



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2023-08
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 24, 2023
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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.
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are indicated by asterisks (*). Consent agenda items are considered together unless a council member requests that the item be returned to the general agenda. Ordinances on the approved consent agenda are automatically advanced to the next regular meeting for second reading and public hearing. All other items on the approved consent agenda are passed as final.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - *a) Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023
 - *b) Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2023

8. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
5585	Jazz Bistro on 4th	Restaurant/Eating Place	Bluenote Create, Inc.	527 4th Avenue, Suite B
4216	Speedway Express #60115	Package Store	AK, Inc.	99 College Road
2512	Speedway Express #60114	Package Store	AK, Inc.	2110 Peger Road
4565	Speedway Express #60101	Package Store	AK, Inc.	3569 S. Cushman Street

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
10113	Great Alaskan Bud Company	Retail Marijuana Store	SP&C Enterprises, LLC	195 Livengood Avenue
10278	GoodSinse, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road
10279	GoodSinse, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road
14874	GoodSinse, LLC	Marijuana Product Manufacturing	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road
17250	Pipe and Leaf: Premium Alaskan Cannabis	Retail Marijuana Store	Pipe and Leaf, LLC	3546 Airport Way

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6242 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 46-4(e)(2) to Change the Value of Community Work in Lieu of Fine. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- *a) Resolution No. 5060 – A Resolution to Extend the Sunset Date Included in Ordinance No. 6227, as Amended, Amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1324 (FFU). Introduced by Council Member Tidwell.
- *b) Resolution No. 5061 – A Resolution Supporting Increased Escapement Out of Area M to Improve the Health and Sustainability of Chum and Chinook Salmon in the Yukon River Drainage and In Support of Alaska Senate Bill 128 Version A. Introduced by Council Member Marney.
- *c) Resolution No. 5062 – A Resolution Supporting Economic Development in Downtown Fairbanks. Introduced by Council Member Tidwell.
- *d) Resolution No. 5063 – A Resolution Urging the State Legislature to Reject Proposals for a Statewide General Sales Tax. Introduced by Council Members Cleworth, Marney, Rogers, Ringstad, and Tidwell.
- *e) Resolution No. 5064 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for and Accept Funds from the Alaska Highway Safety Office for FFY24 DUI Traffic Enforcement Unit. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *f) Ordinance No. 6243 – An Ordinance Amending the Incentive Bonus Program with the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center for Recruitment and Hiring. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

- a) Committee Reports

14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

16. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

17. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy

19. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 13, 2023
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council via Zoom webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor 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 (remotely)

Absent: None

Also Present: Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Thomas Chard, City Attorney
Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager
Scott Raygor, Fire Chief
Andrew Coccaro, Assistant Fire Chief
Clem Clooten, Building Official (remotely)
Sarah Fuerst, Grants Administrator
Marsha Oss, Reentry Coordinator
Brynn Butler, Housing Coordinator
Brenda McFarlane, Crisis Now Coordinator

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

a) Oath of Office: City Attorney

Clerk Snider administered the Oath of Office for newly appointed City Attorney, Thomas Chard.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Marsha Oss, Reentry Coordinator – M. Oss introduced Housing Coordinator Brynn Butler and Crisis Now Coordinator Brenda McFarlane. She spoke to the “Save-the-Date” flyers she distributed regarding the four-day symposium that will be put on using Opioid Settlement Act funds. She stated they will discuss the impact that opioids have had on reentry, housing, and Crisis Now. M. Oss stated this is a good opportunity for the community to come together. She shared that Sandy Snodgrass will come back and do a Narcan kit-building event and that there will be an awards ceremony at the symposium to recognize those who have been doing great work in the Fairbanks community for many years.

Ms. Sprinkle asked how to make contact in regard to the event. M. Oss stated that registration will open within 48 hours and will be linked to the City website and Facebook page, as well as the Coalition website.

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.

Mr. Cleworth pulled items 12(c), Resolution No. 5053, and 12(f) Ordinance No. 6238, 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.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Pruhs thanked Chief of Staff Mike Sanders, Clerk Snider, and Chief Financial Officer Margarita Bell for their work in helping prepare all the resolutions on the agenda in a short period of time. He shared that on March 8, the City received a memorandum of agreement signed by the State of Alaska Historic Preservation Office and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in regard to the demolition of the Polaris Building. He announced that earlier in the day he signed the last easement with a neighboring property to take down the annex portion of the building. **Mayor Pruhs** shared that the request for proposals (RFP) has been completed, and there will be a bid opening on March 27. He stated that the Council will be asked to approve the award of the annex demolition contract on April 10, the notice to proceed will be executed on April 11, and a ceremony will take place at the Polaris Building on April 12 at 1 p.m. to pay homage to its history. He shared that the City is currently working on RFPs for gutting and demolishing the Polaris Building tower. He shared that the Polaris Building annex demolition should be complete between May 7 and 21.

a) Special Reports

Sam Kirstein, Fairbanks Food Bank – S. Kirstein shared that a couple of weeks ago she received an emergency call from the Office of the Governor and the Commissioner of Health concerning the food stamp backlog. She stated that the press release, along with other details, are in the packets she distributed to the Council. She stated that the Commissioner of Health called together four of the biggest food banks in Alaska together to buy food with funds the Governor had recently identified to distribute within their respective regions. S. Kirstein stated that the Food Bank of Alaska’s plan was to purchase food from the Lower 48 and have it trucked to Alaska, which would take 6-8 weeks for distribution. She stated that she responded that Fairbanks would like one-fourth of the available funds and shared with them her plan to buy local so that the food would be available to those in need right away. She stated that her biggest concerns were senior citizens, rural populations, schools, and getting food out to the community quickly. She commented that the State worked incredibly quickly to distribute the funds, and she immediately purchased 30,000 pounds of coho salmon. She stated that the fish have been coming in for about a week and are being distributed throughout the borough, villages, and so forth. She stated she was notified earlier in the day that 41,000 pounds of canned salmon is being donated to the food bank. S. Kirstein shared that \$50,000 has been donated to the North Star Council on Aging to buy non-perishable food items. She stated she continues to work with existing partners to meet the needs in the community and that the food stamp shortage has been an issue since last October. She asked the Council to hold signs thanking Governor Dunleavy and pose for a photo, and the Council agreed to do so.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Ringstad stated that he was working in Juneau and apologized for not attending in person.

Mr. Marney shared that he went on a ride along with the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) earlier in the day. He stated that he had a good time, and he recommended that each Council member sign up to go on a ride along.

Ms. Tidwell thanked S. Kirstein for the report and for all the impressive work the food bank does for the community.

Mr. Cleworth thanked S. Kirstein for her work, and he recognized the other social service efforts by City staff. He welcomed newly appointed City Attorney, Thomas Chard. He asked Clerk Snider why Ordinance No. 6227 under Unfinished Business was on the consent agenda. Clerk Snider stated that the first reading of the ordinance was postponed from November and will now be advanced to a second reading at the next regular meeting.

Ms. Rogers welcomed Attorney Chard. She stated she could probably speak the rest of the evening giving accolades to S. Kirstein and others in the room. She stated that despairing circumstances occur every day in the Fairbanks community, and there are many working to help. She praised S. Kirstein for her tireless work in the community and for doing so in new and invigorating ways. She spoke to the importance of working together with others throughout the state.

Ms. Sprinkle thanked S. Kirstein and commented on what an amazing effort she made. She reported on her recent experience representing the City at a Borough Assembly meeting. She stated she learned that Fairbanks was nominated as one of the top 5 military communities in the country, and she expressed great pride for Fairbanks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) 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. First Reading was POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of November 28, 2022.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- b) Ordinance No. 6237 – An Ordinance Authorizing Lease of City-Owned Real Property to Yukon Quest International, Ltd. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6237.

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. 6237 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6237 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5051 – A Resolution Designating Check Signing Authority for Banking, Investment, and Custodial Accounts of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 5052 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Federal and State Appropriations for the Construction of a New Fire Station. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Sprinkle.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Resolution No. 5053 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Funds from the State of Alaska Department of Health for a Restore Hope in Linkage to Care Collaboration Grant. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Sprinkle.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5053

Mr. Cleworth asked about the employment of two peer support specialists and how the mechanics of that would work at the City. Chief of Staff Sanders explained that there are two ways to do it: 1) they could be City employees and the City could bill Medicaid, or 2) the City could contract for the two positions. **Mr. Cleworth** asked whether the two employees would receive IBEW benefits. CFO Bell replied that the employees would fall under the City’s personnel code – not the union – but would receive IBEW benefits like the other non-bargained staff. **Mr. Cleworth** asked whether there is an agreement with the union to exclude the positions. CFO Bell replied that there is no agreement in place; she explained, however, that as grant-funded positions they would be non-bargained.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5053 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5053 APPROVED.

- d) Resolution No. 5054 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Congressionally Directed Spending on Behalf of Golden Heart Utilities for a Bio-Solids Incineration Project. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Resolution No. 5055 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept Funds for the Sponsorship of the Fairbanks Symposium on Opioids and the Impact on Reentry, Crisis Now, and Housing Insecurity. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- f) Ordinance No. 6238 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Sec. 78-572 Special Events by Removing the City Barricade Package Fee and Establishing a Deadline for Permit Applications. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6238.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6238 by replacing “Fairbanks Police or Fire Departments” with “City of Fairbanks” in Sec. 78-572(a).

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6238 BY REPLACING “FAIRBANKS POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS” WITH “CITY OF FAIRBANKS” IN SEC. 78-572 (a) AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended, by changing the word “may” to “will” in the first sentence of Sec. 78-572(a).

Mr. Cleworth stated that the word “may” is ambivalent, not definitive. He stated that it indicates there is an option to have a permit.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6238, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE WORD “MAY” TO “WILL” IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF SEC. 78-572(a) AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended, by adding, “and barricade packages” after the words, “Disputes over additional fees” in Sec. 78-572(c).

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6238, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING, “AND BARRICADE PACKAGES” AFTER THE WORDS, “DISPUTES OVER ADDITIONAL FEES” IN SEC. 78-572(c) AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended, by adding “or effectively present alternatives that meet city requirements” after the words “use a private firm” in Sec. 78-572(c).

Ms. Tidwell stated that this is the subsection that was discussed quite a bit by the Council at the Finance Committee meeting. She stated that the amendment would not fix the issues she sees with removing the service the City provides in offering a barricade package.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he is trying to make the ordinance more palatable before its second reading.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she does not like the idea of removing the barricade package as a service.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6238, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING “OR EFFECTIVELY PRESENT ALTERNATIVES THAT MEET CITY REQUIREMENTS” AFTER THE WORDS “USE A PRIVATE FIRM” IN SEC. 78-572(c) AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Chief of Staff Sanders reminded the Council that if the barricade package continues to be offered, the City will have to purchase about \$90,000 in devices due to the theft and destruction of devices that occurred the prior year.

Mr. Marney stated that he did a little homework and found that Exclusive Paving, the company that helps with the Midnight Sun Festival, donates the barricade package. He stated that they do not want to extend the package. He reported that he also spoke with Great Northwest, who has changed their policy and no longer offers a barricade package. He indicated that options are very limited unless the City steps up. **Mr. Marney** stated that both the companies indicated they would likely loan barricade devices to the City for special events.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended, by removing the proposed strikethrough in Sec. 78-572(c) regarding barricade packages.

Clerk Note: The strikethrough language to be reinstated is, “or elect for the city to provide barricades and labor at a flat fee of \$1,000.00, provided that the mayor is authorized to negotiate in-kind arrangements where the city receives good or services in lieu of the full or partial flat fee.”

Ms. Sprinkle indicated that the City should keep people safe during special events and keep offering the barricade package.

Ms. Rogers echoed Ms. Sprinkle’s comments in regard to public safety.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6238, AS AMENDED, BY REMOVING THE PROPOSED STRIKETHROUGH IN SEC. 78-572(c) REGARDING BARRICADE PACKAGES AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Tidwell, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended, by increasing the barricade package from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Ms. Tidwell, with concurrence of the Second, changed \$2,500 to \$3,000.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6238, AS AMENDED, BY INCREASING THE BARRICADE PACKAGE FROM \$1,000 TO \$3,000 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6238, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (INFORMATION AND REPORTS)

a) Committee Reports

Ms. Tidwell stated she had nothing to report.

Mr. Marney stated he had nothing to report.

Mr. Ringstad stated he had nothing to report.

Ms. Sprinkle stated she had nothing to report.

Ms. Rogers stated she had nothing to report.

Mr. Cleworth reported that he and Ms. Sprinkle attended the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee meeting, which is a subcommittee of FAST Planning. He stated that there are various plans for bike paths in Fairbanks, and he spoke about the need to keep the shoulder of City streets available for snow berms. He stated it will come down to the practicality of bike paths according to the City Engineer. He stated that Public Works is adamant that bike paths are seasonal, as snow storage in the shoulder is a priority in the winter. He stated it will ultimately be up to the City on where the bike paths go.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that some of the projects do not seem feasible, but she believes that some others should be tried. She expressed some concern with liability to the City for some of the proposals.

Mayor Pruhs stated that he instructed City Engineer Bob Pristash to go through each proposed section and determine what is safe and what is not, then provide the information to Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson to weigh in regarding maintenance issues. He stated that he has also instructed Public Works to prioritize maintaining the sidewalks along Cowles Street during the winter.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- a) Memorandum of Recommendation for Appointment to the FNSB Planning Commission
APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- b) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2022
ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- c) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2022
ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- d) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2022
ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- e) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2022
ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.
- f) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2022
ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Sprinkle stated she was proud to represent the City at the recent Borough Assembly meeting. She shared that during their public comment period, she wanted to ask a question of a public commenter, and it took a while to determine whether she could. She shared that, ultimately, she was allowed to ask the question, and she thanked Mr. Cleworth for swapping nights with her.

Ms. Rogers shared comments of appreciation for staff and community members who have brought ideas before the Council throughout the evening.

Mr. Cleworth stated he had no comments.

Mr. Ringstad stated he had no comments.

Mr. Marney welcomed Attorney Chard to the team and thanked Ms. Kirstein for doing a wonderful job.

Ms. Tidwell stated she had no comments.

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CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Snider welcomed Attorney Chard. She shared that the first-ever Citizen Engagement Academy will begin soon, and she invited citizens to visit the City website for more information.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Chard thanked everyone for the warm welcome and stated that the City is a great place to work. He shared that the City is recruiting for a Deputy City Attorney and directed people to apply by visiting the City website.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: DS



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Robert Pristash, City Engineer (remotely)
Nathan Werner, FPD Captain
Nick Clark, Firefighter & FFU President
Dominic Lozano, Firefighter
Jeff Whipple, Engineer Tech

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of Mayor Pruhs, Chief of Staff Mike Sanders lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Pruhs asked Darlene Supplee to come forward, and he read a Proclamation recognizing her efforts in the community, especially her work with the senior citizen population.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Kerry Gronewold, 116 Gruening Way, Fairbanks – K. Gronewold stated that he is a general contractor in Fairbanks and has been building for more than two decades. He stated he would like the City Council to write a letter of support for a new economic development district in downtown Fairbanks, valued at a minimum of \$500 MM. He stated he recalls when he first moved to Fairbanks when he was 21 years old, the downtown area was vibrant. He referenced a letter he distributed to the Council, and he stated, along with local partners, they are creating a fully financed project with private funds. He stated that plans include mixed-use buildings, modern apartments, condominiums, business retail and office space, recreational facilities, restaurants, educational opportunities, senior care and support, as well as exploring options for food sustainability. K. Gronewold stated that, most importantly, the hope is to create a sustainable economic engine that will change downtown for the better long-term and improve the quality of life in Fairbanks.

Ms. Rogers asked how much awareness K. Gronewold has of downtown Fairbanks and its visitors year-round. She asked how they plan to revitalize the image of the downtown area. K. Gronewold stated that it would not be building just to build; rather, they would build to improve quality of life and community. He stated that the model starts with a market research plan, and they build the master plan around that, utilizing existing infrastructure. He stated they are currently at the conceptual stage. K. Gronewold listed the businesses he has owned and been involved with over the years.

Mr. Cleworth asked if Mark Hewitt's organization is just the lender. K. Gronewold replied affirmatively. **Mr. Cleworth** asked for clarification on what is being sought from the Council. K. Gronewold explained that they are seeking a letter of support from the Council indicating an interest in pursuing the project; he stated that he has a brief sample letter to share with the Council. He stated that letters of support would validate and reinforce to Mr. Hewitt's board that the Fairbanks community is sincere about development.

Ms. Sprinkle asked for clarification on whether the City would be on the hook for anything by writing a letter of support. K. Gronewold indicated it would not. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked whether the project would fail without a letter of support from the Council. K. Gronewold stated that is not necessarily the case. He shared that funds have already been committed for the project and that the Borough and the State will also be approached for support.

Mr. Marney asked if there is a downside. K. Gronewold stated that he would not be asking for support if he felt there was something improper. He stated that he is very comfortable with this approach and that he has a background in building with renewable energies and high-efficiency structures. He stated he is encouraged by the willingness of the property owners that have already been approached to sell.

Kathy Hedges – K. Hedges introduced herself as the 2023 Chair of the Explore Fairbanks (EF) Board of Directors. She shared that the Fairbanks visitor industry has continued to grow, which has contributed to the local economy. She stated that the visitor industry has been able to accomplish that through stable funding. She recalled when there used to be a battle for the organization to obtain funding when it had to go through the budget process with the City Council each year, which took time and resources away from the primary mission of both the City and EF.

She stated that, working together, a new solution was reached. K. Hedges stated that the purpose of the bed tax, which began in 1979 under the request of the visitor industry to self-impose a tax, was to reinvest into destination marketing and economic development. She went on to discuss how the bed tax was eventually removed from the City's tax cap. She stated she would like to continue to work together with the City to make Fairbanks a great place.

Andy Anger, EF – A. Anger spoke in regard to Ordinance No. 6239 and asked whether the visitor industry has been successful over the last 20 years, since the new distribution formula was instated. He responded to his question affirmatively, pointing out several statistics that indicate growth. He stated that the visitor industry has become one of the economic backbones in Fairbanks, and he emphasized the need for long-term planning and predictable budgets. A. Anger stated that the proposed ordinance would put EF at the whim of whichever Mayor is in office and their financial needs. He stated it will be easy for the Mayor to take funding away from the visitor industry and put it into other projects.

David Adams – D. Adams stated he works for a local non-profit and serves on the Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition Board. He stated, however, that he is not representing either of those organizations in his testimony. He shared that he does a lot of homeless outreach in the area, and it has come to his attention that the community is failing the homeless population. He spoke to the need for a warming center, and he told about how he recently approached an intoxicated gentleman who he found lying on a sidewalk. He expressed frustration with the way the Emergency Service Patrol (ESP) officer handled the situation, stating that he did not offer to make phone calls or find resources for the gentleman. D. Adams stated that he stayed with the man until an ambulance arrived. He stated that Fairbanks Resource Agency (FRA) held a meeting and allowed people to speak; he stated that many homeless people spoke and expressed concerns about their circumstances. He spoke again of the importance of having a warming center in Fairbanks, and he expressed hope that Senate Bill 77 passes and that Fairbanks can get some more affordable housing.

Victor Buberger – V. Buberger spoke to the lack of lighting at the corner of Trainor Gate Road and the Old Steese; he urged the City to change the lightbulbs. He requested that the City look into getting a public restroom in the downtown area and indicated that it could be a part of the downtown development project.

Arlette Eagle-Lavelle – A. Eagle-Lavelle stated she is the sole owner of Lavelle's Taphouse, and her business shares a wall with the Polaris Building Annex. She stated that she was honored to be invited to the many meetings related to the demolition of the Polaris Building. She stated that she was graciously given permission to extend her business premises onto the sidewalk of 2nd Avenue, as the courtyard will be part of the construction easement when the annex is being demolished. A. Eagle-Lavelle stated that there will be times that people should not sit outdoors and other times where her business will likely have to be closed due to the demolition. She stated she feels the City has her back as a small business owner during the demolition, and she is under the impression that the annex portion of the project will be completed by May 7. She stated, however, that there are many unknowns with the project, which causes her to be a little wary. She spoke to the effects of the pandemic on her business, and she indicated that she may face some of the same challenges if there are mishaps with or addendums to the project. A. Eagle-Lavelle stated that events in June and July are especially important for her business. She stated she is not speaking to foreshadow

the project with negativity, rather she is speaking to bring awareness to the complexities of the project and the impacts it could have on her business if things do not go as planned.

Jomo Stewart, President of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) – J. Stewart spoke to Ordinance No. 6239, stating that one of the fears is that it would pit non-profit organizations against each other in an effort to get funding from the City. He stated although he does not have an official position on the ordinance, he does have concerns that non-profits would have to compete with City departments during the annual budgeting process. He stated that the ordinance could also pit room rental tax recipients against taxpayers.

Scott McCrea, 296 Westgate Place, Fairbanks – S. McCrea, President and CEO of EF, stated that he testified before the Council in December 2022 when the Council was considering an ordinance introduced by Mr. Marney, which proposed changes to the distribution of room rental tax funds. He stated that EF offered up an olive branch at that time to make a one-time contribution of \$100,000 to go towards discretionary fund grants and the maintenance of Golden Heart Plaza (GHP) and Barnette Landing. He stated that compromise was offered in the hopes that EF and other stakeholders could have more discussions with the City on the room rental tax as a whole. S. McCrea stated that he feels that olive branch was snapped in two and tossed back at him with the introduction of Ordinance No. 6239, which proposes one of the most extreme overhauls of the tax ordinance to date. He stated that the discussions with stakeholders did not happen, although he appreciates that Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Ringstad and Marney presented the ordinance to the EF Board prior to introduction. S. McCrea stated that is a lot different than sitting down together and having a discussion, and he does not believe that enough amendments could be made to the ordinance to make it acceptable to EF. He urged the Council to fail Ordinance No. 6239.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Cleworth pulled item 12(b), Resolution No. 5057, and item 12(c), Ordinance No. 6239, 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 April 11, 2022

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
5887	RNDC Alaska	Wholesale General	RNDC Alaska, LLC	945 Elizabeth Street

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License application for renewal.

Mayor Pruhs 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 RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Marijuana License application for transfer of controlling interest:

Type/License: Retail Marijuana Store, License #17250

DBA: Pipe and Leaf: Premium Alaskan Cannabis

Applicant: Pipe and Leaf, LLC (transfer of controlling interest only)

Location: 3546 Airport Way, Fairbanks

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Marijuana License application for transfer of controlling interest.

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

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

Brett Rotermund, FNSB Assembly Member – B. Rotermund thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak. He stated that at the last Assembly meeting, Mr. Marney verbally extended an olive branch, inviting Assembly Members to come to City Council meetings to speak to the

Council. He stated that Assembly Presiding Officer Aaron Lojewski, in return, extended an actual olive branch to Mr. Marney. He shared that things over the years have been tense between the two bodies, although he is new to the Assembly and does not know all the history. He stated that the FNSB Assembly is about to enter its budget season and that he is looking forward to diving in and learning more. He shared that the Assembly recently approved its resolution regarding the Manh Choh Mine trucking project and offered to answer questions from the Council.

Ms. Sprinkle and Mr. Marney thanked Assemblyman Rotermund for coming.

Mayor Pruhs gave the floor to Chief of Staff (COS) Sanders for a report on the summer plans for GHP.

COS Sanders stated that last year, the GHP was overrun at times, and there was a lot of unwelcome activity. He stated the City is trying to get a head start on planning to prevent some of those issues from reoccurring. He shared that Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) Capt. Nathan Werner is working on scheduling foot patrols in the area for four-hour blocks each day. COS Sanders stated that the Restore Hope grant application was recently submitted in hopes of getting some certified peer support specialists. He stated that in the winter, the specialists would help provide support to folks in need in the FPD lobby and, in the summer, would help engage and offer resources and services to folks in the GHP. He stated that there will be efforts to get the ESP into the GHP every morning to provide a ride to the detox or sobering center for anyone who may need it. COS Sanders stated that walkthroughs by City staff will continue and will expand in the summer. He talked about plans to install “no camping” and “no alcohol” signage throughout the GHP to help expedite FPD’s efforts in removing violators. He shared that Mayor Pruhs is coordinating with Borough Mayor Ward to get matching signage posted in Griffin Park. COS Sanders stated that the camera system for the GHP is nearly ready to go, and features include anti-glare and infrared capabilities. He stated there will be an ability to record, and the footage will be live streamed to the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC). He shared that FPD hopes to have the ability to issue citations for vandalism in the GHP. He stated that the plan for the 2023 summer is to have Porta Potties installed from May 15 through September 15, which will cost about \$2,000 per month; he clarified that the restrooms would be installed in areas monitored by video cameras. COS Sanders stated that Julie Jones with Festival Fairbanks and Police Chief Dupee came up with an idea to have a security/information shack in the GHP to provide wayfinding services and a place for FPD officers to do paperwork. He shared that the City hopes to purchase a Portland Loo, a nearly indestructible restroom that is being used with success all over the country.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Ms. Rogers thanked COS Sanders for the extensive and informative report. She thanked everyone who came and testified respectfully before the Council amidst all the uncertainty. She spoke to working together and commended A. Eagle-Lavelle for her hard at work to make things happen and for creating new avenues of thought. She stated that she hopes to gain more understanding of the plans brought forward by K. Gronewold, and she stated that construction in Fairbanks can be a challenge. She expressed appreciation for people trying to come up with solutions to problems in the community. **Ms. Rogers** reported that she called in to the House Finance Committee to comment on the State PERS issue and remind them about the need to restore Community Assistance (formerly known as revenue sharing) to municipalities. She spoke to the importance in gaining funding for sexual assault kits throughout the state. **Ms. Rogers** shared that there will

be an Opioid Task Force meeting on March 29 at 10 a.m. and a Legislative Committee meeting on March 29 at 3 p.m. She shared that there will also be an Advisory Committee for the Housing and Homeless on March 29, a committee to which she was recently appointed.

Mr. Marney requested to give his comment time to FNSB Assembly Member Savannah Fletcher, and **Mayor Pruhs** allowed it.

Savannah Fletcher, FNSB Assembly Member – S. Fletcher stated she appreciated being acknowledged by the Council. She shared that the Borough Assembly will soon be discussing whether to put a question on the 2023 ballot to expand the Borough’s powers and allow it the authority to receive Opioid Litigation funds to put towards the community.

Ms. Rogers asked Ms. Fletcher if she would be available attend the Opioid Work Group the following morning. Ms. Fletcher stated that she would try to attend if Ms. Rogers would send her the link.

Ms. Sprinkle reported that she attended the Citizen Engagement Academy the prior Thursday, and she is excited about the academy. She commended Mayor Pruhs and COS Sanders for the presentations at the academy.

Mr. Ringstad stated he had no comments.

Ms. Tidwell thanked K. Gronewold for speaking to the Council about downtown revitalization. She stated that Fairbanks lacks modern housing to attract younger people, and she is hopeful the Council can produce a letter of support for the project.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the sample letter of support provided by K. Gronewold is very generic, and he believes the Council could provide such support. He thanked Mr. Rotermund for coming to speak to the Council, and he commented on how the Borough used to send Brittany Smart from the Borough Mayor’s Office to provide regular reports to the Council. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that Porta Potties come with liability, and he requested that COS Sanders look into who bears the liability if a Porta Potty is destroyed. COS Sanders replied that the City would bear the liability.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) 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. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6227.

Mayor Pruhs called for testimony.

Joseph Blanchard – J. Blanchard thanked the sponsors of the ordinance and stated that it is an acknowledgement of the challenges with staffing issues, that the incident rates are increasing, and the importance of emergency services. He stated that there is talk about getting a grant, and he

spoke in support of grant funding. He stated that by approving the ordinance, the Council would be making a statement that it supports City fire and emergency services.

James Janoso, Ester – J. Janoso expressed hope that the Council would vote to approve Ordinance No. 6227. He stated he has owned and operated a small business for 20 years and has been involved as a volunteer emergency medical technician (EMT), firefighter, rescue technician, and most recently as a member of wilderness search and rescue – over 32 years of community service. He stated that he understands the stresses of emergency responders. He stated he was shocked to learn that the City of Fairbanks currently staffs only two ambulances, and he stated postponing the vote has endangered City residents and has placed a burden on the residents of outlying areas, because the City pulls in mutual aid from those areas leaving lives at risk in those outlying areas. He urged the Council to vote to approve Ordinance No. 6227.

Nicola Baker – N. Baker stated that Fairbanks needs a third ambulance staffed, and there are many new EMTs and paramedics being trained through the UAF Community and Technical College. She stated the program delivers the best and brightest students, and she pointed out that Fairbanks pays its medics, which is a rarity. She stated that the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD) is a top-notch department, and when she receives her EMT license in June, she plans to further her education at the paramedic academy and become a part of the Fairbanks team. She stated that Fairbanks' population is aging, resulting in more calls, and time is of the essence.

Zach Rittel – Z. Rittel stated that he is currently a captain at the FFD, and he recounted a recent incident involving a child experiencing a life-threatening situation when an ambulance was not available. He stated that, fortunately, they were able to transport the child in a fire engine, which is not recommended. He commented that stacked calls are getting worse, mutual aid is refusing to respond more often, and calls for service continue to increase. He warned that the City is going to get caught flat-footed unless something is done. He stated that the letter of agreement (LOA) is a good deal for the City and has a significant concession on contract language. Z. Rittel stated that the Fairbanks Firefighters Union (FFU) offered up a LOA during the last contract negotiation and was rejected by the City. He urged the Council to approve the LOA before them.

Ms. Sprinkle asked about the outcome of the incident involving the child. Z. Rittel reported that the child survived after spending some time in Anchorage in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Mr. Marney stated that he does not recall rejecting the LOA Z. Rittel referred to. Z. Rittel replied that the LOA was rejected by the City's negotiating team – not directly rejected by the Council.

John Wagner, 1289 Lowbush Lane, Fairbanks – J. Wagner stated he has worked at FFD for 11 years and is currently a captain paramedic and has been an acting battalion chief for about 6 months. He stated that in his first year at the department in 2012, FFD responded to 4,030 calls, and last year the department responded to 7,382 calls, an 83% increase. He stated that the department projects that it will respond to about 8,000 calls in 2023. He spoke to the deep roots of his family in the Fairbanks area, and he recalled a time when he was a part of a team attempting to save his brother-in-law's life, unfortunately unsuccessfully. J. Wagner stated that he warns new firefighters that if they stay in the career long enough, they will inevitably respond to a tragic call involving someone they know and love. He stated it is important to prepare for that and process it properly afterwards. He spoke to some of the challenges firefighters and paramedics frequently face in responding to calls, including icy driving conditions, construction and snow plowing,

congested traffic, houses with poorly marked addresses, doors that must be forced in, and combative bystanders. He stated that when “Plan A” is to outsource the increased workload to mutual aid, the City is doing a disservice to its residents. J. Wagner stated that the City is creating a whole host of “what-ifs” by not adequately staffing enough ambulances to meet the increasing demands. He stated it is not his intent to fearmonger, but the decisions made by the Council affect whether people live or die. He thanked the Council for hearing his comments.

Mr. Ringstad disclosed that J. Wagner is his cousin.

Kevin Johnson, 116 Ivy Drive, Fairbanks – K. Johnson stated that he works at FFD, and he stated that J. Wagner’s experience looms over him, as his grandmother lives at Raven Landing and is 93 years old. He stated that when he looks at available staff during a shift, he is concerned with the stacked calls that he sees. He stated that for a person who is 93 years old, things can escalate very quickly, and it is a disservice to citizens to make them wait for an emergency response. He stated the wait time is unacceptable. K. Johnson stated that Medic 3 is something the FFD has been discussing for years, and the department is beyond that need and needs a Medic 4.

Mr. Cleworth asked K. Johnson if he was on the FFU negotiating team during the last contract negotiation. K. Johnson replied that he was. **Mr. Cleworth** asked whether the Union or the City suggested the change to the language regarding apparatus manning, resulting in the loss of the third ambulance. K. Johnson replied that Nick Clark should have record of that in his notes which can be reviewed. **Mr. Cleworth** asked why the Union would be in favor of the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) that was signed, knowing that it would eliminate the third ambulance. K. Johnson stated that it is not that they wanted to lose the third ambulance; rather, they wanted to gain a third fulltime paramedic.

Ms. Sprinkle asked about the difference between a paramedic and an EMT. K. Johnson explained that a paramedic offers the highest level of care in an emergency setting. He stated that there are three levels of EMTs, and he explained details about each level. He explained that paramedics have abilities to include critical thinking in emergency situations and practice more advanced medicine.

Mr. Cleworth asked K. Johnson to explain what an advanced EMT is. K. Johnson replied that an advanced EMT can attach a cardiac monitor, establish an IV, and administer some drugs. **Mr. Cleworth** asked how many paramedics the City currently has. K. Johnson replied that the City currently has about 16 or 17 paramedics. And in response to Mr. Cleworth’s follow-up question regarding the number of advanced EMTs, K. Johnson stated that he does not know. **Mr. Cleworth** questioned whether the current paramedic staffing levels would allow the City to staff a third ambulance. K. Johnson replied that it would be doable, but the City still needs more staff due to the growing number of calls.

Mr. Marney asked whether it is a training issue to see advancement into becoming a paramedic. K. Johnson replied that it is a retention issue, and a repeated shutting down by the City Council. **Mr. Marney** asked about the hierarchy of EMTs and paramedics. K. Johnson replied that the steps are EMT 1, EMT 2, advanced EMT, EMT 3, then paramedic. **Mr. Marney** asked if an EMT 3 could advance to a paramedic through classes at the university or through in-house training. K. Johnson replied that it could not be done in-house, but each year the FFD sends two personnel to paramedic school, which requires a 5-year commitment to the City.

Ms. Tidwell asked K. Johnson to confirm that if the proposed LOA was passed, it would give the department the ability to cross-staff a third ambulance. K. Johnson confirmed that is correct.

Savannah Fletcher – S. Fletcher clarified that she is speaking personally and not representing anyone else. She stated that although she lives outside the City, she works in the downtown area. She spoke about the building she works in and to how critical it would be if a fire occurred there, as she sometimes brings her young child to the office; she commented that one of her coworkers has a disability, and it would be difficult to get them down to the ground floor in an emergency situation. She strongly encouraged the Council to pass Ordinance No. 6227.

Cassie O'Morris – C. O'Morris stated that she is a lifelong Fairbanks resident with four children, and she maintains a job while being a fulltime student. She commented that she is a busy person, but she felt it was important to come testify in support of a third ambulance for the FFD. She stated that her father was a firefighter/paramedic for 23 years, and her husband and two of her brothers are in local law enforcement. She commented that taxpayer dollars should ensure emergency response services, and she pointed out that Mayor Pruhs ran his campaign citing a goal of providing a third ambulance at the FFD. She stated it is vital to add a third ambulance.

Tony Naber – T. Naber stated that he has been with the FFD for three years and that his father retired from the FFD about a year-and-a-half ago. He stated that when Medic 3 was cross staffed with a fire engine, he was one of the EMTs who staffed that ambulance. He explained that Dispatch cannot differentiate when a paramedic is needed for a call versus an EMT. He spoke to the many steps required to get a paramedic license; he explained that it takes about 350 hours of training to become an EMT and over 1,600 hours to become a paramedic. He stated that Medic 3 needs to be staffed with a paramedic.

Dominic Lozano – D. Lozano stated that he is a battalion chief at the FFD. He shared that the Fire Chief realized when he took the position that the FFD needed to serve citizens differently. He stated that the Chief sat down with the Union and brought forward the proposed LOA. He stated that the LOA will allow the Chief to manage the department how he sees fit to best serve citizens. He urged the Council to approve Ordinance No. 6227.

Mr. Marney commented that he does not see anywhere in the LOA that the Chief will be able to manage the department as he sees fit. He asked for help in understanding D. Lozano's comments to that effect. D. Lozano stated that he disagrees with the notion that Chief cannot manage the FFD because of the Union contract; he stated that the Union is not there to stand in the way of providing services to citizens. He stated that the Union works hand-in-hand with the Fire Chief.

Nick Clark – N. Clark stated that there has been a lot of passionate testimony. He clarified that the LOA came about because the Fire Chief saw a need for a third ambulance. He stated that he, the Fire Chief, and the COS sat down and negotiated the LOA before the Council, and he pointed out that the FFU conceded on the cross-staffing issue. He urged the Council to approve the LOA, and he stated that the best interest of Fairbanks citizens is at stake.

Mr. Cleworth asked whether the Union would be receptive to returning to the LOA that was in place in 2019. N. Clark stated that what is before the Council is what the Fire Chief is requesting and is what is needed to move forward.

Mr. Marney stated that the Council is concerned with the amount of overtime at FFD, given that overtime costs in 2022 were \$1.6 MM. He asked whether the Union has a plan on how to decrease that cost. N. Clark replied that FFD is currently 5% under budget for overtime, and he stated that the Chief is doing a fantastic job. He stated that one-third of the department was hired in 2022.

Ms. Sprinkle asked whether the proposed LOA would help with retention. N. Clark turned the focus back to the need to provide the service to residents. He stated that the LOA will allow the Chief to manage the department in a way that provides the best service to citizens.

Mr. Ringstad thanked N. Clark for taking some time with him the week prior to help him better understand the issues.

Janelle Hoffman – J. Hoffman stated she has no relation to the FFD. She stated that the issue is about providing a needed service. She commented that Fairbanks is growing, and more tourists are visiting, and the essential services are not keeping up with that growth.

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

Ms. Tidwell thanked everyone for coming out to testify on Ordinance No. 6227. She shared that when she ran for office in 2022, the third ambulance issue seemed to be one of the biggest concerns of the public, so she brought forward an ordinance to address it. She stated she believes that every Council member agrees that the City needs a third ambulance. She talked about the journey of the ordinance so far and stated that she does not want to see it kicked further down the road while the City waits for funding.

Ms. Tidwell, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6227 by striking the words, “this change will add staffing for a third ambulance and allow pro-pays for the additional ambulance unit” and by replacing the fiscal note with the amended fiscal note.

Ms. Tidwell explained that the amendment would separate the LOA from the funding issue and would give the Chief the ability to use existing personnel to staff a third ambulance. She stated that more positions are needed, but the language change is also needed. She read one of the long-term goals of the Fire Department in the City budget book, which states, “increase current in-service ambulance levels to provide the best possible service to customers.”

Mr. Ringstad stated that his daughter works in the emergency room at the hospital, and one of her responsibilities has been to keep track of the number of patients. He stated that the number of calls and patients is up, and this proposal would help the Fire Chief manage his department. He stated that by splitting the issue, at least that part of the problem can be addressed. He asked Chief Raygor whether the ordinance would solve the problem with his ability to manage staff. Chief Raygor clarified that the LOA was drafted by him, and he worked with the Union and the City to put it forward. He stated the department has a problem with staffing the under-utilized platform, while other vehicles are being overused. He stated this would allow him to employ a part-time, third ambulance to meet the call level. Chief Raygor explained that, starting in 2024, a third, fulltime ambulance – not connected to the platform – could be discussed in negotiations for a new contract. He stated that the amendment would not affect his ability to begin cross staffing the third

ambulance right away. He commented that it will be up to the Council whether to increase staffing in the future.

Ms. Sprinkle asked whether there would still be enough staff with the amendment to accomplish what is needed. Chief Raygor stated that there may be some changes in the overtime structure; he stated that overtime costs can be driven down by increasing staffing.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6227 BY STRIKING THE WORDS, “THIS CHANGE WILL ADD STAFFING FOR A THIRD AMBULANCE AND ALLOW PRO-PAYS FOR THE ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE UNIT” AND BY REPLACING THE FISCAL NOTE WITH THE AMENDED FISCAL NOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the amendment changes a lot, but he would like to do some more research on how the current proposal compares to the LOA in 2019. He clarified that the Council wants to operate a third ambulance, but the issue is with how to accomplish that. He expressed frustration that the City had the ability to staff a third ambulance in 2019, but that ability was taken away. He read into the record an excerpt from a letter from former Fire Chief Tod Chambers, which was sent to the Council in 2021. **Mr. Cleworth** stated the letter indicates that it was the City Council’s goal to maintain staffing at nine personnel, with additional staffing to be determined through the annual budgeting process, thus resulting in the inability of the City to staff a third ambulance. He stated that the City Code states that amendments to CBAs are not effective unless approved by the Council, and the City was never aware of the 2019 LOA. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that City Code also states that before an ordinance to ratify a CBA is introduced, the City Council will be provided with a comprehensive list of proposed changes, along with a fiscal note from the CFO. He stated that the CBA language change regarding staffing of apparatus was so subtle that only one Council member at the time was aware of it. **Mr. Cleworth** went on to explain that he was off the Council in 2020 when a new labor contract was presented for approval, but he was serving as a public member on the Council Finance Committee. He explained that the administration at the time prohibited members from discussing the CBA at the Finance Committee meeting prior to the second reading of the ordinance to ratify the labor contract. He questioned why the Council was kept in the dark that the City would lose its ability to staff a third ambulance. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that he would like some time for to review the current contract language before voting on Ordinance No. 6227, as Amended. He stated that Chief Raygor should have the right to manage staff as he sees fit, but the current CBA language does not allow him to do that.

Ms. Tidwell stated that she does not believe that postponing the ordinance again is the answer. She stated that by approving the earlier amendment, the Council removed the associated cost. She asked Chief Raygor to respond to the questions raised by Mr. Cleworth.

Chief Raygor stated that he drafted the language for the LOA in 2019 and shared that he has some expertise in staffing modeling. He stated it was determined by the former COS, former Fire Chief, and former CFO that the LOA had no associated cost and, therefore, would not need to be approved by the Council. He explained that during subsequent labor negotiations, the same language was

brought forward by the Union to the former COS, which he rejected, stating that any proposal to increase minimum staffing would be rejected because the Council would not agree to it. He reported that the former COS indicated that it would be up to the City to staff a second and third ambulance, and the City has been staffing enough since then to man a second ambulance.

Mr. Cleworth asked Council members who were serving on the Council at the time of the former LOA whether the issue was brought before them. **Mr. Marney** and **Ms. Rogers** stated that they have no recollection of that issue being brought to the Council.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to POSTPONE Ordinance No. 6227, as Amended.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he is willing to vote right away on Ordinance No. 6227, as Amended, but he empathized with Mr. Cleworth's desire to postpone so that he could have the opportunity to carefully study the language. He stated he has no doubt that the ordinance will pass.

Ms. Rogers appreciated Mr. Ringstad's comments and stated it is important for everyone to feel comfortable before voting. She thanked the sponsors of the ordinance and spoke to the importance of discussion and working together.

Mayor Pruhs thanked all those who testified and thanked the ordinance sponsors for continuing to pursue the issue. He also thanked Chief Raygor and CFO Bell for their work and input.

Ms. Rogers requested to be added as a sponsor of Ordinance No. 6227, as Amended.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE NO. 6227, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Rogers

NAYS: Tidwell, Sprinkle

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Sec. 78-572 Special Events by Removing the City Barricade Package Fee and Establishing a Deadline for Permit Applications. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended.

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

Mr. Marney spoke to the many issues related to special events, including FPD involvement in events. He stated that he reached out to several people in the community regarding the barricade package, traffic control plans, and City fees and costs.

Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson stated that the information provided to the Council at the last Finance Committee meeting broke down the labor costs associated providing barricades for special

events, and he explained the processes of his department. He shared that the City experienced theft of barricade devices in 2022, and he spoke more about Public Works' low device inventory.

Mr. Marney asked whether it is redundant for organizers to be required to get a new traffic control plan each year for the same parade on the same unchanged City streets. Director Jacobson stated that the traffic control plan is required by the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended, by substituting the proposed version of Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended.

Mayor Pruhs asked Attorney Chard to speak to the proposed changes. Attorney Chard stated that staff made an attempt to clean up some of the language and provide more clarity.

Ms. Sprinkle asked what the biggest change was. Attorney Chard replied that the majority of changes are in Sec. 78-572(c). Clerk Snider stated that the changes in the proposed substitute incorporate the language presented by City Engineer Bob Pristash at the last Finance Committee meeting. Engineer Pristash explained that all special events require a permit, but those special events that will use the right-of-way also require a traffic control. He stated it reduces liability when events are put on according to standards.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he does not see where it is written that devices will be delivered by the City. Clerk Snider pointed out the language in Sec. 78-572(c) of the substituted ordinance that reads, "...provide traffic control devices and labor to set up the submitted and approved traffic control plan..."

Ms. Sprinkle explained her understanding was that Public Works drops off the barricades, but the organization putting on the event sets up the devices according to the traffic control plan. She stated that is not clear in the ordinance. Director Jacobson stated that the language in the proposed substitute will intensify the labor costs for Public Works. **Ms. Sprinkle** stated that she would like to see the language clarified.

Mr. Ringstad agreed with Ms. Sprinkle that it is unclear which party is responsible for the labor.

Mr. Marney recalled years where Public Works would collect devices and clean the streets after a parade. Director Jacobson stated that the City does that only after the Golden Days Parade, given the size of the event. **Mr. Marney** asked whether that service would be included in the barricade package fee. Director Jacobson replied that it would, but only for the Golden Days Parade event. He stated that FPD can back charge for overtime costs related to an event, but Public Works cannot.

COS Sanders suggested that the labor costs for special events could be included in a budget line item. Attorney Chard pointed out that the proposed substitute includes language that the City will set up barricade devices. Director Jacobson stated that is a change from the current practice.

Members discussed the language in Sec. 78-572(c) regarding barricade set up and the current practices of Public Works relating to special events.

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND the amendment on the floor by striking “labor to set up the submitted and approved traffic control plan” in Sec. 78-572(c) and replacing with “deliver them to a designated location.”

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR BY STRIKING “LABOR TO SET UP THE SUBMITTED AND APPROVED TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN” IN SEC. 78-572(c) AND REPLACING WITH “DELIVER THEM TO A DESIGNATED LOCATION” AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection to the motion to AMEND Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended, by substituting the proposed version of Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to POSTPONE Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended.

Members briefly discussed the local companies that provide traffic control plan services. **Mr. Marney** stated that Exclusive Paving is the only company that still provides the service. Engineer Pristash stated that he can think of three others that do. **Mr. Marney** stated that he spoke with the person at Exclusive Paving who performs the traffic control duties, and she indicated that she provides the service for free but would not want to further extend that. He stated that he also contacted Great Northwest who stated that they no longer provide that service.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE NO. 6238, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Cleworth, Rogers, Pruhs

NAYS: Ringstad, Tidwell, Sprinkle

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Sprinkle requested to have a short break. **Mayor Pruhs** called for a brief recess. The Council resumed the agenda at New Business following the brief recess.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5056 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept the FFY2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 5057 – A Resolution Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services by Adjusting the Special Event Permit Fee, Adding a Permit Officer Fee, and

Amending the Emergency Response to a Motor Vehicle Accident Fee Description.
Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5057.

Mr. Cleworth addressed the fee for emergency fire/EMS response to a motor vehicle accident (MVA). He questioned the language in the description and asked whether and how often fault is determined on-scene by the police.

Chief Dupee reported that in the State of Alaska, the police do not determine fault when a MVA occurs. He stated, however, that some drivers are issued a citation on-site if the investigation reveals there was a traffic violation. He explained that ultimately, the insurance companies determine fault.

Mr. Cleworth asked the City Attorney whether the fee would work, given the information Chief Dupee provided. Attorney Chard stated that it could be problematic if a driver was charged the fee but was found later to have not been at fault. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that has happened, and he has waived the fee in such cases. Fire Chief Raygor stated that there have been four or five cases in the last year where the court has found the person not guilty, and the person has come back to the City to request the fee be waived. He explained that the FFD has no way to determine fault, but his administrative assistant has access to a database showing MVAs that resulted in the issuance of a citation. He stated that is the only mechanism FFD has to charge the fee.

Mr. Ringstad asked for clarification on the database where the MVA data is retrieved. Chief Dupee stated it is through the CAD or RMS system. Chief Raygor explained that his assistant uses the call list and cross references with the list of drivers who received a citation for an MVA.

Mr. Ringstad suggested getting rid of the “that caused accident” language in the fee description since there is not a way to prove who was at fault. He stated that if a person is ticketed, they clearly have some responsibility.

Attorney Chard explained that one of the reasons the language “that caused accident” was left in the fee description was because a driver involved in an accident could be ticketed for a violation that has nothing to do with the cause of the accident, such as a ticket for a vehicle registration violation.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5057 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5057 APPROVED.

- c) Ordinance No. 6239 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 74, Article V, Section 74-117, Room Rental Tax Purpose and Limitation. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Ringstad and Marney.

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6239.

Mr. Cleworth asked how the Discretionary Fund Committee would know how much money they have available each year for the grant. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that it will be determined each year through the budgetary process. He stated that he would meet with the Committee then put an amount forward in his annual budget proposal to the Council.

Mr. Cleworth stated that this process was tried before in 1996, and he recalled that it did not work out very well. He stated that he would like to see some parameters in the ordinance, perhaps some allocations set by percentage. **Mayor Pruhs** disagreed and stated that the amounts would be determined in the budget process and would be based on the projected room rental tax revenues for the year. He stated that the proposed ordinance would allow the Council to decide each year how much to fund and how much of a subsidy the City taxpayers would provide. He stated that it is the Council's obligation to make the annual determination.

Mr. Ringstad commented that he feels the Council has a responsibility to discuss the distribution of the tax revenue each year before making a decision. He stated that the Council has no authority to tell a future Council how to spend City revenues.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the current Code provision provides that distributions are "subject to annual appropriation," which would not tie the hands of future Councils. He questioned the last whereas in the ordinance that talks about taxpayers subsidizing distributions over the 1999 level. He stated that nearly all the funds used to be distributed to the former Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau (FCVB); he indicated that became a bone of contention with the Council because, at that time, the room rental tax was under the tax cap, which resulted in a negative impact on the City budget. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the City worked with the former FCVB to propose a City Charter amendment to remove the tax from the tax cap. He stated that he does not understand the claim that the taxpayers are subsidizing the room rental tax distributions.

Mayor Pruhs asked CFO Bell to weigh in. CFO Bell stated that the amount of room rental tax collected above the ~\$2.2 MM level would reduce the property tax, or the City could retain the funds to use for City services. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that the ordinance would allow the Council to decide whether to offer a benefit to property taxpayers or fund other City services.

Ms. Rogers stated she has many thoughts on the whole topic. She stated it is her understanding that the visitor industry first proposed the idea of the City levying a tax. She indicated that they have been successful at managing the funds, and she feels there are some "sticky thorns" in the current conversation. She expressed concern with overthrowing a traditional agreement.

Mayor Pruhs stated that the proposed change has nothing to do with the organizations' management of the funds; rather, it has to do with the Council's obligation to direct funding.

Mr. Ringstad commented that this is an issue of process, and, procedurally, the question is how to manage the money. He suggested that the proper way to make allocations is through the annual budget process; he stated that this allocation has been the exception to that process, but it accounts for 9% of the total annual revenue of the City. He stated that he feels the Council has been derelict in its responsibility regarding the distribution. **Mr. Ringstad** explained that when the City Council sets the budget, it in essence funds the activities that implement policies. He stated that it is just

as important for the Council to go through the room rental tax allocations each year just as it does for each City department. He commented that what was appropriate 20 years ago may not be now.

Mr. Marney expressed his belief that more discussion should be had. He indicated that there is much fear and that working together may ease everyone's concerns.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he is not opposed to advancement, but he has concerns with the whereas that talks about the subsidy. He commented that the room rental tax portion of the budget may take up most of the Council's time in budget discussions. **Mayor Pruhs** disagreed. He stated that the requests would come through him first. **Mr. Cleworth** argued that even after a budget ordinance is drafted, there will still be a tremendous amount of public testimony on the issue.

Ms. Tidwell restated the proposed process as she understood it. **Mayor Pruhs** clarified that, under the new ordinance, requests for funding over \$100,000 would come directly to him. He stated that the Discretionary Fund Committee would make its total grant request to the Mayor and recommend allocations to the City Council for requests under \$100,000. **Ms. Tidwell** remarked that she would be more supportive if EF was more a part of the process. **Mayor Pruhs** argued that EF has been involved with the process, and there has been a great deal of discussion about the room rental tax.

Ms. Rogers indicated that there has not been enough working together on the issue. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that this has been a volatile issue. He indicated that there has been much discussion and will likely be much more. He stated that in the end, the Council will be the final arbitrator for the distribution of the funds. **Ms. Rogers** took exception to the Mayor's use of the term "volatile" and disagreed with his assessment of the discussions so far. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that the issue is where it is at now because of a fight over \$100,000, which he felt was shocking.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he has spent many hours doing his homework on the issue, and the more information he finds, the more upsetting it is. He stated that back in 1979, the stated purpose of the bed tax was for tourism marketing and other economic development. He questioned what the City has put towards economic development other than the \$100,000 allocation to the FEDC. He questioned whether the City has done anything for other industries, such as health care, mining, transportation, and oil. **Mr. Ringstad** stated that it seems there has not even been a conversation in that regard, and discussions need to be had. He mentioned that other government services has been added as a third purpose for the bed tax funds since its origination, and he reiterated that the funds belong to the City and should be reviewed and discussed each year by the Council during budget discussions.

Mr. Marney pointed out that the City could give \$10 MM to EF, but the City has to be a clean and desirable place to visit. He stated that without City services, the funds allocated to the visitor industry would be wasted.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6239 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Ringstad, Marney, Tidwell, Rogers

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Sprinkle

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- d) Ordinance No. 6240 – An Ordinance Amending Schedule A of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Ordinance No. 6241 – An Ordinance Amending Schedule A of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks AFL-CIO Crafts Council. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (INFORMATION AND REPORTS)

- a) Committee Reports

Mr. Cleworth stated he had nothing to report.

Ms. Rogers stated it was refreshing to have a room full of people so well-versed about the community speaking respectfully to the Council.

Ms. Sprinkle reported that the Chena Riverfront Commission met the prior week, and she heard about different projects, including the posting of signage along the Chena River. She stated that the Chena Riverwalk Phase III project is still moving along but indicated that it has been slowed down by the Alaska Railroad. She stated that the Borough would like to make a loop on the north side of the river to meet the south side of the river at the Pioneer Park bridge. She stated that the Borough plans to review the Comprehensive River Plan in the coming year.

Ms. Tidwell stated that she attended the TAC Committee (the advisory committee for the Manh Choh Mine ore hauling project) on March 21. She stated that the group was brought up to speed with crash data, stopping distance for trucks, and other items the engineering company has been working on. She stated it is her understanding that the first stage of the full report will be available in August, and she encouraged people to visit their website for more information about the meetings and progress of the group; she recommended doing an online search for “DOT Alaska Tetlin to Fort Knox.”

Mr. Marney shared that he attended the EF Board of Directors meeting the prior Wednesday, and it was an interesting meeting.

Mr. Ringstad stated he had nothing to report.

Ms. Rogers shared that the DOT is already working on a much needed reconstruction of the bridge on Aurora Drive, and she provided some details about the project.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Tidwell stated she had no comments.

Mr. Marney thanked Ms. Tidwell for her amendment on Ordinance No. 6227.

Mr. Ringstad agreed with Mr. Marney.

Ms. Sprinkle invited everyone to the 2023 International Bonspiel at the Curling Club starting on March 30.

Ms. Rogers stated she had no further comments.

Mr. Cleworth thanked COS Sanders for preparing Ordinance Nos. 6240 and 6241. He requested that the Council receive hard copies of the IBEW labor contract before negotiations begin. He asked COS Sanders if the plan is to enter FFU labor negotiations before the end of 2023. COS Sanders replied affirmatively. He stated that the City will also be renegotiating the IT contract in 2023. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Chief Raygor if he could provide a language comparison at the next work session of the proposed LOA and current CBA. He asked Ms. Sprinkle about the signage to be posted along the Chena River. **Ms. Sprinkle** replied that the posting areas have already been designated, such as Graehl Landing, the Boatel, and other areas with river access. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that he was not a fan of the idea.

Mayor Pruhs announced that he would limit the April 4 work session topics to the FFU LOA and the room rental tax ordinance. He shared that the bid opening for the first demolition phase of the Polaris Building occurred earlier in the day; he stated that he would follow up with the Council when he had more information.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Pruhs and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Liquor License Renewals

DATE: April 18, 2023

Notice has been received from the State Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) for the following liquor license renewal applications:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
5585	Jazz Bistro on 4th	Restaurant/Eating Place	Bluenote Create, Inc.	527 4th Avenue, Suite B
4216	Speedway Express #60115	Package Store	AK, Inc.	99 College Road
2512	Speedway Express #60114	Package Store	AK, Inc.	2110 Peger Road
4565	Speedway Express #60101	Package Store	AK, Inc.	3569 S. Cushman Street

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-178 the Council must determine whether to protest liquor license renewal applications after holding a public hearing.

The Police Department has included a call report for the locations listed above, but **there are no department-recommended protests** for these liquor license renewal applications.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Jazz Bistro on 4th 527 Fourth Avenue

03/30/2022 - 03/29/2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	09/21/2022 10:16	SUSPICIOUS	527 FOURTH AVE	DESK	NRP	09/21/2022 13:46:43

Total Number of Events Listed: 1

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Speedway Express #60115 99 College Rd

03/30/2022 - 03/29/2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	03/22/2023 10:29	SEND PROTOCOL	99 COLLEGE RD	O7	NRP	03/22/2023 10:43:06
23000974	03/12/2023 11:46	VIOLATION OF CRT	99 COLLEGE RD	O6	RPT	03/12/2023 16:41:23
	02/15/2023 16:28	AOA - NON URGENT -	99 COLLEGE RD	O2	NRP	02/15/2023 16:36:59
	01/25/2023 21:53	INCAPACITATED	99 COLLEGE RD	S12	NRP	01/25/2023 22:10:59
	01/17/2023 10:06	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	S11	NRP	01/17/2023 10:27:11
	01/11/2023 08:47	TRESPASS - PAST -	99 COLLEGE RD	O19	NRP	01/11/2023 09:16:13
	01/06/2023 16:33	SUSP	99 COLLEGE RD	S11	NRP	01/06/2023 16:53:11
	12/20/2022 17:08	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	O7	NRP	12/20/2022 17:37:24
	12/14/2022 00:16	DISTURBANCE	99 COLLEGE RD	O5	NRP	12/14/2022 00:27:21
	12/07/2022 10:51	HARASSMENT -	99 COLLEGE RD	O27	NRP	12/07/2022 14:28:02
	11/29/2022 03:59	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	O20	NRP	11/29/2022 04:11:18
	11/25/2022 08:56	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	O7	NRP	11/25/2022 09:28:30
22004661	11/24/2022 05:39	ASSAULT - DELTA	99 COLLEGE RD	O16	RPT	11/24/2022 06:23:46
	11/22/2022 13:16	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	O50	NRP	11/22/2022 13:46:09
	11/22/2022 09:12	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	S11	NRP	11/22/2022 09:26:13
	11/15/2022 11:52	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	O27	SUBL	11/15/2022 12:09:14
	11/10/2022 08:48	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	O13	NRP	11/10/2022 09:40:19
22004464	11/08/2022 22:42	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	O42	RPT	11/09/2022 01:22:56
	10/21/2022 07:41	CIVIL PROBLEM	99 COLLEGE RD	O2	NRP	10/21/2022 09:04:26
	10/09/2022 04:21	URGENT WELFARE	99 COLLEGE RD	O16	NRP	10/09/2022 04:36:45
	09/19/2022 16:37	DISTURBANCE	99 COLLEGE RD	S21	NRP	09/19/2022 16:52:17
	09/16/2022 01:31	SI - FIELD CONTACT	99 COLLEGE RD	O20	NRP	09/16/2022 01:39:57
	08/31/2022 12:52	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	99 COLLEGE RD	O27	NRP	08/31/2022 13:11:31
	07/08/2022 22:34	REDDI	99 COLLEGE RD	O7	NRP	07/08/2022 23:10:18
	07/05/2022 19:00	OFFICER ADVICE	99 COLLEGE RD	O6	NRP	07/05/2022 19:48:26
22002680	07/05/2022 07:12	THEFT - DELTA	99 COLLEGE RD	O8	RPT	07/05/2022 08:57:47
	06/15/2022 21:06	VERBAL DOMESTIC	99 COLLEGE RD	O13	NRP	06/15/2022 21:39:26
	05/27/2022 16:21	SEND PROTOCOL	99 COLLEGE RD	O55	NRP	05/27/2022 16:37:01
	04/21/2022 04:07	SI - FIELD CONTACT	99 COLLEGE RD	O5	NRP	04/21/2022 04:19:07
	04/10/2022 13:03	WEAPONS INCIDENT -	99 COLLEGE RD	O7	NRP	04/10/2022 13:29:01

Total Number of Events Listed: **30**

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Speedway Express #60114 2110 Peger Rd

03/30/2022 - 03/29/2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	02/12/2023 19:40	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	2110 PEGER RD	O5	NRP	02/12/2023 20:00:45
	12/02/2022 12:23	MVC - NO INJURIES -	2110 PEGER RD	O55	NRP	12/02/2022 12:41:50
	10/23/2022 04:22	URGENT WELFARE	2110 PEGER RD	O34	NRP	10/23/2022 04:50:21
22003354	08/20/2022 06:15	TRESPASS - PAST -	2110 PEGER RD	O50	RPT	08/20/2022 07:09:54
	08/18/2022 12:12	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	2110 PEGER RD	O13	NRP	08/18/2022 12:38:08
22002493	06/23/2022 18:42	SHOTS FIRED -	2110 PEGER RD	S21	RPT	06/23/2022 22:06:07
	06/17/2022 14:59	WELFARE CHECK	2110 PEGER RD	O26	NRP	06/17/2022 15:58:02
	05/29/2022 16:52	MINOR TRAF	2110 PEGER RD	S21	NRP	05/29/2022 17:20:13
	05/16/2022 19:03	THREAT - BRAVO	2110 PEGER RD	O20	NRP	05/16/2022 19:15:32
	05/16/2022 17:14	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	2110 PEGER RD	O20	NRP	05/16/2022 17:33:17

Total Number of Events Listed: 10

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Speedway Express #60101 3569 S. Cushman Street

03/30/2022 - 03/29/2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	03/19/2023 18:13	MVC - NO INJURIES -	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O50	NRP	03/19/2023 18:47:15
	03/10/2023 06:16	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O10	SUBL	03/10/2023 06:43:48
	01/26/2023 16:06	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O28	NRP	01/26/2023 16:47:04
	01/26/2023 03:23	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O10	NRP	01/26/2023 04:06:59
23000351	01/24/2023 19:13	THEFT OR VEH	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	S21	RPT	01/24/2023 19:52:57
	01/20/2023 05:42	FOUND PROPERTY -	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	DESK	NRP	01/20/2023 05:50:39
23000188	01/13/2023 03:14	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O27	RPT	01/13/2023 06:52:39
	01/11/2023 03:47	SI - SECURITY CHECK	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O16	NRP	01/11/2023 03:48:49
	11/24/2022 06:59	ANIMAL	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O2	SUBL	11/24/2022 07:13:44
	11/12/2022 12:56	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	S11	NRP	11/12/2022 14:10:21
	10/19/2022 15:12	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	S11	NRP	10/19/2022 15:24:39
	10/06/2022 17:55	DISTURBANCE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O7	NRP	10/06/2022 18:04:28
	09/23/2022 20:51	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	S12	NRP	09/23/2022 21:27:05
	08/31/2022 12:02	DRUGS - FOUND -	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	S4	NRP	08/31/2022 13:37:38
	08/22/2022 05:15	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O42	NRP	08/22/2022 05:50:50
	07/16/2022 03:33	REDDI	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	DESK	NRP	07/16/2022 04:01:23
	07/14/2022 15:11	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O42	NRP	07/14/2022 15:41:38
22002673	07/04/2022 20:56	PHYSICAL DOM DIST -	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O10	RPT	07/04/2022 21:14:13
	04/04/2022 07:52	URGENT WELFARE	3569 S CUSHMAN ST	O8	NRP	04/04/2022 08:17:39

Total Number of Events Listed: **19**



MEMORANDUM

City of Fairbanks Clerk’s Office

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

TO: Mayor Pruhs and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Marijuana License Renewals

DATE: April 18, 2023

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
10113	Great Alaskan Bud Company	Retail Marijuana Store	SP&C Enterprises, LLC	1905 Livengood Avenue
10278	GoodSinse, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road
10279	GoodSinse, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road
14874	GoodSinse, LLC	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road
17250	Pipe and Leaf: Premium Alaskan Cannabis	Retail Marijuana Store	Pipe and Leaf, LLC	3546 Airport Way

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-214 and 3 AAC 306.060, the Council may determine whether to protest marijuana license renewals after holding a public hearing. The 60-day deadline for response to AMCO on the above-listed renewals is May 19, 2023.

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-215(b)(12), I have inquired about complaints filed within the past 12 months with the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) and AMCO in regard to the above-listed marijuana establishments. There was one Advisory Notice issued on August 15, 2022 by AMCO in response to a complaint about license no. 10278, the GoodSinse Marijuana Retail Store. There was a Notice of Violation (NOV) issued on May 19, 2022 by AMCO in response to complaints regarding license no. 10279, the GoodSinse Marijuana Cultivation Facility. Copies of both of those documents are attached, along with email correspondence between the City Clerk and AMCO staff regarding the NOV.

The Fairbanks Police Department has included a call report for the above-listed locations. There are **no departmental objections** to these marijuana license renewal applications. Please contact me if you need further information.

Notice of Violation

(3AAC 306.805)

This form, all information provided and responses are public documents per Alaska Public Records ACT AS 40.25

Date: License #/Type:
Licensee: Address:
DBA: AMCO Case #:

This is a notice to you as licensee that an alleged violation has occurred. If the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board decides to act against your license, under the provisions of AS 44.62.330 - AS 44.62.630 (Administrative Procedures Act) you will receive an Accusation and Notice of your right to an Administrative Hearing.

Note: This is not an accusation or a criminal complaint.

3 AAC 306.805 provides that upon receipt of a Notice of Violation, a licensee may request to appear before the board and be heard regarding the Notice of Violation. The request must be made within ten days after receipt of the Notice of Violation. A licensee may respond, either orally or in writing to the Notice. 3 AAC 306.810 (2)(A)(B)(C) failed, within a reasonable time after receiving a notice of violation, to correct any defect that is the subject of the notice of violation of AS 17.8 or this chapter.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU RESPOND IN WRITING TO DOCUMENT YOUR RESPONSE FOR THE MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD.

***Please send your response to the address below and include your marijuana license number in your response.**

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office
ATTN: Enforcement
550 W. 7th Ave, Suite 1600
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
amco.enforcement@alaska.gov

Issuing Investigator:

Received by:

SIGNATURE:



SIGNATURE:

Delivered VIA:

Date:

Advisory Notice

Date:

Case Number:

Licensee:

DBA:

License #/Type:

Address:

This is a notice to you as licensee that an incident has occurred or a defect is noted that could result in a violation of a statute, regulation or municipal ordinance.
Note: This is not an accusation or a criminal complaint.

Issuing Investigator:

Received by:

SIGNATURE:



SIGNATURE:

Delivered VIA:

Date:

From: [Gonzales, Gabriel \(CED\)](#)
To: [Dani Snider](#)
Subject: RE: Inquiry about complaints filed
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 9:09:35 AM

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Dani,

This licensee did not respond to the NOV that was issued. There was no action taken by the board and the NOV will stay in the licensee's record as-is.

Something I've recently learned is that a marijuana licensee does not have to respond to a NOV as a alcohol licensee does ([alcohol - 3 AAC 304.525](#) and [MJ - 3 AAC 306.805](#)).

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Regards,

Gabriel Gonzales
Local Government Specialist
State of Alaska | Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
(907) 334-2195
gabriel.gonzales@alaska.gov

From: Gonzales, Gabriel (CED)
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:47 AM
To: Dani Snider <DSnider@fairbanks.us>
Subject: RE: Inquiry about complaints filed

I had to reach out to our enforcement team to see if there is any other documentation on this. I'll let you know if/when they provide anything to me.

Gabriel Gonzales
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Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
(907) 334-2195
gabriel.gonzales@alaska.gov

From: Dani Snider <DSnider@fairbanks.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:23 AM
To: Gonzales, Gabriel (CED) <gabriel.gonzales@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Inquiry about complaints filed

Thank you, Gabriel. Was there any more follow up documentation after the May 2022 NOV regarding multiple complaints of odor?

Dani

From: Gonzales, Gabriel (CED) <gabriel.gonzales@alaska.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:21 AM

To: Dani Snider <DSnider@fairbanks.us>

Subject: RE: Inquiry about complaints filed

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Hi Dani,

I accidentally left off an Notice of violation on #10279 on my last email. See attached.

Gabriel Gonzales

Local Government Specialist

State of Alaska | Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

(907) 334-2195

gabriel.gonzales@alaska.gov

From: Dani Snider <DSnider@fairbanks.us>

Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 3:08 PM

To: Gonzales, Gabriel (CED) <gabriel.gonzales@alaska.gov>

Subject: Inquiry about complaints filed

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Hi, Gabriel,

Per FGC Sec. 14-215(b)(12), the City Council has tasked me with gathering complaints on marijuana establishments within the City of Fairbanks for their review at the time of renewal. The Council specified that this should include complaints received by AMCO.

Can you tell me if you have any complaints on file for the following marijuana establishments within the past year?

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Phone	Address
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10113	Great Alaskan Bud Company	Retail Marijuana Store	SP&C Enterprises, LLC	907-687-9162	1905 Livengood Avenue
10278	GoodSinse, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	GoodSinse, LLC	907-347-7689	2604 Davis Road
10279	GoodSinse, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	GoodSinse, LLC	907-347-7689	2604 Davis Road
14874	GoodSinse, LLC	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility	GoodSinse, LLC	907-347-7689	2604 Davis Road
17250	Pipe and Leaf: Premium Alaskan Cannabis	Retail Marijuana Store	Pipe and Leaf, LLC	907-317-7346	3546 Airport Way

Thank you!

Dani

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC
City Clerk | City of Fairbanks
800 Cushman Street | Fairbanks, AK 99701
907.459.6774 | 907.459.6710
dsnider@fairbanks.us

Include delayed events

ONESolution CAD

No match found.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

GoodSense 2604 Davis Rd

04/04/2022 - 04/03/2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
23000639	02/13/2023 21:43	SUSP	2604 DAVIS RD	O55	RPT	02/13/2023 23:51:34
	02/08/2023 10:32	TRAFF VIO/COMP	2604 DAVIS RD	O28	NRP	02/08/2023 12:21:16
	10/11/2022 12:12	HARASSMENT -	2604 DAVIS RD	O17	NRP	10/11/2022 12:28:28
	08/21/2022 14:41	URGENT WELFARE	2604 DAVIS RD	O7	NRP	08/21/2022 14:55:18
	04/07/2022 16:49	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	2604 DAVIS RD	O50	NRP	04/07/2022 17:00:59
	04/04/2022 08:18	OFFICER ADVICE	2604 DAVIS RD	S12	NRP	04/04/2022 08:58:54

Total Number of Events Listed: **6**

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Pipe and Leaf 3546 Airport Way

04/04/2022 - 04/03/2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
23001000	03/13/2023 16:39	THEFT OR VEH	3546 AIRPORT WAY	O7	RPT	03/13/2023 18:51:31
	02/28/2023 17:05	MVC - NO INJURIES -	3546 AIRPORT WAY	DESK	NRP	02/28/2023 17:20:32
	01/22/2023 08:59	ALARM BURGLARY -	3546 AIRPORT WAY	O50	FAB	01/22/2023 09:26:01
	01/22/2023 00:31	ALARM BURGLARY -	3546 AIRPORT WAY	S5	FAB	01/22/2023 00:46:11
	01/19/2023 07:19	ALARM BURGLARY -	3546 AIRPORT WAY	S4	FAB	01/19/2023 07:44:05
	01/19/2023 03:02	ALARM BURGLARY -	3546 AIRPORT WAY	O20	NRP	01/19/2023 03:19:06
	12/07/2022 06:57	PAST MVC - ALPHA	3546 AIRPORT WAY	DESK	NRP	12/07/2022 07:06:40
22004359	10/31/2022 20:52	SEND PROTOCOL	3546 AIRPORT WAY	O5	RPT	10/31/2022 21:51:30
	09/17/2022 14:44	ALARM BURGLARY -	3546 AIRPORT WAY	O17	FAB	09/17/2022 15:01:42
	08/31/2022 00:17	ALARM BURGLARY -	3546 AIRPORT WAY	O10	NRP	08/31/2022 00:33:30
	07/11/2022 18:55	DISTURBANCE	3546 AIRPORT WAY	O20	NRP	07/11/2022 19:34:27
	05/22/2022 09:05	ALARM BURGLARY -	3546 AIRPORT WAY	O30	NRP	05/22/2022 09:16:34

Total Number of Events Listed: 12

ORDINANCE NO. 6242

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 46-4(e)(2) TO CHANGE THE VALUE OF COMMUNITY WORK IN LIEU OF FINE.

WHEREAS, Fairbanks General Code at §46-4(e)(2) currently provides that the value of community work in lieu of a fine is \$3.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, Alaska statute at §12.55.055(c) currently provides that the value of community work in lieu of a fine is the state’s minimum wage for each hour; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development reports the current minimum wage per hour, effective January, 1, 2023, is \$10.85.

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

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code section 46-4(e)(2) is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underlined** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

- (2) The court may offer a defendant convicted of an offense the option of performing community work in lieu of a fine or a portion of a fine if the court finds the defendant is unable to pay the fine. The value of community work in lieu of a fine is ~~\$3.00 per hour~~ **the state's minimum wage for each hour.**

Section 2. The effective date of this ordinance is five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 5060

**A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE SUNSET DATE INCLUDED IN
ORDINANCE NO. 6227, AS AMENDED, AMENDING THE COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS AND
THE FAIRBANKS FIREFIGHTERS UNION IAFF LOCAL 1324 (FFU)**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 6227, as Amended, was adopted on April 10, 2023;
and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Ordinance No. 6227, as Amended, included a sunset date of December 31, 2023, effective unless extended by mutual consent of the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks Firefighters Union (FFU); and

WHEREAS, the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the City of Fairbanks and the FFU, was ratified by Ordinance No. 6185 on October 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the current CBA between the City of Fairbanks and the FFU, has an effective date from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the current CBA includes a provision at Section 1.3 binding parties to its terms and conditions until a renewal agreement is negotiated and executed by the parties if the termination date of the CBA occurs during negotiations for a renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Letter of Agreement, Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 6227, does not include an exception modifying the effective date of the agreement from the effective date of the CBA.

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

Section 1. The sunset date of December 31, 2023, included in Section 2 of Ordinance No. 6227, is extended to September 30, 2024 or in accordance with Section 1.3 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, whichever is later.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 5061

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED ESCAPEMENT OUT OF AREA M TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY OF CHUM AND CHINOOK SALMON IN THE YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE AND IN SUPPORT OF ALASKA SENATE BILL 128 VERSION A

WHEREAS, the average (1997-2022) summer chum salmon run as reported by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) at Pilot Station near the mouth of the Yukon River was 1,562,978; and

WHEREAS, the measured totals were 1,612,688 in 2018, 1,402,925 in 2019, 692,602 in 2020, 153,718 in 2021, and 463,806 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the average (1997-2022) chinook salmon run as reported by ADF&G at Pilot Station near the mouth of the Yukon River was 167,993; and

WHEREAS, the measured totals were 161,831 in 2018, 219,624 in 2019, 162,252 in 2020, 124,845 in 2021, and 48,439 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the average (1997-2022) summer chum salmon run as reported by ADF&G at the Chena River was 8,973; and

WHEREAS, the measured totals were 15,244 in 2018, 2,704 in 2019, 155 in 2020, 577 in 2021, and 897 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the average (1997-2022) chinook salmon run as reported by ADF&G at the Chena River was 4,989; and

WHEREAS, the measured totals were 6,100 in 2018, 2,018 in 2019, 502 in 2020, 1,417 in 2021, and 355 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, local numbers of chinook and chum salmon in the Chena River and in other Interior rivers have fallen to very low levels, and the salmon health in the drainage of the Yukon River is of significant recreational, economic, and cultural value to people who live in the Fairbanks area; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Peninsula Management Area M is the main commercial fishery on which the State of Alaska can impose regulations to limit commercial harvest that will increase the escapement of our wild salmon resource into the Yukon River drainage; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries failed to impose new restrictions in the commercial harvest out of Area M at its February 2023 meeting as was suggested in Proposal 140; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Constitution, Article VIII – Natural Resources states that the natural resources of the State should be used “for the maximum benefit of the people” and that “whenever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use” and “fish...shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle...”

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Fairbanks City Council that given the current health of the chum and chinook salmon runs in the Yukon River drainage, the State of Alaska must increase escapement of salmon to the Yukon River in order to comply with Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairbanks City Council supports the timely passage of Alaska Senate Bill 128 Version A to create a nearly 3-week escapement window in Area M by temporarily halting the commercial harvest from June 10 through June 30, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to the sponsors of Senate Bill 128, to Governor Dunleavy, and to the Interior Alaska Legislative Delegation.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

SENATE BILL NO. 128

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS OLSON, Kawasaki

Introduced: 4/12/23

Referred: Judiciary, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act temporarily closing the commercial salmon fishery in a portion of the Alaska**
2 **Peninsula and Aleutian Islands; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALASKA PENINSULA MANAGEMENT AREA M
7 TO COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING. Notwithstanding the authority usually delegated
8 by the legislature to the Board of Fisheries under AS 16.05.251, the area of the Alaska
9 Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Atka-Amlia Islands Areas administered by the Board of
10 Fisheries under AS 16.05.251 on December 31, 2022, and identified by the Department of
11 Fish and Game as of January 1, 2023, as Alaska Peninsula Management Area M is closed to
12 commercial salmon fishing from 12:01 a.m. on June 10, 2023, through 11:59 p.m. on June 30,
13 2023.

14 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

RESOLUTION NO. 5062

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN
DOWNTOWN FAIRBANKS**

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional economic development in downtown Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update identified concerns related to dated housing stock, a shortage of affordable and quality housing, and a need for more development near utilities and existing infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks has secured funding to demolish the Polaris Building; and

WHEREAS, this development has prompted renewed discussion of development in the downtown Fairbanks area, including interest in creating an Economic Development District in Fairbanks that would include development of multipurpose office and apartment buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairbanks City Council, that the City of Fairbanks encourages further economic development in downtown Fairbanks.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Introduced by: Council Members Cleworth,
Marney, Rogers, Ringstad, and Tidwell
Introduced: April 24, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 5063

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO REJECT
PROPOSALS FOR A STATEWIDE GENERAL SALES TAX**

WHEREAS, the State has reserved for itself the right to impose a tax on income, thereby, leaving a sales tax as one of the revenue sources available for local governments to fund the needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that sales taxes are extremely regressive; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 municipalities in Alaska currently impose general or other sales taxes, with varying rates, limitations, and exemptions; and

WHEREAS, a statewide sales tax would be in addition to existing municipal sales taxes and would cause collection and auditing problems due to varying exemptions and purchase price limitations; and

WHEREAS, retail outlets on military bases and some internet sales would be exempt from state sales taxes and, unfortunately, would receive a benefit at the expense of Alaska retailers; and

WHEREAS, addressing all of these problems would require a very complex piece of legislation and would be costly to implement, audit, and sustain.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks City Council respectfully requests that the Alaska Legislature reject any proposals for a statewide general sales tax; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Fairbanks City Council and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Dunleavy, members of the Interior Delegation, and the Alaska Municipal League.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 5064

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE FOR FFY24 DUI TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks has been notified by the Alaska Highway Safety Office that the Fairbanks Police Department is eligible to apply for funds that address specific traffic safety priority areas; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Police Department will conduct traffic safety with the Traffic Unit, particularly in the apprehension of DUI offenders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks received positive citizen feedback regarding continued traffic enforcement, and this program is highly regarded by the Alaska Highway Safety Office due to reductions in fatal crashes in the Fairbanks area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks plans to request \$228,000 to fund two Traffic Unit Officers, and the required match will be provided through in-kind personnel costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute all documents required for requesting and accepting funds on behalf of the City for the Alaska Highway Safety Office FFY24 DUI Traffic Enforcement Unit grant.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5064

Abbreviated Title: Alaska Highway Safety Office FFY24 DUI Traffic Unit

Department(s): Police

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
Personnel Wages & Benefits (Two Traffic Unit Officers - Grant)			\$228,000	\$228,000
Personnel Wages & Benefits (Traffic Unit Supervisor)			\$57,000	\$57,000
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$285,000	\$285,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	Equipment	Building	Personnel	Total
GRANT FUNDS (FEDERAL)			\$228,000	\$228,000
GENERAL FUND			\$57,000	\$57,000
				\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$285,000	\$285,000

The grant requires a minimum 20% match. Traffic Unit Supervisor wages will provide a 25% in-kind match for the program.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial SF Date 4/18/2023

ORDINANCE NO. 6243

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE INCENTIVE BONUS PROGRAM
WITH THE FAIRBANKS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
FOR RECRUITMENT AND HIRING**

WHEREAS, an incentive bonus program for recruitment and hiring at the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC) was established by the City Council on April 22, 2019, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 6102 and was extended by the City Council on December 12, 2022 with the approval of Resolution No. 5040; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for providing a bonus to lateral hires are: (1) the high cost for the City to support an employee in the Dispatch Academy (approximately \$23,200); and (2) a one-time, sign-on bonus of \$15,000 for a lateral hire would help attract applicants and would constitute a significant cost savings to the City; and

WHEREAS, the program has been successful in recruiting lateral-hire personnel; and

WHEREAS, the FECC continues to have a need for the program.

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 6102, as Amended by Resolution No. 5040, (the incentive bonus program for recruitment and hiring within the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center) is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

SECTION 1. (a) An applicant who is a certified dispatcher in the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) Protocols or is able to meet certifications required by established FECC standards will be paid a \$15,000 "sign-on bonus" in two installments. One payment, half of the "sign-on" bonus, will be paid **with** the first paycheck after completing the Communications Training Program. The second payment of the remaining "sign-on" bonus will be paid ~~on~~**with** the first paycheck after completing the probation period, subject to the payback provisions specified in the attached Sign-on Bonus Agreement. **No applicant may receive a sign-on bonus more than once, and no applicant may receive a sign-on bonus if they have previously been employed by the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center within 12 months of rehire.**

SECTION 2. (b) If an active City of Fairbanks employee recruits a new dispatcher (as defined in **section (a)**~~Section 1~~) who successfully completes the training process and probationary period, the employee will receive a recruitment bonus of \$5,000. The City of Fairbanks employee will receive half of the recruitment bonus upon the employee completing the Communications Training Program. The second half of the bonus will be paid upon the employee completing the probation period. **The recruitment bonus does**

not apply to employees with duties that are related to recruitment or hiring.

SECTION 2. The Sign-on Bonus Agreement (Attachment A) is hereby approved, with new text in **bold/underline** font and deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font.

SECTION 3. Bonuses will be funded through savings from budgeted salaries, as available.

SECTION 4. This program will sunset on December 31, 2024 unless extended by Resolution of the City Council.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6243

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING FECC SIGN ON BONUS

Department(s): FECC

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:

EXPENDITURES:	Total
SALARY AND BENEFITS	
TOTAL	

FUNDING SOURCE:	Total
GENERAL FUND	
TOTAL	

Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center recruitment incentive bonuses will be paid from salary savings. The City paid a \$15,000 bonus to one employee in 2019/2020.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 4/19/2023



**Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center
Sign-On Bonus Agreement**

This agreement is made between the CITY OF FAIRBANKS (“the City”) and _____ (“Employee”).

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. ~~6243-6102, as Amended~~, the City is offering a sign-on bonus to a person who begins employment for the City of Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC) ~~for the first time as a DISPATCHER~~ and who meets the City requirements as a Lateral-Hire Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, no employee may receive a sign-on bonus more than once, and no employee may receive a sign-on bonus if they have been previously employed by the FECC within 12 months of rehire; and

WHEREAS, in return for the bonus, the Employee agrees to the terms and conditions set out below.

The City and the Employee agree to the following terms:

1. The City agrees to pay the Employee \$15,000.00 as a Sign-on Bonus in return for the Employee accepting the City’s offer of employment. Half of this amount will be paid directly to the Employee on the Employee’s first paycheck following the completion of the Communications Training Program. The second half of this amount will be paid directly to the Employee on the Employee’s first paycheck following the completion of the probation period.
2. The City will apply all required federal and state tax deductions and will report all payments made under this Agreement as required by federal and state law. Taxes will be withheld as bonus earnings from the Sign-on Bonus and reported to the Internal Revenue Services as income on the Employee’s Form W-2. The Sign-on Bonus is not considered “salary” and will not be included for purposes of retirement benefit calculations or salary increases.
3. The Department will adhere to all relevant City and Department policies during the hiring process and in making bonus payments to employees.
4. In return for accepting the Sign-on Bonus the Employee agrees to work for the Department, on a regular and full-time basis for at least three years beginning _____ and ending on _____. Should the Employee resign, quit, or be terminated for cause before the above-stated ending date, the Employee shall repay a prorated amount of the Sign-on Bonus as provided for in the following paragraphs.
5. The Employee’s failure to remain employed by the Department for three years will trigger the Employee’s duty to repay, pro-rata, the amount paid by the Department pursuant to paragraph 1, above. (This amount may be more than the Employee received due to tax or other withholdings.) For example, if the Employee leaves one year prior to the end date, they will repay 12/36 of such amount. To facilitate this repayment, the Employee, by signing below, expressly gives the City a lien on all their salary, wages, and other sums payable to them by City. In addition, the Employee

hereby authorizes the City to withhold all amounts so due from any sum payable to the Employee by the Department and City. The Employee also agrees that any tax consequences that result from the repayment of the Sign-on Bonus or any portion thereof will be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Employee.

6. If the Employee fails to remain employed by the Department for three years for reasons beyond their control (e.g. injury, illness or death), other than just cause termination, the Department may in its sole discretion waive all or part of the liability owed by the Employee. Any such waivers must be approved in writing by both the FECC Manager and the Mayor.
7. If any part of the Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the other parts will remain valid and enforceable, and Employee agrees, represents, and warrants that they will be held to any applicable repayment of the Sign-on Bonus.

BY SIGNING BELOW, the Employee certifies that they have not accepted a financial incentive for accepting employment at the City, other than as described in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF:

FECC Dispatcher

Date

FECC Manager, Kristi Merideth

Date

Mayor, David Pruhs

Date