



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2022-23
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 28, 2022
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

WORK SESSION

5:15 p.m. – 2023 City Legislative and Capital Priorities Discussion with Interior Delegation

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: The Mayor, Council Members, and the public may participate remotely at City Council meetings. 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); however, in-person testimony will be given preference. Masking is not required in City Council Chambers, but masks are available to attendees.

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 November 14, 2022

8. SPECIAL ORDERS

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

a) Special Reports: Reports from AmeriCorps NCCC and Police Chief Dupee

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5036 – A Resolution Stating the City of Fairbanks Legislative and Capital Priorities for 2023. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- b) Ordinance No. 6223 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 74, Article V, Room Rental Tax, to Change the Allocations to Golden Heart Plaza/Barnette's Landing and Discretionary Grants. Introduced by Council Member Marney. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.
- c) Ordinance No. 6224 – An Ordinance Amending FGC Sec. 22-25(f) Regarding Procedure for Determining the Winner of a Tie Vote in City Elections. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.
- d) Ordinance No. 6225 – An Ordinance Amending the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Fourth Time. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

12. NEW BUSINESS

*a) Resolution No. 5038 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Funds from the Alaska Energy Authority to Fund the Solar Panel Array Project. Introduced by Council Members Marney, Cleworth, and Tidwell.

- *b) Resolution No. 5039 – A Resolution Requesting the Alaska Municipal League’s Participation in Addressing Alaska Municipalities' High PERS Contribution Rate. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *c) Ordinance No. 6226 – An Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *d) Ordinance No. 6227 – 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 2023 Operating Budget. Introduced by Council Members Tidwell and Sprinkle.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

- a) Committee Reports

14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- *a) Reappointment to the Interior Gas Utility Board
- *b) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2022
- *c) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2022

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

16. CITY CLERK’S REPORT

17. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Roberts et al v. City of Fairbanks Mediation Strategy

19. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 14, 2022
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following Work Sessions at 5:15 p.m. and 5:50 p.m. to hear annual reports from the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) and Explore Fairbanks, respectively, 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 David Pruhs presiding and with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Jerry Cleworth, Seat A
 June Rogers, Seat B
 Sue Sprinkle, Seat C
 Crystal Tidwell, Seat D
 Lonny Marney, Seat E
 John Ringstad, 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
 Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director (remotely)
 Rick Sweet, Deputy Police Chief
 Scott Raygor, Fire Chief
 Andrew Cocco, Assistant Fire Chief
 Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of **Mayor Pruhs, Ms. Sprinkle** lead the Flag Salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Scott McCrea, Explore Fairbanks – S. McCrea spoke against Ordinance No. 6223, stating that while he recognized the need to increase the amount of funding for the Golden Heart Plaza and the Discretionary Grant, he felt that the expense should be shared by the City. He went on to explain that Explore Fairbanks had reduced its estimated room rental tax income by \$70,000 in its 2023 budget and asked that the City account for the remaining \$30,000.

Darlene Supplee, Fairbanks – D. Supplee spoke in favor of Resolution No. 5034, adding that the planned dining room expansion would be the second phase of the Senior Center renovation plan.

She spoke to the benefits of having the expanded space and to how it would allow the Center to keep up with the increasing demand on their services. She spoke to the bill proposed by Senator Murkowski that would provide 2.5 million dollars to expand the office and parking spaces, which would complete the third and final phase of crucial renovations. D. Supplee spoke to the Center's partnership with City of Fairbanks and stated that it is an honor to provide essential services to the seniors in the community.

Victor Buberger, Fairbanks – V. Buberger congratulated Mayor Pruhs and wished him the best as he gave direction and guidance to the City.

Sam Kirstein, Fairbanks – S. Kirstein spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 6223, noting that there are currently 29 applications, from primarily volunteer groups, for the Discretionary Fund Grant and only \$270,000 in award funds. She spoke to the success of Explore Fairbanks in its efforts to bring tourists to Fairbanks but stated that there are simply not enough funds left for the small organizations that put on events for tourists and the community. She noted there are some organizations that would shut down if they did not receive funding from the Discretionary Grant.

Ms. Rogers asked S. Kirstein if she was aware that many of the organizations can obtain other funding based upon their approval for Discretionary Grant funds. S. Kirstein said that she was aware that the seal of approval was helpful but noted that it did not do much else to help keep organizations alive.

Mayor Pruhs thanked S. Kirstein and D. Supplee for their service to the City of Fairbanks and expressed his support of their projects. He shared that he had met with the City lobbyist and planned to voice his support in Anchorage as well.

David van den Berg, Fairbanks Downtown Association (DTA) – D. van den Berg shared that the DTA considers itself to be an economic development organization but clarified that it does not receive funding from the City. He stated that the DTA would benefit from having a City Council person assigned to represent the City at its meetings. He expressed a desire to have more involvement with the City Council in regard to the development of the downtown area. He referenced the Fairbanks Diversity Council's proposed action plan, adding that the DTA would like to see something similar in relation to how the City plans to address issues in the downtown area, such as snow removal. D. van den Berg spoke to the DTA's continued support of the Council's plans regarding housing issues, adding that the DTA also supports Resolution No. 5035. He shared that the DTA had applied for Discretionary funds this year.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ms. Sprinkle pulled item 12(b), Resolution No. 5035, from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Cleworth pulled items 11(b), Ordinance No. 6221, 12(c), Resolution No. 5036, and 12(d), Resolution No. 5037, from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Ringstad expressed a desire to address each item on the Consent Agenda but did not pull any items from it.

Ms. Rogers pulled item 12(e), Ordinance No. 6223, from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pruhs 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 October 24, 2022

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Pruhs shared that the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) had met the previous week, adding that it was the first meeting in four months where the body had a quorum. He noted that the Fairbanks General Code (FGC) allows for him to serve as Chair of the FDC or to appoint a member to fill that role; he reported that he has elected to keep the current Chair, Dorothy Shockley, in place. He stated that a new FDC Vice Chair had been elected at the meeting, and the FDC seems to be comprised of very positive and intelligent individuals; he expressed his intention to attend each FDC meeting. **Mayor Pruhs** spoke about his first few weeks in office, adding that he was working very hard and enjoying it a great deal. He expressed his desire to be intentional when reading documents placed before him, and he mentioned that one of his goals is to ride along with the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) every two weeks. He encouraged Council members to participate in a ride-along if they have not, adding that it is very helpful in building relationships with the City staff. **Mayor Pruhs** shared about his experience touring the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD) facilities and stated he would be requesting some funding for a new building for Fire Station 3 in the 2023 Capital budget.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Cleworth stated he had no comments.

Ms. Rogers thanked Mayor Pruhs for his attendance at the FDC meeting, adding that it had been very well-received by members. She shared that she had been participating in oral boards for hiring public safety employees and encouraged other Council members to consider doing the same; she added that it has helped her in building relationships with the FPD administration and staff.

Ms. Sprinkle thanked S. McCrea and J. Stewart for their presentations in the work sessions.

Ms. Tidwell thanked the FEDC and Explore Fairbanks for participating in the work sessions, noting the impact the organizations have on the success of the community.

Mr. Marney thanked S. McCrea for his willingness to work together on the Discretionary Grant funding, noting that his open-mindedness was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Ringstad stated he had no comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6222 – An Ordinance Amending the Public Safety Employees Association/City of Fairbanks Collective Bargaining Agreement to Address Critical Staffing Levels at the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6222.

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6222 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Rogers, Tidwell
NAYS: None
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6222 ADOPTED.

- b) 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 former Mayor Matherly. First Reading was POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2022.

Mayor Pruhs called for a motion to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6221, and, hearing none, declared that Ordinance No. 6221 FAILED TO ADVANCE.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5034 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Participate in the FFY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 5035 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property Located at 109 5th Avenue. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5035.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5035 by striking, “so the property could be used to support the Cemetery” from the third Whereas.

Mr. Cleworth asked whether Ms. Sprinkle would prefer that the property be available for sale, and **Ms. Sprinkle** replied affirmatively. She stated that the Cemetery has a great deal of space around it for parking and picnic tables, and she would not want the property to be removed from City tax rolls.

Mr. Ringstad spoke in favor of taking the property acquisition step-by-step, adding that acquiring the property was first. He indicated that discussion on how to proceed further should occur when there was more information available.

Mr. Marney expressed concern that the cost of abatement and restoration of the property could easily exceed the property value. **Ms. Sprinkle** agreed with Mr. Marney but stated that she would like to have that information prior to making a final decision.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5035 BY STRIKING, “SO THE PROPERTY COULD BE USED TO SUPPORT THE CEMETERY” FROM THE THIRD WHEREAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Ringstad, Tidwell, Rogers, Sprinkle
NAYS: Marney
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5035, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Sprinkle, Rogers, Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Tidwell
NAYS: None
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5035, as Amended, APPROVED.

- c) Resolution No. 5036 – A Resolution Stating the City of Fairbanks Legislative and Capital Priorities for 2023. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5036.

Mr. Cleworth explained that he pulled the resolution from the Consent Agenda because the Council had not had time for discussion on the topics; he stated that ordinarily the Council has time for such discussion at a Finance Committee meeting prior to the introduction of a resolution. He asked that the Council consider postponement so that the resolution could be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting or at a special meeting, if necessary.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 5036 to the Regular City Council Meeting of November 28, 2022.

Ms. Sprinkle asked for procedural clarification regarding postponement. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that the resolution would still be available for discussion, and the vote would occur at a later date. He went on to state that he had introduced the resolution in order to have a working document to discuss and spoke in support of Mr. Cleworth's motion to postpone.

Mr. Marney expressed interest in reaching out to surrounding municipalities for their support and cooperation.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he felt it would be appropriate to have another meeting with a version of the resolution available to discuss with the Interior Delegation. He noted that if the Council agreed on items, approving them would be a formality; he stated that that way, amendments could still be made.

Mr. Ringstad added that while it would be nice to have the document finalized prior to meeting with the Interior Delegation, he felt there was adequate time to present a formal document prior to the start of the Legislative session. He added that he would support postponement.

Ms. Rogers spoke in favor of postponing, adding her desire to work with other municipalities going forward.

Mayor Pruhs shared that he would take the Council's approved priorities to the City of North Pole and Borough mayors for further discussion and collaboration.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NO. 5036 TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2022 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Sprinkle, Cleworth, Ringstad, Marney, Tidwell, Rogers

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- d) Resolution No. 5037 – A Resolution Adopting a City of Fairbanks Diversity Action Plan. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5037.

Mr. Cleworth noted that the adoption of the original Diversity Action Plan (DAP) had taken four months to complete, and he felt that there should be more discussion for a better understanding of the FDC's intentions.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 5037 to the Regular City Council Meeting of January 9, 2023, so that a work session could be held with the Fairbanks Diversity Council.

Clerk's Note: The original motion to postpone did not specify a date. Later in the meeting the error was noted, and it was agreed that the resolution would be postponed to January 9, 2023.

Mr. Ringstad spoke in favor of the motion to postpone. **Mr. Marney** stated that he would also like to have a discussion with the FDC. **Mayor Pruhs** spoke in favor of postponing, adding that he felt it could result in a stronger working relationship between the City Council and the FDC.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NO. 5037 TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2023, SO THAT A WORK SESSION COULD BE HELD WITH THE FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Tidwell, Cleworth, Ringstad, Marney, Sprinkle, Rogers

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- e) Ordinance No. 6223 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 74, Article V, Room Rental Tax, to Change the Allocations to Golden Heart Plaza/Barnette’s Landing and Discretionary Grants. Introduced by Council Member Marney.

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6223.

Ms. Rogers expressed a desire to hear more from Mr. Marney, recognizing the time and work he had put into drafting the ordinance. **Mr. Cleworth** asked for clarification of Ms. Rogers’ intent, noting that the advancement of the ordinance would allow for greater discussion and public input at the second reading. **Ms. Rogers** wondered if a work session could be held to discuss the topic. **Mr. Cleworth** noted that in normal procedure the advancement of the ordinance would automatically put it up for discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Marney expressed his hope to see the ordinance advanced and adopted in a timely fashion so that the 2023 budget could be amended to effectuate the change to the Discretionary Grant.

Mr. Ringstad expressed concern that the Council does not discuss room rental tax revenue increases above and beyond budgetary proposals prior to the funds being disbursed to Explore Fairbanks.

Mayor Pruhs noted that it had been 19 years since the Discretionary Grant had been modified.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if the ordinance could be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting without taking a vote on it at that time. **Mr. Cleworth** clarified that the motion to advance the ordinance would promote it to a second reading at the next regular City Council meeting. He stated that before the next meeting it could be brought to the Finance Committee for discussion. He explained that the Council could vote after that on whether to pass, fail, or postpone the ordinance.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6223 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Tidwell, Ringstad, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- f) Ordinance No. 6224 – An Ordinance Amending FGC Sec. 22-25(f) Regarding Procedure for Determining the Winner of a Tie Vote in City Elections. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- g) Ordinance No. 6225 – An Ordinance Amending the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Fourth Time. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (INFORMATION AND REPORTS)

- a) Committee Reports

Ms. Rogers expressed her support of the Mayor appointing Council members to serve other organizations within the community. She added that she makes herself available for many different organizations, but they could benefit from having more interaction from the Council. She spoke to the difficulties of being homeless in Fairbanks this time year, noting that the warming shelter had been closed recently. She added that Angels in Motion, a group who provides meals in the downtown area, have come across many people experiencing hypothermia. She shared that it is important for everyone to be aware and call emergency services when they witness a person who may be at risk of freezing.

Mr. Marney shared that the Discretionary Fund Committee had met the previous week and discussed its policies and procedures. He added that they scheduled meetings for December 15 and 16.

Mr. Cleworth shared that he had attended the FAST-Planning Policy Board meeting and explained that he had received the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which he planned to share with the Council. He spoke to some of the projects that concerned the City, including a new project planned for 4th Avenue to be finished in 2028 and the 5th Avenue project that will begin in 2024. He noted that there were no projects slated for 2023, adding that it would put more pressure on the City's Capital Fund. He expressed hope that the City would hold two seats on the FAST Planning Policy Board soon, adding that he had concerns about the cost and delay associated with having to gain right-of-way for some of the projects, including the proposed sidewalk project on Minnie Street.

Ms. Rogers shared that there had been a lot of discussion within the community regarding Minnie Street and wondered if that information could be obtained for the Council's consideration.

- b) 2022-2023 Committee Assignments

Mayor Pruhs asked Mr. Marney if he was interested in remaining on the Discretionary Fund Committee and the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors, **Mr. Marney** confirmed that he was.

Mayor Pruhs asked Ms. Rogers if she would like to remain on the committees she is currently serving on, and **Ms. Rogers** indicated that she would. She added that there are other committees she serves on that have not been noted. **Mayor Pruhs** asked for a list to be provided for his consideration.

Mayor Pruhs stated that has appointed Mr. Cleworth to the FAST Planning Policy Board and Mr. Ringstad to the Permanent Fund Review Board. He asked Ms. Sprinkle if she would consider serving on the Polaris Working Group, and she confirmed that she would.

Mayor Pruhs shared that, as Mayor, he holds a seat on the FEDC Board of Directors, and he asked if Ms. Tidwell would be willing to serve as his designee on that board with one condition: that she would help him work towards a project that would allow the expansion of companies that would use the Fairbanks International Airport for cargo landings. **Ms. Tidwell** stated that she would be interested but would like to confirm her availability to attend meetings.

Mayor Pruhs noted that Ms. Rogers currently serves on the Legislative Committee and asked Mr. Ringstad to fill the second seat. **Mayor Pruhs** asked Ms. Sprinkle if she would be willing to serve as his designee to the Chena Riverfront Commission, and she indicated that she would.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- a) Memorandum Regarding Fire Department Clerk Promotion
ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- b) Approval of the 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule
APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- c) Reappointment to the Permanent Fund Review Board
APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- d) Reappointments to the Chena Riverfront Commission
APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- e) Recommendation for Reappointment to the FNSB Planning Commission
APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- f) Discretionary Fund Committee Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2022
ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- g) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2022

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- h) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2022

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- i) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2022

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Tidwell stated she had no comments.

Mr. Marney stated he had no comments.

Mr. Ringstad stated he had no comments.

Ms. Sprinkle she thanked the Mayor for appointing her to the Polaris Working Group, adding that she felt it would be a very rewarding experience.

Ms. Rogers shared her pleasure in being able to work with the members of the City Council. She stated that it is uplifting to be working with people dedicated to the work at hand.

Mr. Cleworth shared that he had learned of the Fairbanks North Star Borough's (FNSB) desire to withdraw from the Alaska Municipal League (AML), adding that in previous years the Borough's AML fees covered a portion of the City's costs to be a member. He asked about the current situation regarding the costs associated with the City's membership to the AML.

Mayor Pruhs stated that he would investigate the issue and provide information to the Council.

Mr. Cleworth continued his comments by speaking about various downtown task forces and their historical productivity. He stated that many of the groups he has been a part of spend more time meeting than making positive changes. He added that he has considered the necessity to form a group to discuss a 5-to-10-year plan for the City of Fairbanks to deal with the mental health issues that persist. He noted the FPD's frustrations with having to respond to repeat offenders, only to have them released immediately to offend again. **Mr. Cleworth** clarified that he was not sure a working group was the answer but added that something needed to be done and hopefully a discussion would result in some new ideas.

Ms. Rogers thanked Mr. Cleworth for his comments. She also encouraged drivers to be aware of pedestrians and speed limits, noting that it is everyone's responsibility to keep each other safe.

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ENTER Executive Session to discuss Thompson v. City of Fairbanks Mediation Strategy and AFL-CIO Labor Negotiation Strategy.

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

Mayor Pruhs called for a brief recess. The Council reconvened in Executive Session following the brief recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Thompson v. City of Fairbanks Mediation Strategy

Clerk's Note: Ms. Tidwell, having previously declared a conflict of interest, removed herself from the AFL-CIO Labor Negotiation Strategy Executive Session.

b) AFL-CIO Labor Negotiation Strategy

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss Thompson v. City of Fairbanks Mediation Strategy and AFL-CIO Labor Negotiation Strategy. Direction was given to the City Attorney and the negotiating team, respectively, and no action was taken.

Mayor Pruhs asked the Council to readdress item 12(d), Resolution No. 5037.

City Clerk Snider explained that a date had not been specified in the motion to postpone the resolution. She suggested that the resolution be postponed to January 9, 2023, to allow time for a work session to be scheduled.

Mr. Cleworth, with concurrence of the second, agreed to specify the date of postponement as January 9, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

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

Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: RR

RESOLUTION NO. 5036

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS LEGISLATIVE
AND CAPITAL PRIORITIES FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks appreciates any funding and support provided by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the following legislative and capital priorities, and the public had an opportunity to comment on these priorities at the November 14, 2022 regular City Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the 2023 legislative and capital priorities of the City of Fairbanks are listed below:

2023 Legislative Priorities

1. Maintain PERS contribution rate of 22%
2. Maintain a baseline of \$60 million annually in Community Assistance Program funding
3. Increase SART funding for Fairbanks to \$150,000 to meet current liability
4. Provide relief from DEC PFOS/PFOA plume characterization requirements
5. Fund mitigation efforts for PFOS/PFOA ground water contamination
6. Allow Tier 1, 2, and 3 PERS retirees to return to work under Tier 4 to fill critical shortages and continue to collect retirement

2023 Capital Priorities

1. Construction of a Law Enforcement Training Facility in Interior Alaska with a request of \$6 million
2. Redesign and construction of roads, sidewalks, and drainage in the Island Homes subdivision with a request of \$9.6 million
3. Public Works backup generator \$1 million

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

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 14th day of November 2022.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul Ewers, City Attorney

City of Fairbanks

2023 Legislative and Capital Priorities

Attachment to Resolution No. 5036

Legislative Priorities:

1. **PERS Contribution Rate:** The City of Fairbanks supports maintaining the 22% PERS contribution rate as agreed to by PERS employers and the State in allocating the unfunded liability.
2. **Community Assistance Program:** The City of Fairbanks requests the State maintain the Community Assistance Program baseline at \$60 million or more annually.
3. **SART:** The City of Fairbanks requests that the SART funding dedicated to Fairbanks be increased to \$150,000 to help offset the current costs of the demands.
4. **PFOS/PFOA Plume Characterization:** The City of Fairbanks requests relief from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) plume characterization requirements related to the Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) / Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) contamination at the Fairbanks Regional Fire Training Center.
5. **PFOS/PFOA Mitigation:** The City of Fairbanks requests State assistance in mitigation efforts for PFOS/PFOA contamination that include connecting additional properties to water utilities with the expected drop in the EPA Health Advisory Levels requiring additional wells to be decommissioned.
6. **PERS Retirees:** The City of Fairbanks requests the State allow Tier 1, 2, and 3 PERS retirees to return to work under Tier 4 to fill critical shortages and be allowed to continue to collect their retirement.

Capital Priorities:

1. **Law Enforcement Training Facility:** The City of Fairbanks requests \$6 million to be allocated for the construction of a Law Enforcement Training Facility for all Interior Alaska law enforcement agencies.
2. **Island Homes:** The City of Fairbanks requests \$9.6 million for the redesign and construction of roads, sidewalks, and drainage in the Island Homes subdivision.
3. **Generator:** The City of Fairbanks requests \$1 million to assist in the replacement of the emergency generator in the City of Fairbanks Public Works facility.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5036, AS AMENDED
(PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE)**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS LEGISLATIVE
AND CAPITAL PRIORITIES FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks appreciates any funding and support provided by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the following legislative and capital priorities, and the public had an opportunity to comment on these priorities at the November 14 and November 28, 2022 regular City Council meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the 2023 legislative and capital priorities of the City of Fairbanks are listed below:

2023 Legislative Priorities

1. Reduce the municipalities' PERS contribution rate from 22%
2. Provide relief from DEC PFOS/PFOA plume characterization requirements
3. Mitigate the City's liability regarding the PFOS/PFOA ground water contamination
4. Maintain a baseline of \$60 million annually in Community Assistance Program funding (formerly known as Revenue Sharing)
5. Allow Tier 1, 2, and 3 PERS retirees to return to work under Tier 4 to fill critical shortages and continue to collect retirement
6. Increase SART funding for Fairbanks to \$150,000 to meet current liability

2023 Capital Priorities

1. Public Works backup generator \$1 million
2. Redesign and construction of roads, sidewalks, and drainage in the Island Homes subdivision with a request of \$9.6 million
3. Construction of a Law Enforcement Training Facility in Interior Alaska with a request of \$6 million

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

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 14th day of November 2022.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul Ewers, City Attorney

City of Fairbanks

2023 Legislative and Capital Priorities

Attachment to Resolution No. 5036, as Amended
(Proposed Substitute)

Legislative Priorities:

1. **PERS Contribution Rate:** Less than half of the 22% the City of Fairbanks pays for its Tier IV employees benefits them, with the balance going to pay off the billions of dollars of legacy debt. Payments into the PERS system by Alaska municipalities were entrusted with the State of Alaska. Unfortunately, because of incredible lack of oversight and mismanagement, massive debts were incurred.

Compared to the City of Fairbanks' contributions to its various unions with their own pension plans, the PERS rate is extremely high and costly. The City respectfully asks that the legislature look at ways to reduce this burden upon municipalities which was incurred by the State of Alaska.

2. **PFOS/PFOA Plume Characterization:** The City of Fairbanks requests relief from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) plume characterization requirements related to the Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) / Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) contamination at the Fairbanks Regional Fire Training Center.
3. **PFOS/PFOA Liability Mitigation:** The City of Fairbanks requests State assistance in liability mitigation regarding the PFOS/PFOA contamination, with respect to the expected drop in the EPA Health Advisory Levels requiring additional wells to be decommissioned. There are many potentially liable agencies in the Fairbanks area, and the issue is much broader than the City of Fairbanks.
4. **Community Assistance Program (formerly known as Revenue Sharing):** The City of Fairbanks requests the State maintain the Community Assistance Program baseline at \$60 million or more annually.
5. **PERS Retirees:** The City of Fairbanks requests the State allow Tier 1, 2, and 3 PERS retirees to return to work under Tier 4 to fill critical shortages and be allowed to continue to collect their retirement.
6. **SART:** The City of Fairbanks requests that the SART funding dedicated to Fairbanks be increased to \$150,000 to help offset the current costs of the demands.

Capital Priorities:

1. **Generator:** The City of Fairbanks requests \$1 million to assist in the replacement of the emergency generator in the City of Fairbanks Public Works facility.

City of Fairbanks

2023 Legislative and Capital Priorities

Attachment to Resolution No. 5036, as Amended
(Proposed Substitute)

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ORDINANCE NO. 6223

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE V, ROOM RENTAL TAX, TO CHANGE
THE ALLOCATIONS TO GOLDEN HEART PLAZA/BARNETTE'S
LANDING AND DISCRETIONARY GRANTS**

WHEREAS, the room rental tax was first enacted as the hotel/motel tax in 1979;
and

WHEREAS, the rate of the tax was increased to the current 8 percent in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the "purpose and limitation" section of the ordinance has been
amended at least 10 times since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Explore Fairbanks deserves recognition for its diligent, hard work
which has resulted in an increase in tourism for the Fairbanks North Star Borough,
especially during the winter tourist season; and

WHEREAS, the allocations for discretionary grants and to Golden Heart Plaza/
Barnette's Landing have not been changed since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Golden Heart Plaza is a historical landmark that annually attracts
many thousands of visitors from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City received discretionary grant applications from 32
organizations requesting a combined total of \$857,512; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City received discretionary grant applications from 29
organizations requesting a combined total of \$784,156; and

WHEREAS, as recognized from the original enactment of the hotel/motel tax,
discretionary grant applicants play an important role in attracting visitors to Fairbanks;
and

WHEREAS, had discretionary grant funding been adjusted for inflation, today's
grants would total \$585,000.

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

Section 1. FGC Sec. 74-117(b) is amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font;
deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 74-117. Room rental tax purpose and limitation.

(b) Subject to annual appropriation, revenues collected under this article shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) The City of Fairbanks will receive 22.5 percent for fund collection, administration, and tourism impact.
- (2) ~~\$500,000~~400,000 will be distributed annually as follows:
Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation \$ 100,000.00
Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing Maintenance \$ ~~50,000.00~~
~~30,000.00~~
Discretionary Grants \$ ~~350,000~~ 270,000.00
- (3) All remaining room rental tax revenues will be distributed to the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, dba Explore Fairbanks (hereinafter "Explore Fairbanks").
- (4) The allocations under this section will be reviewed by the city council at least once every five years.**

Section 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance is the ___ day of _____ 2022.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
FAILED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 6224

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FGC SEC. 22-25(f) REGARDING
PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING THE WINNER OF A TIE VOTE IN
CITY ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, in 1986, Charter Section 11.7 was amended when the voters ratified Ordinance No. 4553, An Ordinance to Abolish Runoff Elections; and

WHEREAS, prior to the amendment, Charter Section 11.7 required a runoff election if candidates received less than a majority of the votes cast (the amendment changed “majority” to “the greatest number of votes cast”); and

WHEREAS, that charter amendment also provided that in the case of a tie, the winner was to be determined by lot at a council meeting; and

WHEREAS, at the time of this charter amendment, FGC Sec. 3.125(d) provided that if there was a tie vote, there would be a runoff election between the two tied candidates; and

WHEREAS, FGC Sec. 3.125(d) was never amended to reflect the change to Charter Section 11.7, and it was carried forward as FGC Sec. 22-25(f) in the revised version of the Fairbanks General Code; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the 1986 amendment to the Fairbanks City Charter was to eliminate runoff elections for council member seats and decide ties via lot.

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

Section 1. Fairbanks General Code Sec. 22-25(f) is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

(f) In case of failure to elect because of a tie vote, the city ~~council~~ **clerk** shall immediately **proceed with a recount of votes** ~~cause the canvass board to recount the votes. If there is still a failure to elect because of a tie vote in the regular election, the names of the two tied candidates shall be entered in a runoff election. In case of failure to elect in a runoff election because of a tie vote, the city council shall immediately cause the canvass board to recount the votes. If there is still a failure to elect because of a tie after completion of the recount, the election shall be determined fairly by lot from among the candidates tying in a meeting of the city council and under its direction. **After the determination has been made by lot, the city council shall certify the result.**~~

Section 2. This ordinance will become effective the ____ day of December 2022.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 6225

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 OPERATING
AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE FOURTH TIME**

WHEREAS, this ordinance incorporates the changes outlined on the attached fiscal note to amend the 2022 operating and capital budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows [amendments shown in **bold** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the 2022 General Fund and Capital Fund budgets the following sources of revenue and expenditures in the amounts indicated to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 (see pages 2 and 3):

GENERAL FUND

<u>REVENUE</u>	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Taxes (all sources)	\$ 25,062,130	\$ -	\$ 25,062,130
Charges for Services	5,758,400	220,000	5,978,400
Intergovernmental Revenues	4,057,378	45,000	4,102,378
Licenses and Permits	1,912,250	315,000	2,227,250
Fines and Forfeitures	526,500	35,000	561,500
Interest and Penalties	205,000	100,000	305,000
Rental and Lease Income	136,762	-	136,762
Other Revenues	250,000	-	250,000
Other Financing Sources	2,817,700	-	2,817,700
Total revenue appropriation	<u>\$ 40,726,120</u>	<u>\$ 715,000</u>	<u>\$ 41,441,120</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Mayor Department	\$ 736,790	\$ 4,000	\$ 740,790
Legal Department	224,430	-	224,430
Office of the City Clerk	448,985	-	448,985
Finance Department	937,100	-	937,100
Information Technology	2,497,715	-	2,497,715
General Account	6,768,781	90,000	6,858,781
Police Department	7,783,102	100,000	7,883,102
Communications Center	2,699,570	-	2,699,570
Fire Department	8,500,268	400,000	8,900,268
Public Works Department	9,927,791	275,000	10,202,791
Engineering Department	915,760	-	915,760
Building Department	714,430	-	714,430
Total expenditure appropriation	<u>\$ 42,154,722</u>	<u>\$ 869,000</u>	<u>\$ 43,023,722</u>
2021 unassigned fund balance	\$ 14,753,830	\$ -	\$ 14,753,830
Prior year encumbrances	(272,775)	-	(272,775)
Transfers to other funds	(2,390,000)	-	(2,390,000)
Other changes to the budget	1,234,173	(154,000)	1,080,173
2022 estimated unassigned balance	<u>\$ 13,325,228</u>	<u>\$ (154,000)</u>	<u>\$ 13,171,228</u>

Minimum unassigned fund balance requirement is 20% of budgeted annual expenditures but not less than \$10,000,000.

\$ 8,604,744

CAPITAL FUND

<u>REVENUE</u>	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Transfer from Permanent Fund	\$ 689,313	\$ -	\$ 689,313
Transfer from General Fund	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Property Repair & Replacement	145,000	-	145,000
Public Works	250,000	-	250,000
Garbage Equipment Reserve	266,803	-	266,803
IT	50,000	-	50,000
Police	180,000	-	180,000
Communications Center	140,000	-	140,000
Fire	140,000	-	140,000
Building	10,000	-	10,000
Total revenue appropriation	<u>\$ 3,871,116</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,871,116</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Property Repair & Replacement	\$ 2,505,058	\$ -	\$ 2,505,058
Public Works Department	685,261	-	685,261
Garbage Equipment Reserve	800,000	-	800,000
IT Department	234,451	25,000	259,451
Police Department	438,031	-	438,031
Communications Center	56,960	-	56,960
Fire Department	970,000	-	970,000
Road Maintenance	782,119	-	782,119
Total expenditure appropriation	<u>\$ 6,471,880</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,496,880</u>
Estimated capital fund unassigned balance	\$ 6,162,484	\$ (25,000)	\$ 6,137,484
Estimated capital fund assigned balance	5,659,755	-	5,659,755
2022 estimated fund balance	<u>\$ 11,822,239</u>	<u>\$ (25,000)</u>	<u>\$ 11,797,239</u>

SECTION 2. This ordinance also appropriates the use of emergency snow removal funds in the amount of \$250,000 as designated by the Mayor.

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SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the 28th day of November 2022.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE
ORDINANCE NO. 6225
AMENDING THE 2022 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
FOR THE FOURTH TIME

GENERAL FUND
\$715,000 Increase in Revenue
\$869,000 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Tax Revenue
2. Charges for Services
 - \$200,000 increase to ambulance services
 - \$35,000 increase to dispatch services
 - (\$20,000) decrease to engineering stormwater services
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4. License and Permits
 - \$7,000 increase to business licenses
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 - \$10,000 increase to residential building permits
 - \$55,000 increase to mechanical permits
5. Fines and Forfeitures
 - \$10,000 increase to traffic ticket collection
 - \$75,000 increase to moving traffic violations
 - (\$50,000) decrease to vehicle forfeitures
6. Interest and Penalties
 - \$100,000 increase to interest on deposits
7. Other Revenue

Expenditures

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 - \$4,000 increase to travel
2. City Attorney's Office
3. City Clerk's Office
4. Finance Department
5. Information Technology
6. General Account
 - \$25,000 increase to medical
 - \$65,000 increase to contributions to other agencies
7. Police Department
 - \$100,000 increase to medical and evidence
8. Communications Center
9. Fire Department
 - \$400,000 increase to overtime
10. Public Works
 - \$210,000 increase to fuel, oil, and grease
 - \$65,000 increase to garbage collection
11. Engineering
12. Building Department

CAPITAL FUND
\$0 Increase in Revenue
\$25,000 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Other Financing Sources

Expenditures

1. Property Repair & Replacement
2. Public Works
3. Garbage Equipment Reserve
4. IT Department
 - \$25,000 increase for council chambers media system upgrade
5. Police Department
6. Communications Center
7. Fire Department
8. Road Maintenance

Introduced By: Mayor David Pruhs
Finance Committee: November 22, 2022
Introduced: November 14, 2022

**ORDINANCE NO. 6225, AS AMENDED
(PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE)**

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SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the 28th day of November 2022.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE
ORDINANCE NO. 6225, AS AMENDED
AMENDING THE 2022 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
FOR THE FOURTH TIME

GENERAL FUND
\$815,000 Increase in Revenue
\$869,000 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Tax Revenue
2. Charges for Services
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 - (\$50,000) decrease to vehicle forfeitures
6. Interest and Penalties
 - **\$200,000 increase to interest on deposits**
7. Other Revenue

Expenditures

1. Mayor & Council
 - \$4,000 increase to travel
2. City Attorney's Office
3. City Clerk's Office
4. Finance Department
5. Information Technology
6. General Account
 - \$25,000 increase to medical
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7. Police Department
 - \$100,000 increase to medical and evidence
8. Communications Center
9. Fire Department
 - \$400,000 increase to overtime
10. Public Works
 - \$210,000 increase to fuel, oil, and grease
 - \$65,000 increase to garbage collection
11. Engineering
12. Building Department

CAPITAL FUND
\$0 Increase in Revenue
\$40,000 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Other Financing Sources

Expenditures

1. Property Repair & Replacement
2. Public Works
3. Garbage Equipment Reserve
4. IT Department
 - \$25,000 increase for council chambers media system upgrade
5. Police Department
6. Communications Center
7. Fire Department
 - **\$15,000 increase for fire apparatus**
8. Road Maintenance

Introduced by: Council Members Marney,
Cleworth, and Tidwell
Finance Committee: November 22, 2022
Introduced: November 28, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 5038

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO APPLY
FOR FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY TO FUND
THE SOLAR PANEL ARRAY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City has identified the solar panel array as a capital project priority;
and

WHEREAS, this project will decrease energy costs by installing a commercial solar panel array on an elevated pad at the Public Works compound next to the Alaska State Troopers' property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks is eligible to apply for a grant through the Alaska Energy Authority's Renewable Energy Fund Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant award will provide up to \$2 million in low energy cost areas and up to \$4 million in high energy costs areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks wishes to apply for \$1 million; matching funds are recommended but not required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents required to apply for funds on behalf of the City from the Alaska Energy Authority for the Solar Panel Array Project.

PASSED and APPROVED this 28th Day of November 2022.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5038

Abbreviated Title: Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) Renewable Energy Fund Grant Program

Department(s): Public Works

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No X

2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes _____ No X

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No X

If yes, how many positions? _____

If yes, type of positions? _____ (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

PROJECTS:	Equipment	Building	Personnel	Total
Solar Panel Array	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	Equipment	Building	Personnel	Total
AEA Renewable Energy Fund Grant Program	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000

Renewable Energy Systems provided a system production estimate showing a lifetime (25 year) solar revenue of \$834,508 to be generated from the system.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial SF

Date 11/17/2022

RESOLUTION NO. 5039

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S
PARTICIPATION IN ADDRESSING ALASKA MUNICIPALITIES' HIGH PERS
CONTRIBUTION RATE**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks is an active and productive member of the Alaska Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League, the City of Fairbanks, and municipalities throughout Alaska have related priorities; and

WHEREAS, the contribution rate of municipalities to the Alaska Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) affects many members of the Alaska Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, municipalities trusted the State of Alaska to responsibly manage these funds; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the State changed the PERS system by adding a Tier 4 after acknowledging the massive debt that had accrued; and

WHEREAS, the State currently runs a deficit in the PERS system of \$3.2 billion as of December 2021, and since the last actuarial value of June 2022, market value of invested assets has decreased by \$2.3 billion, adding to the deficit; and

WHEREAS, municipal members enrolled in the PERS program continue to contribute to the PERS system at a 22% contribution rate years after it was replaced by a defined contribution plan, with the majority of the payment going to pay off the legacy defined benefit debt; and

WHEREAS, this rate is much higher than equivalent union or private sector plans; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities have not seen any long-range plan to reduce this high rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the City of Fairbanks requests the Alaska Municipal League:

1. Work with the State of Alaska's Executive and Legislative branches to, at a minimum, oppose an increase in the current rate; and
2. Work with the State of Alaska's Executive and Legislative branches to begin reducing or removing the legacy debt liability portion of the PERS contribution rate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Executive Director of the Alaska Municipal League.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 28th day of November 2022.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul Ewers, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 6226

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2023 OPERATING
AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 5.2, on October 26, 2022, Mayor Pruhs presented a recommended annual operating and capital budget estimate for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was reviewed by the City Council, Finance Committee, and Department Directors, and their suggested changes to the Mayor's recommended budget are disclosed in the increase (decrease) columns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows [amendments shown in **bold** font; deleted text in ~~font~~]:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the 2023 General Fund and Capital Fund budgets the following sources of revenue and expenditures in the amounts indicated to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 (see pages 2 and 3):

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE	MAYOR PROPOSED BUDGET	REVIEW PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Taxes (all sources)	\$ 26,849,410	\$ -	\$ 26,849,410
Charges for Services	5,966,500	-	5,966,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	3,204,080	-	3,204,080
Licenses and Permits	2,006,050	-	2,006,050
Fines and Forfeitures	526,000	-	526,000
Interest and Penalties	265,000	100,000	365,000
Rental and Lease Income	148,618	-	148,618
Other Revenues	220,000	-	220,000
Other Financing Sources	5,084,496	-	5,084,496
Total revenue appropriation	<u>\$ 44,270,154</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 44,370,154</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Mayor Department	\$ 753,120	\$ (7,100)	\$ 746,020
Legal Department	243,300	-	243,300
Office of the City Clerk	474,455	-	474,455
Finance Department	979,990	-	979,990
Information Technology	2,598,576	-	2,598,576
General Account	6,654,000	100,000	6,754,000
Police Department	8,222,585	(10,000)	8,212,585
Communications Center	3,412,030	(2,070)	3,409,960
Fire Department	8,523,908	101,110	8,625,018
Public Works Department	9,724,970	(50,500)	9,674,470
Engineering Department	954,350	-	954,350
Building Department	725,620	-	725,620
Total expenditure appropriation	<u>\$ 43,266,904</u>	<u>\$ 131,440</u>	<u>\$ 43,398,344</u>
Estimated general fund balance	\$ 13,171,228	\$ -	\$ 13,171,228
Increase (Decrease) to fund balance	<u>1,003,250</u>	<u>(31,440)</u>	<u>971,810</u>
2023 estimated unassigned balance	<u>\$ 14,174,478</u>	<u>\$ (31,440)</u>	<u>\$ 14,143,038</u>

Minimum unassigned fund balance requirement is 20% of budgeted annual expenditures but not less than \$10,000,000.

\$ 8,679,669

CAPITAL FUND

<u>REVENUE</u>	MAYOR PROPOSED BUDGET	REVIEW PERIOD INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Transfer from Permanent Fund	\$ 682,937	\$ -	\$ 682,937
Transfer from General Fund	-	-	-
Property Repair & Replacement	145,000	-	145,000
Public Works	250,000	-	250,000
Garbage Equipment Reserve	279,000	-	279,000
IT	65,000	-	65,000
Police	180,000	30,000	210,000
Communications Center	140,000	-	140,000
Fire	290,000	-	290,000
Building	10,000	-	10,000
Total revenue appropriation	<u>\$ 2,041,937</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,071,937</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Property Repair & Replacement	\$ 629,000	\$ -	\$ 629,000
Public Works Department	1,514,000	(45,000)	1,469,000
Garbage Equipment Reserve	-	-	-
IT Department	65,000	-	65,000
Police Department	186,698	30,000	216,698
Communications Center	-	-	-
Fire Department	190,000	-	190,000
Road Maintenance	1,397,974	-	1,397,974
Total expenditure appropriation	<u>\$ 3,982,672</u>	<u>\$ (15,000)</u>	<u>\$ 3,967,672</u>
Estimated capital fund unassigned balance	\$ 4,322,421	\$ 45,000	\$ 4,367,421
Estimated capital fund assigned balance	5,519,083	-	5,519,083
2023 estimated fund balance	<u>\$ 9,841,504</u>	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,886,504</u>

SECTION 2. This ordinance also appropriates the use of emergency snow removal funds in the amount of \$250,000 as designated by the Mayor.

SECTION 3. All appropriations made by this ordinance lapse at the end of the fiscal year to the extent they have not been expended or contractually committed to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of said departments of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the 12th day of December 2022.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 6227

**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 2023 OPERATING BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks and FFU ratified a collective bargaining agreement (CBA), effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, changes to the collective bargaining agreement are subject to member ratification and City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the October 1, 2021 CBA Section 15.8 specifies the staffing levels, and Section 16.2 specifies pro-pays; this change will add staffing for a third ambulance and allow pro-pays for the additional ambulance unit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks and FFU collectively bargained and agreed to amend the current CBA to change the requirements in Section 15.8 and Section 16.2.

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

SECTION 1. The Letter of Agreement amending the current CBA between the City of Fairbanks and FFU, attached as Exhibit A, is approved and ratified.

SECTION 2. The effective date of this Ordinance will be the 1st day of January 2023.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6227

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING FFU CBA TO CHANGE STAFFING LEVELS

Department(s): FIRE

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

- 1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes X No
- 2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes No X
- If yes, what is the estimate? see below
- 3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes X No
- If yes, how many positions? 4
- If yes, type of positions? F (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

EXPENDITURES:	2023	2024+
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$480,000	\$500,000
PRO-PAYS	\$52,000	\$54,000
NEW HIRE COSTS	\$80,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$612,000	\$554,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	2023	2024+
GENERAL FUND (SEMT FUNDS)	\$612,000	\$554,000
TOTAL	\$612,000	\$554,000

The proposed changes to the current Fairbanks Firefighter Union Collective Bargaining Agreement include staffing levels (Section 15.8) and pro-pays (Section 16.2). These changes will add staffing for a third ambulance by adding four firefighter positions. This will also provide an estimate of \$310,600 in revenue through the SEMT program (\$114,700) and ambulance fees (\$195,900).

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 11/21/2022

Letter of Agreement

City of Fairbanks and Fairbanks Firefighter Union 15.8 Staffing Levels

- A. Emergency vehicles shall have assigned to them, at minimum, the following personnel:
 - a. Engine – 1 Captain, 1 Driver, 1 Firefighter
 - b. Ambulance – 1 Paramedic, 1 Firefighter
 - c. Command Vehicle – 1 Battalion Chief
 - d. Aerial Device – 1 Captain, 1 Driver
 - e. Squad
 - i. 2022-2023 – 1 Driver, 1 Captain or 1 Firefighter
 - ii. 2024 – 1 Captain, 1 Driver
 - f. Medic
 - i. Defined by operational needs of the department
 - ii. Minimum 2 personnel
 - iii. At least one EMT2 or higher level provider
- B. The following apparatus may be cross-staffed as follows:
 - a. Engine – Rescue, Tender and/or Brush
 - b. Squad -- Rescue, Tender, Brush, Medic, and/or Aerial Device
- C. Minimum daily apparatus levels:
 - a. 1 Command Vehicle
 - b. 2 Engines
 - c. 2 Ambulances
 - d. 1 additional Ambulance staffed when trailing 6-month ambulance UHU is greater than 0.26 starting Jan 1, 2024.
- D. Additional Apparatus
 - a. 1 Squad staffed when the trailing 6-month ambulance UHU is greater than 0.14
 - b. More apparatus may be staffed at the Fire Chief's discretion if 15.8.D.a has been met.
- E. Stations
 - a. Stations shall be staffed with a minimum of 1 Captain, 1 Driver, and 1 Firefighter, regardless of the type of apparatus in service.
- F. Fire Prevention
 - a. The City shall employ a minimum of one Member for the purpose of fire prevention except as noted in 6.5 (A) 3.

16.2 Pro-Pay:

- B. Medic assigned to Ambulance/Medic Units 10%
- C. Driver assigned to Ambulance/Medic Units 5%

David Pruhs
Mayor City of Fairbanks

Nick Clark
president IAFF 1324

TA 9/19/2022

Nick Clark

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MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: David Pruhs, City Mayor
Subject: Request for Concurrence – Appointment to the Interior Gas Utility Board
Date: November 21, 2022

Mr. Gary Wilken currently serves as the City-appointed representative to the Interior Gas Utility (IGU) Board, and his term will expire December 31, 2022. Mr. Wilken has applied for reappointment.

As a former State Senator, a former Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) board member, and a member of the IGU Board since 2018, Mr. Wilken has a wealth of knowledge regarding the Interior Energy Project and understands the challenges of bringing affordable gas to the Interior.

FNSBC 11.04.020(B): The initial appointments to the board shall be made as follows: three by the Borough Mayor, one by the Assembly Presiding Officer, one by the City of North Pole and two by the City of Fairbanks, each confirmed by the respective governing body. Appointments shall be made for staggered terms (in a manner that ensures each city has an appointment on the board) with two members serving for two years, two serving for three years and three serving for four years with their terms ending when their successors are elected or appointed. Upon the expiration of the first four initial appointed terms of office, their successors shall be elected at large by the voters of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Upon expiration of the last three initial appointed terms, their successors shall be appointed, one by the Borough Mayor, one by the city of North Pole Mayor and one by the City of Fairbanks Mayor, each subject to confirmation by the respective governing body. After the expiration of their initial terms all shall thereafter serve a term of three years.

I hereby request your concurrence to the following reappointment to the IGU Board:

Mr. Gary Wilken Term to Expire: December 31, 2025

Mr. Wilken’s resume is attached.

Thank you.

/dds

TANANA VALLEY YOUTH SPORTS FOUNDATION

Gary R. Wilken

Fairbanks AK

November 16, 2022

Gary Wilken is a 66-year resident of Fairbanks. He is married to Sue, and they have four grown children, all residing in Fairbanks and blessing them with six grandchildren ages 11 – 25. Gary is a graduate of Lathrop High School (1964). He continued his education on a Division 1 basketball scholarship at Oregon State University where he earned a B.S. degree in Business and Technology (minor: Petroleum Geology) and an M.B.A. (minor: Industrial Psychology) from OSU in 1968 and 1970.

Gary is a retired (2005) small businessman, (actually, no - he's a rather large small businessman) having owned, for 29 years, Fairbanks Distributors (Frito-Lay), Great Alaskan Food Co. (Wonder Bread, Hostess, and Oroweat), and Husky Food Products (bar and restaurant supply), all wholesale food distributors.

He was elected four times and proudly served the City of Fairbanks and Ft. Wainwright for 12 years in the state legislature as a state senator where he served on Senate Finance ten years, four as a co-chair. When the threat of actually having to go door-to-door to campaign, he wised up and, having grown tired of keeping his hands warm in other people's pockets, retired in 2009.

At Oregon State he was a member of the SAE fraternity and played collegiate PAC-8 basketball for four years. He is a member of the State of Alaska High School sports Hall of Fame as an individual and the State of Oregon and OSU Sports Hall of Fame, both as a team member.

Gary has served on numerous community and statewide boards of directors. He served 13 years on the Fairbanks Municipal Utility System board, eight years on the state of Alaska sovereign debt development corporation known as AIDEA,

Rotary president, Chairman of the Board of Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, member of the Lt. General's USAF Civilian Advisory Board, and he is a founding director of the Tanana Valley Youth Sports Foundation and the Fairbanks Youth Sports Trust. He is currently one of seven directors of the Interior Gas Utility successfully bringing, at long last, natural gas to Fairbanks and North Pole.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary R. Wilken

Gary R. Wilken



FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 JULY 12, 2022, 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.
 HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
 FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The **Fairbanks Diversity Council** (FDC) convened at 5:32 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting via Zoom Webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska with Vice Chair Dorothy Shockley (Seat F) presiding (Z) and with the following members in attendance [Z = Zoom; P = In Person]:

Members Present: (Z) Timothy Ledna, Seat A (Z) Rachael Kvapil, Seat K
 (Z) Juanita Webb, Seat D (Z) June Rogers, Council Member
 (Z) Shelissa Thomas, Seat E (P) Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
 (P) Wendy Tisland, Seat H

Members Absent: *Vacant*, Seat B Kelvin Lee, Seat I
Vacant, Seat C Cheyenna Kuplack, Seat J
 Andrew Aquino, Seat G (excused) Jim Matherly, Mayor

Also Present: (P) D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Shockley called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The FDC recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Vice Chair Shockley stated she broke her kneecap in March, and she has been out of the loop for a while. She shared that at the end of April her son became ill with a rare infection, and he passed away. She stated that it has been a rough few months, and she thanked FDC members for having patience with her during that difficult time. **Vice Chair Shockley** asked each FDC member to introduce themselves and answer the following question: *Why do you serve on the Fairbanks Diversity Council?*

A. Foster-Snow stated that she serves because of her position at the City of Fairbanks. She stated that she began serving under the administration of Mayor John Eberhart.

R. Kvapil stated that she came from a low socio-economic class, and everyone gave her excuses as to why she would not succeed. She stated that those around her bought into it, but she never accepted it. She stated that is why she serves.

W. Tisland stated that she is officially filling the Borough-appointed position on the FDC. She stated that she has been working in human resources for about 35 years. She stated that equal

opportunity has always been a part of her work, and treating people fairly is ingrained in her. She stated that she serves to create an inclusive environment where people are treated fairly.

S. Thomas stated that she works with an underserved and marginalized population. She stated that she serves because she wants to be a voice and a part of a body that cares about the situations brought forward by those in the community.

J. Webb stated that she serves to make a difference in the community and to help educate about and advocate for people of diverse cultures. She stated that one of her goals is to make groups like the FDC not needed.

T. Ledna stated that he has been in Fairbanks for less than three years. He stated that he has always been active in the community where he lives. He stated he values the mission of the FDC, and he continues to serve for that reason. He commented that another reason he serves on the FDC is to be in the presence of J. Rogers.

J. Rogers thanked T. Ledna for his kind words. She stated that she has been doing advocacy work through arts and culture in Fairbanks for 45-50 years. She stated that she and R. Kvapil worked together for many years, and she spoke highly of R. Kvapil and her accomplishments. She stated that she was appointed to the FDC originally by Mayor Eberhart in 2014, and she feels compelled to be a part of activities that brings people together in such a platform.

When called upon by **Vice Chair Shockley** to respond to the question presented, Clerk Snider stated that she is not a member of the FDC but is assigned to serve the body administratively.

Vice Chair Shockley stated she serves on the FDC to embrace diversity. She stated that when the FDC first formed, she believes her daughter was serving on the City Council. She stated that she would like to see the City reflect the community's diverse population in offices, employment, governing bodies, and organizations. She stated she would like to work more towards that goal.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

W. Tisland, seconded by **T. Ledna**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda.

Vice Chair Shockley called for a voice vote; she declared that the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2022

W. Tisland, seconded by **T. Ledna**, moved to APPROVE the meeting minutes as presented.

Vice Chair Shockley called for a voice vote, then declared that the motion passed.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS (Limited to 3 Minutes)

There were no citizens' comments.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- a) Update from HR Director A. Foster Snow

A. Foster-Snow shared that the City is actively recruiting for three upper-level positions. She stated that the Administration interviewed an out-of-state candidate earlier in the day for the Assistant Fire Chief position, and she is hopeful that the position will be filled. She stated that the City's Environmental Engineer position has also recently vacated as well as the City Building Inspector position. She mentioned other vacancies in the Fairbanks Police Department and in the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Diversity Action Plan (DAP) Final Review & Recommendation to the City Council

T. Ledna explained that the FDC had requested a clean copy be provided for members' review prior to voting on whether to recommend the revised document to the City Council for approval.

Clerk Snider stated that the version before the FDC contains all the amendments to date. She questioned whether it was the FDC's intent to keep the subcommittees in the "Responsibility" column of the document, since those subcommittees have not been in place for some time.

W. Tisland, seconded by **R. Kvapil**, moved to AMEND the DAP working document by replacing the subcommittees listed in Goals 3 and 4 with "Diversity Council."

Vice Chair Shockley called for a voice vote on the motion to amend; she declared that the motion passed.

T. Ledna, seconded by **J. Webb**, moved to AMEND the DAP working document by adding "Diversity Council" to each blank cell under the column "Responsibility" in Goal 3.

Members discussed whether filling in the blanks with "Diversity Council" would be appropriate. **W. Tisland** pointed out that some of the items under Goal 3 do not appear to be under the responsibility or role of the FDC.

Vice Chair Shockley called for a voice vote on the motion to amend; she declared that the motion failed.

W. Tisland, seconded by **S. Thomas**, moved to REFER Goal 3 back to the subcommittee who originally worked on the proposed edits to complete the "Responsibility" column.

Vice Chair Shockley called for a voice vote on the motion to refer; she declared that the motion passed.

- b) FDC Resolution No. 2022-01 Approving the Reading of a Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Shockley read the full title of the resolution into the record.

Clerk Snider provided a staff report; she stated that Chair Aquino had reached out to the Denakkanaaga Elders but had not received a response yet. **Vice Chair Shockley** reported that one of the Elders was currently out of town; she added that Chair Aquino had wanted to invite the Elders to attend an FDC meeting.

S. Thomas had informed the group at the start of the meeting that she would need to leave by 6:30 p.m. S. Thomas left the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The remaining agenda items were not addressed due to the loss of a quorum, and Clerk Snider stated that the unaddressed items would be rolled to the next regular meeting agenda.

- c) Subcommittee Recommendation on NAACP's "7 Points for a Safer Fairbanks"

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Nomination and Appointment of Vice Chair

MEETING DATES

- a) Next Regular Meeting Date, August 9, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Shockley declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Dorothy Shockley, Chair


D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Transcribed by: DS



FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 AUGUST 9, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
 HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
 FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The **Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC)** convened on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting via Zoom Webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska with Chair Dorothy Shockley (Seat F) presiding (Z) and with the following members in attendance [Z = Zoom; P = In Person]:

Members Present: (P) Timothy Ledna, Seat A (Z) Cheyenna Kuplack, Seat J left @ 5:43
 (Z) Juanita Webb, Seat D (Z) June Rogers, Council Member
 (Z) Andrew Aquino, Seat G (Z) Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
 (P) Wendy Tisland, Seat H

Members Absent: *Vacant*, Seat B Kelvin Lee, Seat I
Vacant, Seat C Rachael Kvapil, Seat K (excused)
 Shelissa Thomas, Seat E (excused) Jim Matherly, Mayor

Also Present: (P) D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER & READING OF THE FDC MISSION STATEMENT

Chair Shockley called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and asked the Clerk to read the mission statement; Clerk Snider read the mission statement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Shockley asked T. Ledna to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Chair Shockley asked each member to answer the following question: Considering the DAP key priority areas, which one action can you commit to completing this year? Why?

J. Rogers stated that since she is a non-voting member, perhaps others should go first.

A. Aquino stated that he works in the President’s Office at the University. He shared that he would choose, under priority #3, the task of considering diverse representation when appointing seats on councils. He stated that he would incorporate that into his work by ensuring there are solid expectations of hiring committees in his workplace. He stated that he would like to see diverse representation in the recruitment process from application through onboarding.

W. Tisland stated she was not prepared to answer the question.

T. Ledna stated that the most attractive goals to him were the ones that have been eliminated by the DAP: community outreach and diversity promotion. He shared that under goal #4, education and training, the portion about developing and maintaining collaborative partnerships with other groups is what most closely aligns with his work. He stated that he will keep in my mind how his work on the FDC can help maintain partnerships and make people aware of the FDC's mission statement. He added that he would be willing to provide updates to the local governing bodies.

J. Webb stated that she would choose the priority of education and training, especially with regard to the disabled population.

C. Kuplack left the meeting at 5:43 p.m., and a quorum was lost. All action items on the agenda were not addressed due to the loss of a quorum. The unaddressed agenda items will be rolled to the next regular meeting.

Chair Shockley stated that she is a member of the Upper Koyukukan Athabascan tribe in the Interior. She stated she is currently unemployed, although she owns her own business. She commented that it is difficult to zero in on one area of the DAP. However, she expressed interest in Goal 3, internal City policies and procedures. She expressed that she would like to ensure a more diverse employment pool and maybe review City affirmative action plan (AAP) and offer recommendations as needed. She stated she would be willing to review the AAP and offer changes, as needed.

Chair Shockley asked if anything else could be done at the meeting since there was no quorum. Clerk Snider stated that no action could be taken by the FDC.

A. Aquino reminded members to toss in their hat if they are interested in serving as Vice Chair.

Chair Shockley stated that she has some questions; she asked who provides updates from the FDC to the Borough. **J. Rogers** stated that she does when she is serving as the City representative at Borough Assembly meetings. **W. Tisland** stated that she is appointed by Borough Mayor Ward, and she reports regularly to him about the FDC. **A. Aquino** asked whether Mayor Ward get to see the applicant pool for the FDC. Clerk Snider stated that the City shares applicant information with the Borough. **J. Rogers** asked Clerk Snider to share about what she has offered to the City Council in regard to reports to the Borough Assembly. Clerk Snider stated that she has offered, whenever asked, to provide a summary report to City Council members to share with the Borough Assembly when it is their turn to represent the City.

Chair Shockley asked whether there are any regulations for the FDC. She asked if the FDC is guaranteed to continue if there was to be a new Mayor who did not want the FDC. **J. Rogers** stated that the FDC was brought about by former Mayor Eberhart, and it began with the Mayor serving as the Chair. She stated that changes have been made since that time, and changes can be made. She stated that what keeps the FDC going is vitality and productivity. Clerk Snider stated that the FDC does have a policies and procedures outline, but it needs to be updated. She stated that perhaps once the items currently before the FDC are taken care of, the group can review and update the policies and procedures. Clerk Snider continued by stating that the only way for the FDC to be eliminated is by City ordinance. She clarified that the Mayor or a City Council member

would have to introduce an ordinance, and the ordinance would need two readings, a public hearing, and a majority vote to pass.

Chair Shockley expressed that she would like to have a gathering of the FDC so that members could meet each other. **W. Tisland** stated she recalls a time when snacks were shared at an FDC meeting and suggested something like that. She acknowledged that hybrid meetings (in person and Zoom) came about during COVID and asked whether the FDC intends to continue with hybrid meetings. **A. Aquino** stated that hybrid FDC meetings did come about because of COVID; he stated that is an issue the Chair could bring up at a future meeting. **Chair Shockley** stated that perhaps an in person gathering is something that could be done on a quarterly basis. She suggested also that the FDC review the regular meeting start time.

J. Rogers stated that the FDC has existed since 2014, but the group continues to struggle to meet a quorum. She stated that the DAP is a complex plan that is difficult for an advisory body like the FDC to carry out. She clarified that the FDC has no budget, and it was never intended to. She stated that if or when the FDC needs funds for something such as a banner, they can request it of the Mayor and he may provide it out of his budget. She stated she has two years left to serve on the City Council, but she would be willing to continue serving as a member of the FDC beyond those two years.

Chair Shockley stated that she was very excited when the FDC was first created. She commented that she is glad to serve on the FDC but she agreed that the limitations of the FDC make it difficult. She questioned whether FDC meetings are advertised and stated that a majority of community members are not aware that the FDC exists.

J. Rogers asked A. Foster-Snow to provide a brief overview of how City hiring practices have improved since the FDC was created. **A. Foster-Snow** stated that there have been many things, but the biggest thing is the participation of FDC members in the hiring process. She mentioned some current and past members who have served on hiring panels and stated that serving in that way gives a member the opportunity to see that the City is trying to attract diverse applicants. **A. Foster-Snow** stated that the City cannot control who applies for jobs. She stated that the City has struggled with diversity, but she has seen significant growth in that area. She commented that it is helpful when FDC members are active in the hiring process. She spoke of a past FDC member, Doug Toelle, who helped the City a great deal by reviewing and making recommendations for the City's Accessibility Policy. She shared that the HR department is small, but she is committed to having a diverse workforce at the City. **J. Rogers** asked how many other current FDC members have served on a hiring panel at the City. **A. Foster-Snow** stated that besides J. Rogers, only A. Aquino had served in that way. **J. Rogers** encouraged others to participate in the process. **A. Aquino** spoke to his experience in serving on City hiring panels and discussed the importance in ensuring equity in that process; he stated the experience was rewarding. **Chair Shockley** asked how often opportunities to participate come around and how FDC members would be notified. **A. Foster-Snow** stated that she maintains a list of FDC members for the Police and Fire departments to call upon, but she would be willing to reach out to specific members who she knows would be available and willing to participate. She stated that FDC members are to participate in hiring panels for supervisory positions in public safety departments, and the City has extended that participation to hiring panels for police officer positions.

Clerk Snider shared that there are two City-appointed vacancies on the FDC. She clarified, based on Chair Shockley's earlier question regarding advertising, that the City advertises the date, time, and location of every FDC meeting, but not the agenda. In response to T. Ledna's earlier comments about providing an updated DAP on the City website, Clerk Snider stated that the document would not be updated until it was approved by the City Council.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2022

This item was not addressed due to lack of a quorum.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS (Limited to 3 Minutes)

There were no citizens' comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *Unfinished Business was not addressed due to lack of a quorum.*

- a) Diversity Action Plan (DAP) Final Review & Recommendation to City Council
(Referred back to subcommittee to complete "responsibility" column in Goal 3)
- b) FDC Resolution No. 2022-01 Approving the Reading of a Land Acknowledgement
- c) Subcommittee Recommendation on NAACP's "7 Points for a Safer Fairbanks"

NEW BUSINESS – *New Business was not addressed due to lack of a quorum.*

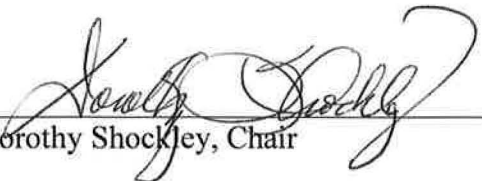
- a) Nomination and Appointment of Vice Chair

MEETING DATES

- a) Next Regular Meeting Date, September 13, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Dorothy Shockley, Chair



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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