



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 9, 2022
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:00 p.m. Work Session to discuss the Fairbanks Downtown Plan, 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)
 D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
 Paul Ewers, City Attorney
 Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff
 Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)
 Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
 Ron Dupee, Police Chief
 Rick Sweet, Deputy Police Chief
 Scott Raygor, Fire Chief
 Clem Clooten, Building Official (remotely)
 Teal Soden, Communications Director

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of Mayor Matherly, **Mr. Gibson** lead the Flag Salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Chris Miller, Fairbanks – C. Miller spoke to the Downtown Plan work session, adding that he had purchased property in the downtown area 15 years prior when the plan discussion had originally started. He encouraged the Council to use its authority to encourage downtown growth and asked that they provide feedback to the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) on the plan.

Mr. Cleworth recognized C. Miller for his work on the original committee and asked if he had been happy with the work accomplished at that time. C. Miller stated that he had been encouraged by the community's desire to work towards a plan but that progress has been too slow.

Ms. Rogers asked for clarification on C. Miller's comments and how the City might work better with the FNSB. C. Miller stated that he would like for the Council to provide specific feedback to the planning committee sooner rather than later. **Ms. Rogers** asked if C. Miller would be willing to serve on a subcommittee to make recommendations to the planning committee; C. Miller indicated that he would be willing to help.

Mr. Clark asked C. Miller what drove him to purchase property in the downtown area; C. Miller stated that it was a private investment inspired by the desire to revitalize the community.

Jeff Dyer, Fairbanks – J. Dyer spoke to a snow dump area on the Steese Highway that hosts homeless camps; he stated that this past year had been particularly bad with a lot of yelling, cutting of trees, and so on. He asked that the City consider a ban on compression brake usage in City limits, adding that it is extremely bothersome during late hours and may have been a contributing factor to his neighbor selling his property.

Mr. Clark asked J. Dyer about the response he had received when he called about the homeless camp. J. Dyer stated that Public Works has always been very helpful and responsive.

David Long, Fairbanks – D. Long shared his support for the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD). He stated that he installed fire sprinklers and other fire suppression systems in the area and that many of the local businesses that he works with do not receive annual fire inspections. He asked that the Council support funding to provide code enforcement and require that local businesses provide proof of annual fire inspections prior to renewing their City business license.

Frank Tomaszewski, Fairbanks – F. Tomaszewski clarified that he was not speaking on behalf of the Borough Assembly. He spoke to FNSB Ordinance No. 2022-24, which would change the local election dates to coincide with the State election. He stated that his intention in drafting the ordinance was to increase voter turnout for local elections. He acknowledged that, like all worthwhile things, the change would take time and effort. He asked the Council to table its resolution in opposition to the FNSB ordinance.

David van den Berg, Downtown Association Executive Director – D. van den Berg shared his excitement for the Downtown Plan, the goals that are being set, and the Plan's implementation. He added that he felt the evening's work session had gone better than the previous one. He went on to ask about the progress being made towards increasing public safety in the Golden Heart Plaza.

Ms. Rogers asked D. van den Berg what he believed made this work session better than the last one, and D. van den Berg stated that the work session had been more of a discussion rather than a presentation to the Council.

Mr. Cleworth asked D. van den Berg what his top two priorities for the downtown area would be. D. van den Berg replied that his priorities would be to incentivize downtown growth and address parking issues.

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

Julie Smyth, Fairbanks – J. Smyth provided a land acknowledgment.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Cleworth pulled item 12(a), Resolution No. 5012 from the Consent Agenda.

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 April 25, 2022

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Matherly congratulated the 2022 high school graduates, adding his hope that they make safe decisions on graduation night. He shared that he attended the FNSB Assembly meeting where he provided an update on City business and invited them to attend a City Council meeting. **Mayor Matherly** spoke to the issues regarding homeless camps and how they are often resurrected in a new location as soon as they are torn down; he stated there have been many improvements in how those situations are handled. He addressed the earlier comment regarding compression brakes, noting that he had discussed a possibility of banning them in the past but believed there may be an issue regarding how big trucks operate in arctic weather. **Mayor Matherly** acknowledged May as Mental Health Awareness month, commending the City administration for the hard work in obtaining a second employee resource program; he encourage employees to take advantage of the free assistance available to them. **Mayor Matherly** asked FECC Manager Kristi Meredith to provide a department update.

K. Meredith gave an update on the Quality Assurance specialist that had been approved by the Council and the department's progress on achieving ACE accreditation for fire and medical dispatch response; she added that they were updating policies and procedures to obtain accreditation for the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). K. Meredith addressed the departmental overtime statistics as well as turnover and spoke to the steps being taken to reduce employee fatigue, including changing the required number of on-shift dispatchers and the implementation of a four-on, four-off schedule. K. Meredith gave an update regarding the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) and the effect it has had on City services; she noted that 286 calls had been sent directly to the MCT since October of 2021.

Ms. Therrien asked K. Merideth how many employees have left the department. K. Meredith stated approximately 17, but not all were due to fatigue or better job opportunities.

Mayor Matherly encouraged recruitment to these positions and shared about the upcoming Police Memorial Day event that would be held in North Pole.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Gibson stated he had no comments.

Mr. Marney stated he had no comments.

Mr. Clark stated he had no comments.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he had intended to pull Item 14(a) from the Consent Agenda but had forgotten to do so.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, MOVED to pull Item 14(a) from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a vote.

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

Mr. Cleworth thanked the Council for allowing him to pull the item. He continued his comments by addressing the different opinions and perspectives regarding the downtown area. He stated he was anxious to see a draft of the Downtown Plan so the Council could better address each area.

Ms. Rogers shared her gratitude for the public testimony, especially the comments regarding fire inspections. She spoke to the many perspectives and issues around the Downtown Plan, adding that it may be helpful to form a sub-committee to prioritize the things of importance to the City.

Ms. Therrien acknowledged C. Miller's comments and his expectation that the Council should be leaders in driving the Downtown Plan; she suggested that the Council work directly on the topics. She sympathized with J. Dyer and his comments regarding the homeless camps, and she questioned the feasibility of requiring proof of fire inspections at time of business license renewal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6204 – An Ordinance Establishing an Education Reimbursement Program within Fairbanks Fire Department for Recruitment and Hiring. Introduced by Mayor Matherly and Council Members Marney and Therrien. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6204.

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

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6204 by increasing the first-year bonus to \$2000 from \$1,000 and reducing the fifth-year bonus to \$4,000 from \$5,000.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6204 BY INCREASING THE FIRST-YEAR BONUS TO \$2000 FROM \$1,000 AND REDUCING THE FIFTH-YEAR BONUS TO \$4,000 FROM \$5,000 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth asked Fire Chief Raygor about paramedics and EMT's and whether Battalion Chiefs (BCs) are ever used as paramedics. Chief Raygor explained the different education requirements for paramedics and EMTs, adding that BCs are used to fill in as paramedics when necessary. He noted that using a BC to serve on an ambulance is not a violation of the collective bargaining agreement (CBA). **Mr. Cleworth** asked questions regarding payroll coding and whether Chief Raygor had any ideas to simplify the process. Chief Raygor stated that he needed to build a better understanding of the current process before being able to recommend any changes.

Mr. Cleworth went on to share his support of the ordinance. He also shared his concerns regarding the funding source and the need for clarification as to where the funds would come from.

Chief of Staff Mike Sanders noted that training costs would be significantly less going forward, noting that the City currently spends over \$120,000 per employee for training. **Mr. Cleworth** noted that it states the bonus would be paid from salary savings and not the training account.

Human Resources Director Angela Foster-Snow stated that there would also be salary savings in overtime and backfill from covering shifts while an employee is attending classes.

Mr. Cleworth asked the CFO to confirm whether salary savings are affected by budget amendments that are made to cover increased overtime. CFO Bell confirmed that if budget amendments are not made, salary savings would be depleted.

Mr. Cleworth asked staff whether they would rather address each year separately for the bonus or front-load the bonus at the beginning, which could affect future budgets. CFO Bell indicated that the intent is to address each bonus in the year it occurs, adding that there should be sufficient salary savings based on the decrease in overtime for the department each year. She noted that the ordinance and any amendments should not reference a specific budget year.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Clark**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6204, as Amended, by adding a third Whereas to page one of the attachment to state, "WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 6204 that enacted the Sign on Bonus/Retention Bonus specified that payment of the bonus was subject to salary savings based on the originally adopted budget for that year."

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6204, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A THIRD WHEREAS TO PAGE ONE OF THE ATTACHMENT TO STATE, "WHEREAS, ORDINANCE NO. 6204 THAT ENACTED THE SIGN ON

BONUS/RETENTION BONUS SPECIFIED THAT PAYMENT OF THE BONUS WAS SUBJECT TO SALARY SAVINGS BASED ON THE ORIGINALLY ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THAT YEAR” AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6204, as Amended, by adding Item No. 8 to page two of the attachment to state, “All bonus payments are conditioned on the availability of funds from salary savings based on the original adopted budget for that year.”

Ms. Therrien asked CFO Bell if she is correct in understanding that if the budget had not been amended during the previous year, there would not have been sufficient salary savings for bonuses; CFO Bell confirmed. **Ms. Therrien** shared her concern that if the bonus program did not take into account budget amendments, there may not be funds available to pay out bonuses already promised to employees. CFO Bell stated that with the current language, there is a chance there would not be available salary savings; she stated that chance was very small based on the projected savings.

Mayor Matherly expressed concern that the proposed amendment would effectively rewrite the ordinance, and he questioned whether the ordinance should be postponed for further discussion.

HR Director Snow noted that the City is currently spending a lot of money in training employees with no guarantee that those employees will stay with the City. She added that this program would incentivize employees to stay with the City and would save the City education and overtime costs. She wondered if it might be more appropriate to designate training funds as the funding source.

Chief Raygor spoke to hiring cost savings and other savings retention brings, such as personal equipment costs. He suggested that those funds might be an option as a funding source.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the current agreement states that the funding will come from salary savings and that his amendment provides greater definition to Section 2 of the agreement. He added that there could be other ways to fund the bonuses, but those should be addressed through other amendments or a postponement.

Ms. Therrien asked if the maker of the motion would be willing to change the language to reference the “amended” budget; **Mr. Cleworth** declined.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6204, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING ITEM NO. 8 TO PAGE TWO OF THE ATTACHMENT TO STATE, “ALL BONUS PAYMENTS ARE CONDITIONED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM SALARY SAVINGS BASED ON THE ORIGINAL ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THAT YEAR” AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Clark, Gibson, Cleworth

NAYS: Rogers, Therrien

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Gibson expressed concerns about the potential conflict between this program and the already-established ECIP program; he asked which would take preference and how they were weighted. CFO Bell stated that the bonus program would likely be paid first because the ECIP program is designed to be paid at the end of the year. **Mr. Clark** asked if that would always be the case or if there would be times when employees were hired after the ECIP had been disbursed. Chief Raygor explained that the students would graduate and become eligible for the bonus in May.

HR Director Foster-Snow stated that the program is designed to reimburse employees for obtaining required education, and she would hesitate to refer to it as a “bonus” program. **Mr. Gibson** pointed out that the language used in drafting the agreement continually uses the term “bonus” and asked that the intent be clarified.

Mr. Clark stated that he believed the Council favors the ordinance but agreed with Mr. Cleworth that the funding source should be better defined, even if it took another meeting to do so.

Ms. Therrien encouraged the Council to pass the ordinance right away to capture the interest of the newest graduating paramedics.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6204, as Amended, by replacing the word “bonus” with “education reimbursement” throughout the document.

Mr. Cleworth reiterated the issue that the funding from salary savings had not been well-defined.

Mr. Sanders asked if the Council would prefer the funds to be taken from a different source other than salary savings.

Mr. Gibson asked if would be possible to encumber the employees’ entire bonus amount the first year they are hired and set it aside for future disbursement.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6204, AS AMENDED, BY REPLACING THE WORD “BONUS” WITH “EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT” THROUGHOUT THE DOCUMENT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Clark, Marney, Gibson, Rogers

NAYS: Cleworth

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the training budget could be reduced by \$14,000 to offset the costs to be paid out in 2022. Chief Raygor stated that he would like more time to look at the training budget before making that determination. **Mr. Cleworth** asked if the sponsors of the ordinance would consider postponement to allow time to address the issues that have come up.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6204, as Amended, by changing “salary” to “department” in Section 2.

Ms. Therrien stated that the change would allow the Fire Chief to pay the bonuses with whatever savings the department had and not limit the funding source to salary savings.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the original adopted budget would be used in determining departmental savings or if budget amendments would be taken into account. CFO Bell clarified that the language in the ordinance would dictate how the savings were determined.

City Clerk Snider noted that the proposed amendment would conflict with other language in the ordinance and attachment unless the change was to be reflected throughout.

Ms. Therrien, with concurrence of the second, WITHDREW the motion to AMEND Ordinance No. 6204, as Amended, by changing "salary" to "department" in Section 2.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to POSTPONE Ordinance No. 6204, as Amended, to the next Regular City Council meeting.

Ms. Therrien spoke in favor of the ordinance and postponement so that the Council could be clear on the funding source.

Ms. Rogers noted that there is conflicting language, and the next draft should be more consistent.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE NO. 6204, AS AMENDED, TO THE NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5012 – A Resolution Supporting the Current Dates for Local Elections and Encouraging the Borough to Retain the Current Election Schedule. Introduced by Council Members Therrien and Marney.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5012.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the FNSB ordinance as presented by F. Tomaszewski is well-intended but does not work well for the City. He added that he would like to see more interest in local elections but acknowledged the challenges the ordinance presents with the City budget. He asked if there was a real danger in absentee ballots not being counted because they were sent to the wrong entity. City Clerk Snider stated that it is a reasonable concern; she stated local ballots sent to the State may not counted, and vice versa.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5012 by striking the language after the word "Elections" in the title.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5012 BY STRIKING THE LANGUAGE AFTER THE WORD "ELECTIONS" IN THE TITLE AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Therrien, Marney, Clark, Rogers

NAYS: Gibson

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5012, as Amended, by adding, "The City sees merit in increasing voter turnout, however," to the beginning of the seventh Whereas statement.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5012, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING, "THE CITY SEES MERIT IN INCREASING VOTER TURNOUT, HOWEVER," TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SEVENTH WHEREAS STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Clark, Rogers, Cleworth, Marney, Therrien

NAYS: Gibson

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Gibson spoke to the idea of changing the City's budget schedule to mirror that of the FNSB and the State to avoid conflicts based solely on a difference in budgeting schedules. He noted that the issue of increasing voter turnout deserved more consideration than a simple dismissal due to the difficulty in the City's current budget schedule.

Mr. Marney asked the City Clerk about the future of City elections if the FNSB passed its ordinance. City Clerk Snider stated that if the City moved its election dates to coincide with the Borough, there would not likely be any change to election costs. She noted that the bigger issue would be newly elected officials being sworn in at the same time the budget would be introduced. City Clerk Snider noted that changes to the budget schedule would require amending the City Charter, which could only be done by a vote of the people.

Mayor Matherly shared his concerns with the changes, adding that it would have been helpful to be included in the conversation prior to the introduction of the Borough ordinance.

Mr. Clark agreed with the idea of increasing voter turnout and felt that changes, even if they required Charter amendments, should be considered due to the potential positive impact. He expressed a desire to table the topic until the Borough Assembly made its decision, based on the complications of making any real changes at this time.

Mr. Therrien shared her support for the resolution, adding that the FNSB Assembly would be voting on the ordinance at a special meeting; she stated that it was important that the City provide input before that time. She added that if the Borough ordinance passed, there would be time to make Charter amendments, but it was imperative that the City weighed in on the issue now.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Therrien**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5012, as Amended, by striking all language after “October” in the “Now, Therefore” section.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5012, AS AMENDED, BY STRIKING ALL LANGUAGE AFTER “OCTOBER” IN THE “NOW, THEREFORE” SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Rogers, Therrien, Marney, Clark

NAYS: Gibson

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Clark stated he felt that by keeping City elections the same as they are now the Council was essentially stating they did not want a higher voter turnout.

Mayor Matherly stated that it was more a matter of logistics and being prepared for a Charter change rather than a desire to oppose increased voter turnout. He added that the conversation should include the CFO who was not available to speak.

Mr. Cleworth noted that Charter amendments, even if they are for the better, require a vote of the people and are not guaranteed to pass.

Ms. Rogers agreed that there were complications to be considered with the changes and expressed her desire to talk about it in more depth.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5012, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Marney, Therrien, Cleworth

NAYS: Gibson, Clark

Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5012, as Amended, APPROVED.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

a) Proposed Changes to the 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Schedule

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to APPROVE the proposed changes to the 2022 Regular City Council meeting schedule.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he was concerned about the change in dates and how the changes would affect the budget, adding that budget discussions need to take priority over staff attending the Alaska Municipal League (AML) conference.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Clark**, moved to AMEND the proposed changes to the 2022 Regular City Council meeting schedule by changing the December dates back to the 5th and 12th.

Ms. Therrien noted that the Council had already approved her attendance at the AML meetings and that it would be an issue for her to miss the City budget discussions. She added that the newly elected officials typically receive training at the AML conference. **Ms. Therrien** spoke in support of the proposed changes and stated that CFO Bell indicated that budget discussions could begin sooner.

Mr. Cleworth reiterated that the City budget takes priority over AML meetings, adding that there would likely be a deficit in the coming year with some difficult decisions to be made.

Ms. Therrien noted that many staff members often receive valuable training while attending the AML affiliate meetings and that budget discussions could inadvertently be shortened due to lack of staff members. She stated that the proposed schedule would assure more attendance and participation.

Mayor Matherly pointed out that the proposed schedule can be amended again prior to the budget season and AML meetings.

Mr. Cleworth asked about the number of meetings that AML held per year, indicating that it seemed there were more than in previous years.

Ms. Therrien explained that the annual conference, the one that will affect the staff the most, has been moved from November to December. She added that the meetings she has attended were specifically for the AML legislative board.

Mr. Cleworth asked why the AML conference had been changed to December. **Ms. Therrien** explained that part of the reasoning had been to address training of the newly elected officials.

Ms. Rogers noted that there were virtual attendance options for the past two years.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE BY CHANGING THE DECEMBER DATES BACK TO THE 5th AND 12th AS FOLLOWS:

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

b) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2022

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2022

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2022

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Appointment to the Fact Finding Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

With no objection from the Council, Members' Comments and Committee Reports were combined.

Mr. Clark shared his appreciation for the depth of conversation throughout the meeting, adding that he had intended to bring up the issues of the homeless camps. He expressed hope that the City is doing all it can to stay on top of the situation. He shared his appreciation for Ms. Therrien and her extensive note-taking at legislative meetings.

Mr. Marney stated that the Borough needs to be aware of what the City wants to see in the Downtown Plan; he shared his hope that the Council could rise to the coming challenges.

Mr. Gibson shared that the Parking Authority and the ordinances governing parking in the downtown area may need to be readdressed and encouraged further discussion on the matter.

Mr. Cleworth shared some history on the Parking Authority and how the entity came about. He added that the revenue on parking tickets hardly covers the cost of the ticketing agent and that the tickets issued within the garage are deposited to a City account. He went on to speak about letters of agreement between the City and bargaining units, adding that City Code requires all amendments and agreements outside of the negotiated contract to be approved by the City Council. **Mr. Cleworth** spoke to his previous request to see a list of grievances filed and gave a brief history of grievances filed annually per bargaining unit. He went on to state that YTD there were six grievances filed against the City, four of which are with the FFD. He questioned what was happening in one department to cause so much discontent. He recognized the street sweeping and repair efforts of the Public Works Department. **Mr. Cleworth** added that there was a new director at Golden Heart Parking Services, Mrs. Rice, and that he was excited to hear her suggestions.

Ms. Rogers shared that she had attended meetings with the Opioid and Reentry Coalitions, as well as the free diversity training provided by Lisa McEnulty and Angel Stickman. She expressed appreciation for the depth of discussion over the issues presented throughout the meeting.

Ms. Therrien stated that she had also attended the diversity training provided by L. McEnulty and A. Stickman, adding that they provided a lot of history with their presentation. She gave an update on the State legislature and pointed out that the City's training center had not been included in the State's capital budget. She stated that there is also concern regarding Community Assistance program funding.

Ms. Rogers added that City Lobbyist Yuri Morgan had suggested that Council members reach out to the House Finance Committee regarding the indoor firing range; she added that she had provided testimony, and it had been well-received. She expressed hope that there would be some funding for the project.

Mayor Matherly shared that the Manh Choh Mine corridor study group had met for the first time, adding that the City would be participating. He stated that it had been a well-attended meeting and that he would keep the Council updated.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

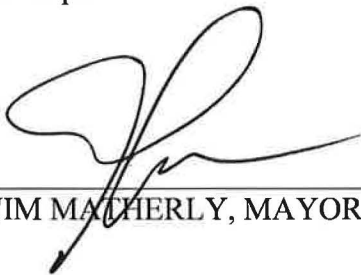
City Clerk Snider stated that she would be attending the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) conference and that Deputy Clerk Rochelle Rodak would be filling in during her absence.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Rogers, 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 9:30 p.m.



JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: RR