



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 06, 2021
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council via Zoom webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor Jim Matherly presiding and with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Jerry Cleworth, 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)
 Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director (remotely)
 Ron Dupee, Police Chief
 Rick Sweet, Deputy Police Chief
 Tod Chambers, Fire Chief
 Robert Pristash, City Engineer
 Clem Clooten, Building Official (remotely)
 Jeff Jacobson, PW Director (remotely)
 Teal Soden, PR Director (remotely)

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Matherly asked Mr. Clark to lead the Flag Salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Franklin Eagle, Fairbanks – Mr. Eagle shared his appreciation for Resolution No. 4998 and commended the Council for passing Resolution No. 4946, which encouraged masking and social distancing. He went on to ask that the Council encourage vaccinations, as that is the only way to

stop the virus. He concluded by asking the Council to put aside political differences, amend the resolution, and encourage the citizens of Fairbanks to stand united by supporting the requirement to show proof of vaccinations to enter businesses.

Mr. Clark asked Mr. Eagle if he would prefer a vaccination mandate. Mr. Eagle confirmed that he would.

Kelvin Lee, Fairbanks – Mr. Lee shared a letter to the editor regarding the City's homeless problem, specifically the story about a man who recently froze to death after being trespassed. He went on to share the importance of maintaining the conversation, adding that many people are unaware of the situations that lead to homelessness. Mr. Lee stated that there are many organizations that want to help, but they will require the assistance of the City.

Roscoe Britton, Fairbanks – Mr. Britton spoke about a series that ran on Channel 11 regarding homelessness and the organizations that are helping. He went on to add his disappointment that someone froze to death because they did not have anywhere to go; he asked how many more lives would have to be lost before solutions were provided. Mr. Britton asked the Council for a Work Session to discuss a cold weather plan as well as provide a forum to learn about homelessness.

Mr. Gibson asked what else the Council could provide outside of a Work Session; Mr. Lee responded that there is not currently a specific need, but they would be asking the Council for support as they work towards opening a Homeless Engagement Center.

Ms. Rogers asked about the previously discussed leadership of the Housing and Homeless Coalition. Mr. Britton stated that one individual had been appointed as interim coordinator, and they were working hard to ensure that the strategic goals of the group were maintained. **Ms. Rogers** asked if the Coalition had secured any new funding to replace the loss of the Alaska Mental Health Trust grant. Mr. Britton stated that there had been some research done in regard to new funding and that they would be likely asking the City for help in securing grants to hire a new coordinator.

Jim Richardson, Fairbanks – Mr. Richardson shared that he and his wife had recently attended the symphony, adding that it was a wonderful experience that displayed the ability of the community to work together. He asked that the Council allow people to make their own decisions regarding vaccinations and to vote against Resolution No. 4998.

Megan Olsen-Seville, Fairbanks Arts Association – Ms. Olsen-Seville shared that she is the Interim Director with the Fairbanks Arts Association and thanked the Council for the opportunity to apply for discretionary funds. She expressed disappointment at learning her organization had been disqualified for failing to properly identify the receipt of COVID relief funds on their application. She shared that the organization supports twelve subgrantees who have been receiving funds from the City's discretionary fund for many years. She added that the arts community plays a large part in local tourism and asked the Council to please reconsider the application.

Ms. Therrien asked how much funding the Association had applied for; Ms. Olsen-Seville stated that they had requested \$94,000 and had received \$64,000 the previous year.

Ms. Rogers asked Ms. Olsen-Seville if she had contacted the Mayor. Ms. Olsen-Seville stated she sent an email, and Mayor Matherly stated that he would address the issue in his comments.

Hearing no more requests for in-person comments, individuals on Zoom were heard next.

Patrick Levy, Fairbanks – Mr. Levy shared that he was the owner of Fairbanks Distilling Company and spoke against Resolution No. 4998, adding that it implied action of the City to penalize businesses who require vaccinations. He stated that the businesses requiring proof of vaccination are doing so within their rights and under the recommendation of healthcare providers. He added that by passing the resolution during a red-alert status, the Council would be effectively encouraging the spread of COVID-19 infections.

Mr. Clark asked Mr. Levy for suggestions to unite the community without dividing them by allowing only certain people to patronize his business. Mr. Levy stated that there are many ways to unite the community without directly addressing the pandemic, adding that continuing to encourage masking and social distancing would be helpful. **Mr. Clark** asked Mr. Levy if he would prefer a vaccine mandate, and Mr. Levy stated it would be a viable way to end the pandemic.

Hearing no more requests for in-person or Zoom comments, City Clerk Snider read the following written comments into the record:

Julie Smyth, Fairbanks – Ms. Smyth wrote in support of something that would officially recognize local tribal governments and encourage a good relationship between governments, adding that such collaboration would better address issues that impact the citizens of the City. Ms. Smyth also spoke against both versions of Resolution No. 4998, adding that it was not appropriate and only stood to cause more division within the community. She stated that the City should remain neutral on the very personal subject of vaccinations and vote no on Resolution No. 4998.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ms. Therrien requested that the order of items 11(d) and 11(a) be switched.

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 into the record.

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
710	Mecca Bar	Beverage Dispensary	JRB, Inc.	549 2nd Avenue
4156	Holiday #622	Package Store	Holiday Alaska, LLC	2300 S. Cushman Street
5927	Hyatt Place Fairbanks	Beverage Dispensary – Tourism	Fairbanks Hospitality, LLC	400 Merhar Avenue

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Renewal for License No. 710, dba Mecca Bar.

Mr. Cleworth declared a conflict of interest as his business is adjacent to the Mecca Bar.

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

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

Mayor Matherly asked Police Chief Dupee to speak to any concerns regarding the Mecca Bar liquor license. Chief Dupee stated that he did not have any concerns.

Mr. Marney stated that there were four pages of calls reported for the Mecca Bar, and he felt that made the property a nuisance; he asked Chief Dupee to explain. Chief Dupee stated that all calls must have a physical address attributed to them. He explained that calls on the list are to the physical location, not necessarily to the business.

Ms. Therrien asked if there were reports available that showed only relevant calls to the establishment without the added calls to only the physical address. Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC) Manager Kristi Meredith stated that the Council had chosen not to change the way the reports were provided but that she could compile some different reporting methods to give the Council more options for their review.

Mayor Matherly stated that the issue has been brought up before and encouraged the Council to trust the recommendations of the Department Heads, adding that they review each application for renewal prior to the Council's consideration.

Mr. Clark asked if it would be appropriate to hear input from Mr. Cleworth even though he had declared a conflict of interest. **Mr. Cleworth** declined to comment.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL FOR LICENSE NO. 710, DBA MECCA BAR, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Clark, Therrien, Rogers, Gibson

NAYS: Marney

ABSTAIN: Cleworth

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Gibson, seconded by **Mr. Clark**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Applications for Renewal for License Nos. 4156 and 5927.

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

Ms. Rogers asked Chief Dupee to provide more information on the call regarding a bomb threat at the Hyatt Place. Chief Dupee stated that an individual suffering from mental illness had called the hotel with a bomb threat and, coincidentally, shortly thereafter a package arrived at the hotel. He stated that the package was examined and found to be a legitimate delivery. He stated that the individual who had made the threat was helped.

Mr. Gibson asked if there was a way to distinguish calls between the Holiday convenience store and package store, which are located in the same building. Chief Dupee stated that it is an extremely busy location and that there is no way to separate the two businesses on the call list.

Mr. Cleworth asked for clarification on trespasses, including new and previous transgressions, adding a request for clarification for repeat offenders. Chief Dupee stated that regardless of the number of trespasses, individuals are asked to leave. He stated that if they leave peacefully, nothing further is done unless it is recommended by the District Attorney. **Mr. Cleworth** asked when a person might be arrested for trespassing, to which Chief Dupee replied that an arrest is made only when they refuse to leave. **Mr. Cleworth** went stated that some businesses have had so many calls to Dispatch for trespasses that the FPD began billing them for the calls. He indicated that nuisance properties should be addressed, even if the City's only option is to deal with the issue financially.

Mr. Marney stated that the Holiday property is constantly featured in the newspaper for nefarious activity, adding that it was not a good thing for the City.

Mayor Matherly stated that police officers will begin using local gas stations to fill their patrol vehicles, and their presence will help deter bad behavior. He went on to state that he uses the Holiday station often, that it is very busy, and he understood the Council's concern.

Chief Dupee added that the report before the Council does not show whether officers are dispatched and that many times trespass calls are resolved without a police response.

Mr. Gibson stated that no matter of the Council's recommendation on the license application, it would not likely stop the trespass or calls to the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). He stated that it would only hurt the business.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL FOR LICENSE NOS. 4156 AND 5927 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

b) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Marijuana License Applications for Renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
20827	Good Titrations	Retail Marijuana Store & Onsite Consumption Endorsement	FSE, Inc.	506 Merhar Avenue
10958	Green Life Supply, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Green Life Supply, LLC	511 30th Avenue
11927	Green Life Supply, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Green Life Supply, LLC	511 30th Avenue
10278	GoodSinse, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road
10279	GoodSinse, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road

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

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

Ms. Therrien noted the delinquent state tax payment made by Green Life Supply, stating that it appeared to be an issue resulting from the Memorial Day Holiday. She suggested that the Council provide them some leeway.

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

c) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following new Liquor License Application:

Type/License: Recreational Site/License #5998

DBA: Riverside Eats and Drinks

Applicant: Malemute, Inc.

Location: 2010 2nd Avenue, Fairbanks

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the new Liquor License Application.

Mayor Matherly called for testimony and hearing no requests for in-person comments, individuals on Zoom were heard next.

Beth Richards, Owner of Riverside Eats and Drinks – Ms. Richards explained that the recreational site license at the location was previously held by ASM Global Management Facility for use at the Carlson Center and offered to answer any questions the Council might have.

Ms. Therrien asked whether recreational site licenses were considered different than other types of licenses, such as licenses for package stores and bars. Clerk Snider explained that recreational site licenses are considered as a separate type of license when it comes to population limits.

Ms. Rogers thanked Mr. and Ms. Richards for their participation in the meeting.

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 NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Matherly stated that he still encourages masking and social distancing practices, as well as getting vaccinated. He added that the local infection numbers seem to be declining and noted that the current vaccination rate in the state is about 55-60%. He commented that he does not believe in mandating masks or vaccines and would not be comfortable recommending business owners make decisions based on a City resolution. **Mayor Matherly** expressed his agreement with Mr. Eagle, stating that the issue of vaccinations has become highly politicized when it really should not be. He went on to address Ms. Olsen-Seville by sharing his experience on the Discretionary Fund Committee when the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics organization was disqualified based on a minor issue. He explained that funds are limited, and it is not easy for the Committee to disqualify worthy candidates that need the funds. **Mayor Matherly** spoke to the homelessness issue and to the problems the City encounters in dealing with those issues. He offered his support in securing grants and in other ways the City may help organizations that are working hard to reduce homelessness. He spoke about the letter to the editor written by Ms. Krause and inquired about contact information for her. **Ms. Therrien** stated that Ms. Krause could be contacted at the Immaculate Conception Church (ICC). **Mayor Matherly** recognized former Council Member Kun's commitment to asking people to reach out to loved ones; he asked everyone to do so over the holidays, encouraging them to give a little of what they have.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Clark stated he had no comments.

Mr. Marney thanked Mr. Eagle and Ms. Olsen-Seville for their participation, adding that he did not believe there was much the Committee could do regarding the disqualification of the Arts Association. He shared in the sadness that someone passed away due to exposure from sleeping outside, noting the many churches and organizations that should be able to help.

Mr. Gibson thanked the representative from the Arts Association for coming and suggested that perhaps the Discretionary Fund could address the rules used to make their decisions, noting that it is a tough Committee to serve on. **Mr. Gibson** addressed the homelessness issue and requested that the Borough be involved if there is a Work Session, as homelessness is an issue that does not stop at the City limits.

Mayor Matherly encouraged Council members to reach out to Assembly members and start a discussion.

Mr. Cleworth asked that if a Work Session is to be held regarding homelessness that some preliminary information be provided, such as the current services and number of beds available. He emphasized the need for education around the issue and suggested that valuable players be involved for a more productive discussion.

Ms. Rogers thanked Mr. Lee and Mr. Britton for attending and for their work within the community; she agreed that the homeless conversation needs to continue. She went on to speak about the Discretionary Fund Committee, adding that there is not an appeal process in place for organizations that are disqualified; she stated that it may be something for the Committee to consider. She stated that while it would be unfair for one organization to receive an exemption at this time, she was saddened to hear of the disqualification.

Ms. Therrien shared her interest in furthering the discussion around the homelessness issue, noting that the Fairbanks community had been recognized at the AML conference as a shining example for what is being done for the homeless population. She added that the sooner a Work Session can be done, the better, and she suggested holding the Work Session in February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Due to the changes made under "Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda" the order of New Business items was rearranged.

- a) Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Sections 2-87, 2-114, and 2-115 Regarding Council Member Absences and Remote Participation. Introduced by Council Members Therrien and Gibson. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended, by substituting the proposed version of Ordinance 6188, as Amended.

Mayor Matherly called for objection on the motion to AMEND Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended, by substituting the proposed version of Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended, and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Matherly called for Public Testimony. Clerk Snider read the following written comment into the record:

Julie Smyth, Fairbanks – Ms. Smyth spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended, and not the proposed substitute. She stated that placing restrictions on virtual attendance for Council members may discourage future candidates. She stated that written testimony has worked well for her, and she thanked the City Clerk for reading testimonies into the record and for keeping the

public informed. She concluded by asking the Council to vote for Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended, and not the proposed substitute.

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

Ms. Therrien noted that the proposed substitute provides for Council members to attend virtually for COVID-19 issues as well as for other medical issues. She stated that it also addresses Mr. Cleworth's concerns for in-person participation; she spoke in support of the proposed substitute.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Clark**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended, Sec 2-115(b), by striking "90 continuous days" and replacing with "6 consecutive City Council meetings;" and by striking "30 continuous days" and replacing with "2 consecutive City Council meetings."

Mr. Cleworth explained that the amendment would help eliminate confusion regarding when a 90-day period would begin or end. He stated that his concern is primarily for City Council meetings and that he did not intend for the language to apply to other meetings.

Mr. Cleworth, with concurrence of the Second, changed the language of the amendment to include the words "regularly scheduled" after the word "consecutive" in both portions.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6188, AS AMENDED, SEC. 2-115(b), BY STRIKING "90 CONTINUOUS DAYS" AND REPLACING WITH "6 CONSECUTIVE, REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS;" AND BY STRIKING "30 CONTINUOUS DAYS" AND REPLACING WITH "2 CONSECUTIVE, REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS" AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended, Sec. 2-114(b), by striking the sentence, "The Council may, by Resolution, adopt procedures for the public to provide written testimony to the Council."

Ms. Therrien stated that her intent had been for the City Clerk to develop procedures regarding written comment and not the Council.

Mr. Cleworth clarified that he was proposing to strike written testimony in general, adding that the public can email each Council member or send letters to the City Clerk. He noted that the Council is responsible to read those communications. He stated that neither of those types of communications are read into the record. **Mr. Cleworth** added that reading comments into the record is not a necessary process, given the ability of the public to testify in person and remotely.

Ms. Therrien asked Clerk Snider to provide input. Clerk Snider stated that while developing procedures would not be difficult, she felt there were other concerns to be considered with written

testimony being read into the record. She reiterated the many ways the public is currently able to communicate with and testify before the Council. She expressed concerns with equity when faced with the public comment time constraints and the priority given to in-person and Zoom comments. Clerk Snider also expressed her discomfort with it being the Clerk's responsibility to determine what should or should not be read into the record when the rules of decorum are not followed or when profane and obscene language is used. She concluded by stating that the City does not have reasonable means to decipher who is submitting written testimony, alluding to the possibility of an individual abusing that platform to submit multiple comments.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6188, AS AMENDED, SEC. 2-114(b), BY STRIKING THE SENTENCE, "THE COUNCIL MAY, BY RESOLUTION, ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE COUNCIL" AS FOLLOWS:

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6188, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Marney, Clark, Therrien, Rogers, Gibson
NAYS: None
Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6188, as Amended ADOPTED.

- b) Resolution No. 4998 – A Resolution Discouraging Local Businesses from Requiring Proof of Vaccination. Introduced by Council Member Clark. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of November 22, 2021

The motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 4998 was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Cleworth at the November 22, 2021 Regular Meeting and remained on the floor.

Mr. Clark, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 4998 by substituting Resolution No. 4998, as Amended.

Mayor Matherly called for objection on the motion to AMEND Resolution No. 4998 by substituting Resolution No. 4998, as Amended, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mr. Clark stated he felt the City was obligated to support all citizens and that felt strongly opposed to business owners requiring proof of vaccination; he stated that requires citizens to disclose personal, medical information. He stated that the intent of the resolution is to support all citizens, regardless of their vaccination status.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the vaccination issue is very divided and does not always coincide with political affiliations. He added that the only version of the resolution he could support is one that supported business owners' rights.

Mr. Clark stated he would support amendments as long as they did not encourage business owners to request personal, medical information.

Mr. Cleworth stated he supports protecting the rights business owners, and he is not interested in supporting a resolution that suggests that business owners should or should not require proof of vaccination. He asked if Mr. Clark would be in favor of an additional postponement to reword the resolution in favor of business owners' rights.

Mr. Clark stated his appreciation for the way Mayor Matherly has actively encouraged social distancing and masking without ostracizing citizens who chose not to do so. He stated he felt the resolution should be voted on presently and not be postponed, adding that many liberties have been given up; he expressed fear that it would only get worse.

Mr. Gibson stated that he understood the intent behind the resolution and agreed that requiring proof of vaccination is a divisive issue. He added that he also respects a business owner's right to make decisions about their operations, adding that citizens who value their privacy have a choice about whether to patronize a business. **Mr. Gibson** spoke in disagreement with the idea that citizens who receive vaccinations are heroes, adding that there are many reasons people choose not to receive the vaccine.

Ms. Therrien spoke against the resolution and the proposed substitution. She stated that it is important to allow businesses to make their own operational decisions.

Ms. Rogers stated that she did not agree with the resolution, even with the proposed substitution.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4998, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

c) Ordinance No. 6187 – An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets. Introduced by Mayor Matherly. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Gibson, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6187.

Mayor Matherly called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened following the brief recess with the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 6187 on the floor.

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

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to POSTPONE Ordinance No. 6187 until the next Regular City Council Meeting.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE NO. 6187 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- d) 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. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2021.

The motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 4996 was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Clark at the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting and remained on the floor.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4996 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Clark, Cleworth, Gibson, Marney,

NAYS: Rogers, Therrien

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 4996 APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6189 – An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Fifth Time. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

- a) Committee Reports

Mr. Cleworth commented on the cabinet work that had been done to enclose Mr. Fairbanks’ chair over the trophy case in the front entrance of City Hall and added that it looked nice.

Ms. Rogers shared that the Homeless and Housing Committee meets on the last Thursday of each month and stated that the public is welcome to attend; she added that there is always a need for volunteers. She noted that the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) would meet the following week and that the Crisis NOW group would meet on December 10 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Ms. Rogers** recognized the work the City has done to include the public, adding that the City Clerk has done a fine job of keeping everyone connected.

Ms. Therrien stated she attended the Polaris Work Group meeting in November where the group received an update regarding the costs and the status of federal funding. She added that there was progress made in putting together a request for proposals to start the demolition process. She went on to share that the North Star Ballet had provided a wonderful “Nutcracker” performance and that she had also watched performances by the Sweet Adelines and a barbershop quartet, which were also wonderful.

Mr. Clark stated he had no comments.

Mr. Marney shared that the Discretionary Fund Committee would be holding a practice Zoom presentation meeting for applicants wishing to present remotely, with the official presentation meeting to follow on December 15, 2021.

Mr. Gibson stated that the Public Works department does not get enough credit for the great work that they do.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) Memorandum Regarding Finance Department Permanent Positions

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2021

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2021

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

CITY CLERK’S REPORT

- a) Memorandum Regarding Request for Second Hearing, Lefty’s Liquor License

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ENTER Executive Session to discuss the Public Safety Employees Association Labor Negotiation Strategy.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Public Safety Employees Association Labor Negotiation Strategy

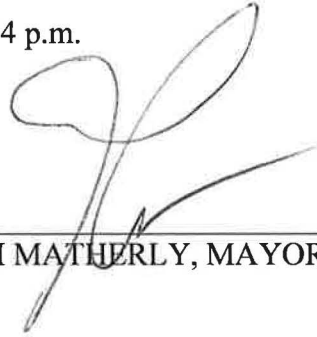
The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss the Public Safety Employees Association Labor Negotiation Strategy. Direction was given to the negotiating team, and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Matherly declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Matherly', is written above a horizontal line.

JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Danyielle Snider', is written above a horizontal line.

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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