



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 10, 2022  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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

Absent:                                        None

Also Present:                                D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk  
   Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff  
   Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager  
   Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director (remotely)  
   Ron Dupee, Police Chief  
   Rick Sweet, Deputy Police Chief  
   Scott Raygor, Fire Chief  
   Sue Sprinkle, Council Member Candidate  
   Crystal Tidwell, Council Member Candidate  
   Richard Croteau, Council Member Candidate

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

**FLAG SALUTATION**

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

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

- a)        Oath of Office for John Ringstad, Appointed to City Council Seat F on September 26, 2022.

City Clerk Snider administered the Oath of Office for appointed Council Member John Ringstad. Mr. Ringstad assumed his seat at the dais.

## CITIZENS' COMMENTS

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

Taylor Asher, Alaska Energy Authority – T. Asher spoke to the Electric Vehicle (EV) charging system infrastructure plan, adding that it had recently been approved by the Department of Transportation (DOT) and that they hoped to begin construction in the following year. She went on to share that they would be publishing qualifications for EV charging sites and securing hosts for those sites. T. Asher added that there would be a more in-depth presentation at the Alaska Pipeline Learning center later in the week.

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

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

**Mayor Matherly** moved to POSTPONE item 12(c), Ordinance No. 6221 until the November 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting and to remove the first round of Council Members' Comments.

**Mayor Matherly** called for objection to POSTPONE Ordinance No. 6221 until the November 14, 2022, and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

**Mayor Matherly** moved to REMOVE the first round of Council Members' Comments.

**Mayor Matherly** called for objection to REMOVE the first round of Council Members' Comments, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

**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.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2022

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

a) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Controlling Interest and Restaurant Designation Permit.

Type/Lic.: Restaurant/Eating Place, Lic. #5950  
DBA: House of Fire Pizza

Applicant: TJMN, LLC  
Location: 300 Old Steese Highway, Unit 1, Fairbanks

**Mr. Marney**, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Controlling Interest and Restaurant Designation Permit

**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 AND RESTAURANT DESIGNATION PERMIT, AS FOLLOWS:

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

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 Ownership and Restaurant Designation Permit.

Type/Lic.: Beverage Dispensary, Lic. #4395  
DBA: The Banks Alehouse  
Applicant: L&E, LLC  
Location: 1243 Old Steese Highway, Fairbanks

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership and Restaurant Designation Permit.

**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 OWNERSHIP AND RESTAURANT DESIGNATION PERMIT, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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

**Mayor Matherly** stated that this meeting would be his last full meeting as Mayor. He wished the new Council good luck, noting the big changes that came with three newly elected members and the appointment of Mr. Ringstad. **Mayor Matherly** acknowledged the 95th birthday of Charlie Cole, a very dear friend of his.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6220 – An Ordinance Amending FGC Section 2-487, Composition of the Clay Street Cemetery Commission. Introduced by Council Member Cleworth. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6220

**Mayor Matherly** called for testimony.

Aldean Kilbourn, Clay Street Cemetery Commission Chair – A. Kilbourn expressed the need for able-bodied volunteers who can do the work necessary to place the 90-pound markers at the cemetery. She added that the proposed changes to the composition of the Commission would provide them with a larger pool of applicants. A. Kilbourn stated that she and Janet Richardson spend a lot of time and money researching subscription websites to locate information on the individuals buried at Clay Street, and that prospective applicants to the commission also need to be able to assist in that function.

**Mr. Gibson** asked who paid for the software and A. Kilbourn stated that they use personal funds.

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

**Mr. Cleworth** thanked A. Kilbourn for her leadership, noting that there has been a lot of great members on the commission in the past, including present member Michael Gibson.

**Ms. Rogers** thanked A. Kilbourn for her various community contributions, noting that this code change would help the immediate need but suggested that a larger conversation be had about how to help the commission further.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6203 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Rogers, Marney, Therrien, Cleworth

NAYS: None

**Mayor Matherly** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6203 ADOPTED.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5031 – A Resolution Recognizing October 30 through November 5, 2022, as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Fairbanks. Introduced by Council Member Therrien.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 5032 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Participate and Accept Funds from the PulsePoint Foundation. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Ordinance No. 6221 – An Ordinance Amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1324 (FFU) to Change the Staffing Levels and Amending the 2022 Operating Budget. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

*Ordinance No. 6221 was postponed, without objection, earlier in the meeting.*

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**Ms. Rogers** called attention to the information provided by Crisis Now Coordinator, Brenda McFarlane. She pointed out that October is recognized around the world as Mental Health Awareness month, noting that she serves on many boards that focus on mental health. **Ms. Rogers** recognized Indigenous Peoples Day, adding that Ms. Therrien had been wonderful about providing the Land Acknowledgement at each meeting and her hope that someone would carry on that tradition.

**Mr. Cleworth** shared his appreciation for the thoroughness of the City Clerk's report, noting that the PFD garnishments provide extra revenue that is often needed during the year. He noted that the Chena Riverfront Commission minutes indicate plans to pave the Pioneer Park parking lot and asked if that was a project before the FAST-Planning Commission, both **Mayor Matherly** and **Mr. Gibson** indicated that it was not. **Mr. Cleworth** questioned the Commission's scope and ability to make those financial decisions. He went on to share that the Fairbanks Parking Authority had hired a new manager, Jamie Rice, and that she was doing a great job. He went on to add that they had been working on an upgrade to the software and gating systems, noting that the previous vendor had been performing very poorly. He was hopeful that the garage would be back up and functioning properly soon.

**Mr. Gibson** shared that Larry Hackenmiller had passed away, adding that he had been a former FNSB Assembly member and his childhood baseball coach. He noted that his obituary asked people to go visit a restaurant and tip well instead of sending flowers.

**Mr. Marney** shared that applicants for the 2022 Discretionary Fund would have the opportunity to ask questions of the Chief Financial Officer during a hybrid meeting on Wednesday. He thanked Mr. Ringstad for being willing to serve on the Council.

**Mr. Ringstad** thanked the Mayor and the Council for giving him the opportunity to serve alongside them. He added that he would be in Spokane, Washington during the next meeting and would be attending via Zoom. He went on to note that his family and the Mayor's family had been good friends for generations.

**Ms. Rogers** shared that a good way to honor Mr. Hackenmiller is to be a voice in the community and serving the public.

**Ms. Therrien** provided a land acknowledgment, noting the importance of sharing the acknowledgement on Indigenous Peoples Day. She welcomed Mr. Ringstad and noted the various committees she has served on that will need to be filled. **Ms. Therrien** thanked the City Clerk for her comments in her report. She went on to share some highlights from the AML board meeting she had attended, noting that the biggest issue at hand was the proposed changes to public safety employee retirements. She was hopeful that someone from the City Council would consider running for a board position at AML since she would be leaving.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

- a) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2022

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Appointment to the Fairbanks Diversity Council.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

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

City Clerk Snider noted a Council member volunteer was needed to fill the empty FNSB Assembly spot on November 10th, noting that Ms. Therrien would be attending the meeting on October 13th and Mr. Marney would attend the one on October 27th.

**Mr. Marney**, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to ENTER Executive Session to discuss AFL-CIO Labor Negotiation Strategy.

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

**Mayor Matherly** called for a brief recess.

***Mayor Matherly** left the meeting at 7:08 p.m., and **Mr. Cleworth** presided as mayor pro tempore.*

The Council reconvened in Executive Session following the brief recess.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) AFL-CIO Labor Negotiation Strategy

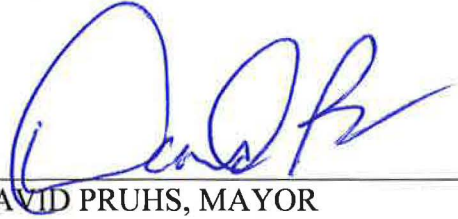
The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss AFL-CIO Labor Negotiation Strategy. Direction was given to and no action was taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

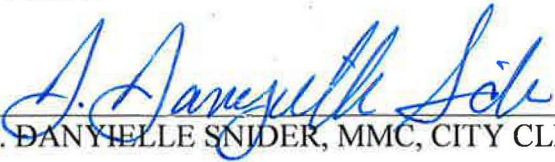
**Mayor pro tem Cleworth** called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

**Mayor pro tem Cleworth** declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



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DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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D. DANYELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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