan. They were hoping to receive action from the Commission at the meeting. He noted Donnie Hayes, Parks and Recreation Director, would provide the presentation and Melissa Kellner, Acting Community Planning Deputy Director, analyzed the Draft Pioneer Park Master Plan in terms of consistency with the Chena Riverfront Plan, and would follow up with comments.

It was noted this meeting was the best opportunity to weigh-in and provide action, as the draft plan is also going before the Planning Commission, and Assembly for an official resolution, and they appreciate input on the consistency with the Chena Riverfront Plan.

Donnie Hayes, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a presentation on the Draft Pioneer Park Master Plan and focused on some projects and ideas planned along the river.

## **NEW BUSINESS – continued**

Commissioners and Liaisons questioned and discussed with Mr. Hayes the following:

- Additional details on the Chena Heritage portion of the park; proposed buildings and how Chena River frontage is proposed to change.
  - It was noted the new facility would be relocated along Peger Road. The parking spaces along Peger Road would be increased, making parking more convenient, to be able to pull right up to the facility which would include such attractions as restaurants, gathering space, the Bear Gallery, office space for the Art Association, and a preschool. A new round-a-bout and parking spaces will also be constructed as well as a drive down dock. As the plan is in draft form, these are general ideas and none of the facilities have currently been engineered. Once funding is approved, work may begin on actual planning.
- Whether the plan includes expanding the grass contact with the river from what there is currently, or if it will be kept roughly the same. It was answered the grass area will not be directly moved onto the bank; it is all above, or south of, the actual trail itself where the trail will be added.
- Theater in the Centennial Hall; would there be space available for the theater in the multi-purpose space. It was answered there would not be a theater built in, but there will be the availability as a gathering space that has the option to have temporary staging built and portable seating.
- View deck on structures near the river; whether it is still within the plan. It was answered yes, on several structures.
- Whether the Alaska Railroad is planning to develop homes on the other side of Chena River Walk, and whether natural vegetation along the river will disappear. It was answered the area is zoned GU1 with a multitude of allowable uses within that zone. There are no immediate plans for development.

Melissa Kellner, Acting Community Planning Deputy Director, provided an overview on the consistency of the Draft Pioneer Park Master Plan with the Chena Riverfront Plan. Two similar themes particular to the river within the plans are access to the river and the community's connection to the river. Other similar themes included location, facilities' projects such as viewing platforms, interpretive signs, seating, food vendor near the river, improved parking near the river, a new north entrance and a new north pavilion, public-private partnerships help meet the Chena Riverfront Plan goals.

Ms. Kellner further explained her review of the Regional Comprehensive Plan broader goals, the Chena Riverfront Plan is a component of the Comp Plan, which the Chena Riverfront Commission and Planning Commission will take this into consideration for consistency between the two plans. Broader goals included land use goal 4, environmental goal 3, community and human resources goal 1.

**NEW BUSINESS – continued**

The Community Planning Department recommended the Chena Riverfront Commission recognize the Draft Pioneer Park Master Plan as being consistent with the Chena Riverfront Plan.

Commissioner Campbell inquired about the native village, and if any of the original components would remain. It was answered yes, there will still be components of the Native Village including the totem poles, and restoration to one of the Kashims will occur. Parks and Recreation is exploring ways to partner with groups such as World Eskimo Indian Olympics (WEIO) to do presentations in the gathering space. One of the members of the advisory committee is a member of Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) and provided great feedback on ways in which the park can connect with Native Alaskan organizations.

Commissioner Campbell pointed out that Kashim comes from the northern Inupiat region, totems come from the southeast region, and there is a vibrant native community of Athabascan, and the Chena Indians in the interior region. Chena is an Athabascan name. Commissioner Campbell would like to see the rich heritage reflected within the park. The masks outside of the Civic Center are traditionally Inupiat or Yupik forms of art. She expressed the important connection of the river. She suggested a tour of Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center and the Doyon, Limited lobby, all of it was designed with the closeness to the seasons, land and rivers in mind.

Commissioner Freiburger supported the comments from Commissioner Campbell and added other groups were more represented. She noted, in the past FNA did have an active role when they had the native village going, presentations, plays, etc., but it was not sustainable. She was excited about the park plan, more access to the river and hopes to have a walkway on the other side of the river. She liked the idea of the parking spots being relocated, things moving away from the river, and opening it up. She expressed there is great compatibility with the goals of the Commission and applauded those who participated in the plan.

FREIBURGER,  
Seconded by CAMPBELL

moved to recommend to the FNSB Mayor and Assembly, per FNSBC 4.32.090(G), that the Draft Pioneer Park Master Plan is consistent with the Chena Riverfront Plan.

Commissioner Campbell asked if it had to be called "Pioneer Park" and expressed a better name would be Chena Park.

Chair Wright replied, yes, it has to be called Pioneer Park, because that is what it is. It is certainly worth talking about in the future, at the moment they don't have the ability to.

**NEW BUSINESS – continued**

Commissioner Jones stated public testimony was available for several months to provide feedback on the plan, but it is now closed.

Mr. Hayes expressed in the draft master plan there is a section which addresses the community’s concerns about the name of the park. The plan does not state they are going to change the name, but it does state it is something that needs to be discussed in a much stronger, more open public comment period. It was too large of a project to focus on specifically in the draft master plan, but it is built into it to address in the future.

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE FNSB MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY, PER FNSBC 4.32.090(G), THAT THE DRAFT PIONEER PARK MASTER PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CHENA RIVERFRONT PLAN.

Yeses: Henszey, Campbell, Wood, Freiburger, Jones, Barker, Wright

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 7 Yeses, 0 Noes

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Update and possible recommendation on the maintenance of the Chena Riverwalk Phase III Project by Jackson Fox, FAST Planning and Community Planning.

Mr. Spillman shared an updated from Mr. Fox; no new updates, other than they anticipate opening the right-of-way phase for the federal project in October. Preliminary discussions with the City of Fairbanks, indicate they may be willing to take on summer maintenance if Borough Parks and Recreation assisted with winter maintenance. The maintenance commitment has not been discussed at the council finance committee meeting, both decisions have yet to be made. Mr. Spillman recommended keeping this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

NONE

**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Henszey stated he was pleased with the Draft Pioneer Park Master Plan presentation.

**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – continued**

Mr. Charlton credited Laura Minski for the interpretive signs at Growden Park path.

Mr. Spillman commented on behalf of Mr. Fox, noting Mr. Fox submitted a Borough Capital Improvement Project (CIP) project nomination for the Chena Riverfront safety signage as an official project to be included in the CIP, which included the letter of support from the Chena Riverfront Commission, Borough Parks and Recreation, Fairbanks Paddlers, and the Storm Water District.

Ms. Kellner was pleased to attend the meeting and appreciated Mr. Hayes presentation. She noted Mr. Hayes will also present the Draft Pioneer Park Master Plan to the Historic Preservation Commission at their next meeting on October 6, 2021 and ensuring all the boards and commissions are included in the process.

**ADJOURNMENT**


There being no further business to come before the Chena Riverfront Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

APPROVED: October 27, 2021

*City of Fairbanks*

**MEMORANDUM**



To: City Council Members  
From: Jim Matherly, City Mayor   
Subj: Request for Concurrence – Chena Riverfront Commission  
Date: November 3, 2021

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The three-year term of one of the City-represented seats on the Joint City/Borough Chena Riverfront Commission will expire on December 31, 2021. The incumbent, Gregory Barker, has applied for reappointment.

I hereby request your concurrence to the following **reappointment**:

Mr. Gregory Barker                      Term to Expire: December 31, 2024

Mr. Barker's application is attached.

Thank you.

dds/



## Board Details

The Chena Riverfront Commission is charged with the planning and development of riverfront property along the Chena River from Fort Wainwright to the confluence of the Chena and Tanana rivers. The Commission is a joint Commission between the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough per FNSB Code and City Code. The Commission is supported administratively by the FNSB Community Planning Department and under the Fairbanks General Code, Division 10, Section 2. This Commission is up for reauthorization every six years, by ordinance.

### Overview

**Size** 5 Seats

**Term Length** 3 Years

**Term Limit** N/A

### Additional

#### Board/Commission Characteristics

The Chena Riverfront Commission shall consist of 11 people who are residents of the Borough. The Borough Mayor shall appoint six members, who shall be confirmed by the Assembly. The City Mayor shall appoint five members, who shall be confirmed by the City Council. The terms of office shall be three years.

#### Meetings

The Chena Riverfront Commission shall meet at least once quarterly. A quorum of the Commission shall consist of six members. Approval of an action of the Commission shall require a majority of affirmative votes of the members present.

#### Enacting Legislation

FGC 2-421 through 2-431

#### Enacting Legislation Website

<http://bit.ly/2A6SvgM>

#### Joint Commission Details

This is a Joint Commission with appointments from multiple jurisdictions. Only City-appointed seats are listed on the membership roster. If there is a vacancy for one of the five City-appointed seats, you may apply through this website. For a complete member listing, visit the Fairbanks North Star Borough website at <http://bit.ly/2ghzhiX>.

#### Email the Commission Members

N/A



**Profile**

Gregory

First Name

Barker

Last Name

Email Address

**Are you a City of Fairbanks resident? \***

Yes

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Joint FNSB - Chena Riverfront Commission: Submitted

**Interests and Experiences**

**Why are you interested in serving on a City board or commission? What experiences can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?**

I think being in the construction field, and being a Storm Water Manager, I can add a different perspective to questions.

**Please provide a brief personal biography in the space below, or attach a resume.**

I am a 50 year old man, who has been involved in Environmental and Safety for a construction company in the interior for the last 5 years. I am their Storm Water Manager, and have quite a bit of experience with near river work, as well as river bank work, and restoration

**List any professional licenses or training you believe are relevant to the seat you are applying for.**

AK-CESCL card holder