



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2023-10
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 22, 2023
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY GRADUATION
5:30 p.m.

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 April 24, 2023

*b) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 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
5262	Aha Oriental Kitchen	Restaurant/ Eating Place	Moonstone, LLC	996 Blair Road

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6223, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 74, Article V, Room Rental Tax, to Change the Allocations. Introduced by Council Members Marney, Tidwell, and Ringstad. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2023; a PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD.
- b) Ordinance No. 6238, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Sec. 78-572 Special Events by Amending the City Barricade Package Fee and Establishing a Deadline for Permit Applications. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2023; a public hearing was held on March 27, 2023.
- c) Ordinance No. 6244 – An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing Retention of the Real Property Located at 730 Front Street for Public Purpose Upon Tax Foreclosure. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Sprinkle. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- *a) Resolution No. 5065 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Funds from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority for a Community Paramedic Program. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *b) Resolution No. 5066 – A Resolution Honoring the Fort Wainwright Soldiers Who Lost Their Lives on April 27, 2023. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and All City Council Members.
- *c) Ordinance No. 6245 – An Ordinance Amending the City of Fairbanks 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Second Time. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *d) Ordinance No. 6246 – An Ordinance to Reduce Overtime at the Fairbanks Fire Department and Secure Additional Savings and Benefits by Adding a Battalion Chief. Introduced by Council Member Tidwell.
- *e) Ordinance No. 6247 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Sec. 2-233(c) to Change the Quorum Requirement for the Fairbanks Diversity Council. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Rogers.
- *f) Ordinance No. 6248 – An Ordinance Amending the Incentive Bonus Program with the Fairbanks Police Department for Recruitment and Hiring. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

- a) Committee Reports

14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- *a) Appointment to the Fairbanks Diversity Council
- *b) Memorandum Regarding City Representation on the FNSB Planning Commission
- *c) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

16. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

17. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

18. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- a) Fairbanks Police Department Recruitment and Retention Benefit Options
- b) IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy

19. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 24, 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 (remotely)
John Ringstad, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer (remotely)
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Thomas Chard, City Attorney
Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)
Ron Dupee, Police Chief (remotely)
Rick Sweet, Deputy Police Chief (remotely)
Scott Raygor, Fire Chief
Andrew Cocco, Assistant Fire Chief
Nick Clark, Firefighter/FFU President

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of Mayor Pruhs, **Ms. Sprinkle** lead the flag salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Scott McCrea, President and CEO of Explore Fairbanks – S. McCrea stated he is relieved to be speaking about what is happening in the industry versus speaking on an ordinance or resolution. He stated that the tourism industry is about two weeks away from kicking off the summer season, although Mother Nature may be dictating otherwise. He shared that there is much optimism for the upcoming season, and the cruise industry is set to have a record season. S. McCrea stated that with gas prices being lower than the previous year, the industry anticipates more highway travelers; and with the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, they expect to see a stronger return of the international market. He shared that Condor Airlines, Delta Airlines, and United Airlines will

return with service to Fairbanks. S. McCrea stated that hotel occupancy rates were at 63% in the first quarter of the year, and average daily rates are still growing. He stated that the Fairbanks International Airport saw an increase of 15% in combined arrivals and departures over the first quarter of 2022, and the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center has seen an increase of 34% more visitors over the previous year. S. McCrea shared that Explore Fairbanks recently held its awards banquet and gave the following awards: the Golden Heart Award for hospitality was given to Julie Jones with Festival Fairbanks; the Aurora Award was given to Senator Lisa Murkowski; the Jim and Mary Binkley Award was awarded to Jim and Mary Gower with the Golden North Inn; the Raven Award was given to the Denakkanaaga program; and Dr. Syun-Ichi Akasofu was inducted into the Tourism Hall of Fame.

Mayor Pruhs asked S. McCrea when the Alaska Salmon Bake and Denali opens. S. McCrea stated that the Salmon Bake tends to open closer to Memorial Day, and Denali attractions usually open after Memorial Day.

David van den Berg, 332 Slater Drive, Fairbanks – D. van den Berg stated that he is speaking as the Executive Director of the Downtown Association of Fairbanks. He invited listeners to attend a meeting of “The Downtowners” on April 26 at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; he shared that they would discuss the upcoming season at the meeting, and he listed various leaders in the community who will be in attendance. D. van den Berg stated that Resolution No. 5062 is a welcomed surprise, and he would like to add some “yes, ands” to the resolution.

Victor Buberger – V. Buberger stated that of all the facilities in Fairbanks, he uses the Mary Siah Recreation Center the most; he acknowledged that it is a Borough-owned facility. He stated that the showers at other facilities are umbrella-style. He stated that there have been recent upgrades at Mary Siah, but staff at the facility has told him that they are having difficulty finding employees. He suggested that the City somehow work with the Borough to keep the Mary Siah facility open to the public. He thanked the Council and told them to keep up the good work.

Ms. Rogers stated she understands that more people were returning to Mary Siah after the recent renovations. She asked Mr. Buberger if he sees good attendance when he visits the facility. Mr. Buberger stated that there were several men in the shower area when he was there earlier in the afternoon. He spoke to the advantages the facility offers for disabled individuals.

Aaron Lojewski, 1600 Washington Drive, Unit 11, Fairbanks – A. Lojewski stated that he is speaking in representation of himself. He spoke in favor of Resolution No. 5061, the resolution encouraging the passage of Senate Bill 128, and stated that he worked with Council Member Marney to draft the resolution. He spoke about and expressed concern for the salmon runs being low for the last few years and stated that the Board of Fisheries has pretty much closed the fisheries in the Yukon River to allow the populations to replenish, but that has not seemed to be enough. A. Lojewski stated that the bill may help more escapement which may replenish the salmon population.

Mr. Ringstad asked A. Lojewski whether there will be a similar resolution before the Borough Assembly. A. Lojewski stated that there will be a nearly identical resolution introduced to the

Assembly, and he would be willing to speak to the resolution if the Mayor allows him to speak under Mayor's Comments and Report.

Ms. Sprinkle asked A. Lojewski asked whether the federal government is involved with the fisheries mentioned in the resolution. A. Lojewski replied that, to the best of his knowledge, the Alaska Board of Fisheries has authority over the fisheries addressed in Resolution No. 5061, and the authority was delegated to them by the State Legislature.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ms. Sprinkle pulled Resolution No. 5060 and Resolution No. 5062 from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Cleworth pulled Resolution No. 5063 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 March 13, 2023

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2023

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
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

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License applications for renewal.

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

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she does not know the businesses well, but she expressed some concern with the associated call reports. She questioned whether the calls were typical of the businesses.

Mayor Pruhs stated that people are trespassed from those types of businesses. He called upon Kristi Merideth, Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC) Manager, to speak to the issue.

K. Merideth stated that most of the businesses are located on a busy corner or main street. She stated that calls near the business might have the business address listed because it is the nearest property to the incident.

Mayor Pruhs asked Mr. Ringstad to comment, since one of the businesses is near his property. **Mr. Ringstad** shared that he does not see much regarding the calls listed, but he questioned how much time City staff is put towards dealing with the calls in the report. He stated that he does not know how to fix the problem.

Ms. Sprinkle reiterated her concern, especially since there is only one call reported for the Jazz Bistro downtown. She stated, however, that she has no issue with the businesses.

Ms. Rogers commented that concern by the Council is necessary, and the City needs to be supportive of the businesses located in areas on the forefront of that kind of activity. She stated that if the Council does not receive the information, it would not be aware of the issues occurring in those areas.

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following Marijuana License applications for renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
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 Facility	GoodSinse, LLC	2604 Davis Road
17250	Pipe and Leaf: Premium Alaskan Cannabis	Retail Marijuana Store	Pipe and Leaf, LLC	3546 Airport Way

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Marijuana License applications for renewal.

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

Ms. Rogers raised the issue of the notice of violation for one of the licensees reported by the Clerk. She commented that they did not respond to the violation, there was no action taken by the board, and the violation will stay in the licensee's file. She pointed out that the correspondence with the State reported by the Clerk indicates that a marijuana licensee does not have to respond to a violation, which she finds to be interesting. She stated she is perplexed by that.

Ms. Sprinkle asked Mayor Pruhs whether he has spoken with the business owner about the odor issue. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that he has not, but he expressed his intent to do so.

Mr. Ringstad questioned that the State allows a licensee to "blow it off" when a Notice of Violation is issued.

Ms. Sprinkle questioned what the "no match found" paperwork in the packet indicates. Clerk Snider explained that if there were no calls within the past year reported to a specified business, a "no match found" printout is included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Rogers called attention to the fact that the details of one of the violations was that the applicant used cartoon characters in its advertising. She commented that that is disappointing.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he recalls the last time the license in question was up for renewal, there were reports of complaints regarding odor; he asked the City Clerk to verify that was the case. Clerk Snider stated that she does not recall. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that he has received complaints about the business from the Surgery Center in the past, stating that their facility is inundated with the unwanted odor of marijuana. He asked the City Clerk whether it would affect the City's allowable response time to postpone the item. Clerk Snider stated that the Council would still have the May 8 meeting to address the item within the allowable response time if the Council were to postpone. She reported, however, that she contacted the licensee prior to the meeting to inform them that the Council would be reviewing the information about the advisory notice and the notice of violation, but she did not see the licensee present.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to POSTPONE the Council's consideration of all three GoodSinse, LLC licenses.

Mr. Cleworth, with the concurrence of the Second, moved to WITHDRAW the motion to postpone.

Chief of Staff Mike Sanders reported that the applicant was present. **Mayor Pruhs** invited the applicant to speak.

Danielle Peters, GoodSinse, LLC – Danielle Peters stated that the building is old and repairs were being done at the time of the complaint. She indicated that there has been no direct contact with the owners regarding the complaints. She stated that the business has been operating from that location for about six years and that her husband would be arriving shortly.

Dan Peters, GoodSinse, LLC, 2604 Davis Road, Fairbanks – Dan Peters stated he has been in communication with the Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO). He stated that one of the ozone emitters was unplugged, which he corrected, and since then he has not heard of any more complaints. He stated that he has been in contact AMCO regarding the issues.

Ms. Rogers raised the issue of using cartoon characters for advertising; she asked Dan Peters whether he had corrected those issues. Dan Peters stated that one of the media agents on staff mishandled the advertisement, and once he was aware he had them remove it. He indicated that he had been in contact with the State regarding that particular issue, and he is in touch with them regularly. Dan Peters questioned who specifically from the State indicated they had not been in contact with him.

Clerk Snider clarified that her correspondence with the State was with Gabriel Gonzales, the Local Government Specialist at AMCO, in regard to the Notice of Violation from May of 2022. Dan Peters indicated that he last communicated with AMCO in December 2022, and there was no indication that any follow-up was necessary.

Mayor Pruhs thanked the applicants for being in touch with their neighbors regarding the smell and for rectifying the situation. Dan Peters stated that he reached out to the Surgery Center last summer, but he did not receive a call back, although there have been complaints since then. **Mayor Pruhs** cautioned the applicant that he would be driving by the area to see if there is an odor. Dan Peters commented that his building is a pipeline-era building, and he is working to make improvements; **Mayor Pruhs** reminded the applicant that he has a duty to rectify the issue.

Ms. Rogers thanked the applicants for being present, and indicated she was initially disappointed to see the violations without representation by the owners.

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

a) Special Reports

Mayor Pruhs invited Dan Britton forward to provide a report on the Interior Gas Utility (IGU).

Dan Britton reported on the recent activities of the IGU, including the signing of the Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement with Hillcorp North Slope and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) manufacturing agreement with Harvest Alaska LNG on January 17. He stated that Hillcorp currently supplies over 80% of the LNG demand in the Cook Inlet and that the contracts are for a term of 20 years with two 5-year options for extension. D. Britton stated that Hillcorp has already applied for and been granted an easement for a pad location and has applied for an air permit, which is currently under review. He reported that the targeted commencement date for LNG delivery from that

facility is October 1, 2024. D. Britton stated that IGU issued an RFP regarding a new fleet, and additional trailers will likely be purchased as the demand grows. He reported that in 2022, the IGU had a goal for 600 new service lines, and they completed 635; he stated they also installed approximately three miles of main line extensions in 2022. D. Britton commented that one of the biggest installs was across the Chena River at the Wendell Street Bridge. He spoke briefly to IGU's plans and goals for 2023 and stated that they hope to begin the construction season by June 15. D. Britton talked about Fort Wainwright's plans to convert to Distributed Natural Gas Boilers, which would result in a substantial use of natural gas in the community; he spoke to the next steps in that project, which has a targeted completion date of 2026. He spoke to the upcoming open houses IGU has scheduled and talked about the resources available at the events.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if IGU has plans to do any residential distribution in the downtown area. D. Britton stated the IGU gets frequent requests for service in the downtown area, and he provided a few examples of the expansion so far. He stated there are plans to continue to slowly expand in the downtown area.

Ms. Rogers commented on the previous tour she took of the facility and the information she learned at that time; she stated it was a memorable experience.

Mr. Cleworth asked D. Britton if there are any legal hurdles with the North Slope project that he anticipates might slow it down. D. Britton replied that the air permit could hold up the project. **Mr. Cleworth** asked when construction might begin on the pad if the air permit is approved. D. Britton stated that the 15-acre gravel pad is in place already, and they would begin the concrete work this summer if everything went according to plan.

Mayor Pruhs thanked D. Britton for his work in bringing the gas utility to fruition. D. Britton stated that it has been a great journey, and he shared that he will retire at the end of September. He commented that the Board recently selected his replacement.

Mayor Pruhs stated he is hoping to hold a Polaris Work Group meeting the following week to start working on the development plans. He shared that he had a good trip to Juneau and was able to speak with legislators before they finalized the State's capital budget.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Cleworth stated he had no comments.

Ms. Rogers stated she had no comments.

Ms. Sprinkle mentioned the special achievement awards that were written about in the newspaper for the EMS folks who helped save a little girl's life. She commended the emergency workers.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he has received several positive comments from people about how quickly and professionally emergency responders dealt with the hoax call at Monroe High School.

Mr. Marney stated he had no comments.

Ms. Tidwell stated she had no comments.

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.

Ms. Tidwell, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6242.

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

Mr. Marney asked how old the \$3.00/hour wage rate is. He stated he recalls working for \$1.25/hour. **Mayor Pruhs** guessed that the wage rate is likely from the 1982-1984 range. Other Council Members commented on the earliest wage rate they recall earning.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6242 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6242 ADOPTED.

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.

Ms. Tidwell, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5060.

Mr. Cleworth expressed frustration with the issue. He stated that there will effectively be no sunset clause because the language will become a part of the contract which will be up for negotiation the following year. He stated that of all the union contracts with the City, the Fairbanks Firefighter Union (FFU) contract is the most complicated and difficult. He spoke to his past experience in negotiating that contract and talked about the struggle when a contract goes to mediation or arbitration. **Mr. Cleworth** cautioned the Council that once language is inserted into the contract, it is difficult to remove. He commented that minimum manning provisions are not in place for the police or dispatch workers; rather, it is up to management to work within their budgets to ensure that there is adequate staff per shift. He stated that the FFU contract has always had a minimum manning provision, which is currently at nine. **Mr. Cleworth** shared that his frustration lies in the fact that the former letter of agreement was never brought to the Council, and when it went away, the Council was again unaware. He questioned why the negotiating team would limit the City's ability to run three ambulances, and he commented that the problem should be fixed with the people who were in the negotiating room at that time. He stated that the new letter of

agreement will lock the City into a minimum staffing level of 13 per shift at the Fire Department, and there will inevitably be overtime incurred.

Ms. Sprinkle interjected by calling a point of order. She stated that Mr. Cleworth's comments are not relevant to Resolution No. 5060.

Mayor Pruhs asked Attorney Chard whether Mr. Cleworth's discussion was germane to Resolution No. 5060. Attorney Chard stated that Resolution No. 5060 aims to merely extend the date provided previously in Ordinance No. 6227. He advised that the point of order to keep the discussion focused on the date is pertinent. He stated that to the degree that Mr. Cleworth's comments are in regard to the staying power of extending the date, his comments are appropriate. Attorney Chard clarified, however, that the point of order is appropriate.

Mr. Cleworth continued by saying that once language becomes embedded in the contract, it is difficult to remove; he added that it also creates a fairness issue for other bargaining units. He commented that the minimum staffing provision also ties the City's hands in making cuts to the department if budget cuts were to become necessary. He stated that four positions were added to the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD) just over a year ago, and he shared that FFD's overtime cost for the first quarter of 2023 was \$259,000 of the \$890,000 total annual overtime budget for FFD. **Mr. Cleworth** indicated that is three times more than that of the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). He commented that the Fire Chief should be able to manage the department as he sees fit, and when there is a crisis, he should be able to delegate resources and staff as necessary.

Mr. Ringstad expressed some confusion regarding the negotiating process. He stated that his understanding of the process is that when a negotiated item comes before the Council, the Council's role is to vote it up or down – not amend the item. Attorney Chard stated that there is a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) currently in place with the FFU. He spoke about the process for letters of agreement: negotiated by the bargaining team, tentatively agreed upon by both parties, then presented to the Council and the bargaining unit for ratification. Attorney Chard stated that when a letter of agreement comes before the Council, the Council has three options: 1) vote to approve, 2) vote to reject, or 3) vote to send it back to the bargaining team for further negotiation. He explained that when Ordinance No. 6227 was adopted, the Council added a sunset date that differed from the end date of the contract and that Resolution No. 5060 corrects that procedural oversight. **Mr. Ringstad** asked whether the union had ratified the letter of agreement; Attorney Chard stated he did not believe that they had. Attorney Chard clarified, however, that the issue before the Council is only in regard to the sunset date – not the letter of agreement itself. **Mr. Ringstad** questioned the legal grounds of the Council to amend a tentative agreement.

Ms. Tidwell stated that the Council passed the ordinance and letter of agreement with a change to the sunset date, and Resolution No. 5060 corrects that procedural error. She stated that if the Council does not approve Resolution No. 5060, it could cause a problem in the future that could result in an unfair labor practice.

Mr. Ringstad expressed concern with amending the date again. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that the resolution would rectify the date issue. Attorney Chard further clarified that Resolution No. 5060 would not amend the letter of agreement, and he read the section of Ordinance No. 6227, which states that the sunset date may be extended if agreed to by both parties. **Mr. Ringstad** asked about

the legal difference between the two sunset dates. Attorney Chard stated that Mr. Cleworth correctly brought forth the concern with the “evergreen clause” in the CBA. He stated that Resolution No. 5060 allows the term of the letter of agreement to coincide with the expiration date of the CBA. **Mr. Ringstad** asked what happens with a contract when an agreement cannot be reached. Attorney Chard replied that if both parties are bargaining in good faith, an agreement is usually reached. He stated that if the parties are not bargaining in good faith, that is another issue.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he has never witnessed the procedure that is before the Council. He stated that the letter of agreement has some flaws, and there is no sunset date specified in the letter of agreement. He again cautioned the Council and provided an example of when an evergreen clause in a police contract extended for a long period of time.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she sees the letter of agreement as temporary, because the contract will soon be renegotiated. She stated that the resolution before the Council corrects an error that was made.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the Council did not make a mistake by changing the CBA to eliminate the third ambulance, which is the crux of the problem. **Ms. Sprinkle** clarified her argument that the Council changed the date of the letter of agreement, which has caused the current issue.

Mr. Ringstad asked for clarification on what will happen at the December 31 date as it stands. Attorney Chard stated that it would be only Ordinance No. 6227 that would expire at that time. He stated that if the issue is not rectified, he is concerned that not only will the Council need to deal with the sunset date at that time, but there would also be potential for the FFU to file a grievance against the City. He stated that the resolution before the Council would help avoid those issues.

Mayor Pruhs recounted the journey of Ordinance No. 6227 and stated that the Council has already discussed and made a decision on the letter of agreement. He stated that the only remaining issue lies with the sunset date.

Mr. Cleworth asked Attorney Chard if the Council’s previous action on Ordinance No. 6227 would be moot if Resolution No. 5060 was not approved. Attorney Chard explained that Section 1 of Ordinance No. 6227 ratified the letter of agreement; he stated that Section 2 of Ordinance No. 6227, where the effective date is addressed, is where there is a problem. Attorney Chard advised that Section 1 would likely stand. He stated that the improper procedure was not in regard to the ordinance itself; rather, it was related to the CBA and the bargaining process.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5060 AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5060 APPROVED.

- 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.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Resolution No. 5062 – A Resolution Supporting Economic Development in Downtown Fairbanks. Introduced by Council Member Tidwell.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5062.

Ms. Sprinkle stated she is excited to see economic development in the downtown area. She asked the sponsor to speak to how the resolution came about.

Ms. Tidwell stated that Kerry Gronewold and Robert Shields had previously spoken to the Council in regard to the interest by investors in downtown development. She stated there has been a request that the Council would support economic development in the downtown area, and she believes the Borough Assembly will be considering a similar resolution. She commented that Resolution No. 5062 is a very general letter of support that can be included when working with investors.

Mayor Pruhs reminded the Council that any plans to redevelop the Polaris Building site would come to the Council for consideration.

Mr. Ringstad interpreted the resolution as meaning that the City would work with people who are willing to invest and do business in downtown Fairbanks. He stated he is willing to consider any and all ideas.

Ms. Rogers reiterated Mr. Ringstad's comments about the Council being willing to work with those who seek to invest in the community. She spoke in support of progress and commented that she would like to see a tighter definition for an "economic development district."

Mr. Marney requested to have his name added as a sponsor to Resolution No. 5062.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5062 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5062 APPROVED.

- 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.

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5063.

Ms. Sprinkle requested to have her name added as a sponsor to Resolution No. 5063.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5063 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5063 APPROVED.

- 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.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- 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.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

- a) Committee Reports

Mr. Ringstad stated that he had nothing to report.

Mr. Marney stated that he had nothing to report.

Ms. Tidwell stated that she had nothing to report.

Ms. Sprinkle shared that she recently helped celebrate the demolition of the Polaris Building.

Ms. Rogers stated that she had nothing to report.

Mr. Cleworth shared that the FAST Planning bids for the 5th Avenue reconstruction project exceeded the Engineer's estimate by about \$900,000. He stated that FAST Planning was looking for alternative funding options, such as delaying the Minnie Street project, seeking funding from the City of Fairbanks, or delaying other projects. He commented that a decision was made to take funding from the Minnie Street project, which will cause that project to be delayed once again. He expressed hope that funding for the Minnie Street project could be rectified in the coming year.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Cleworth commended Public Works for temporarily repairing potholes with a cold mix.

Ms. Rogers thanked Dan and Danielle Peters for attending the whole council meeting and she spoke to their close relationship with the Council over the years.

Ms. Sprinkle stated she had no comments.

Mr. Ringstad stated he had no comments.

Mr. Marney thanked Attorney Chard and Clerk Snider for assisting him in quickly drafting Resolution No. 5061. He also thanked the Peters for attending the meeting.

Ms. Tidwell shared that she will be travelling during the next council meeting. She stated that she would attend remotely if she had access to Wi-Fi.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to EXCUSE Ms. Tidwell from the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2023.

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

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Snider stated that her written quarterly report was sent to the Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Chard stated he had nothing to report.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to ENTER Executive Session to discuss IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy.

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

Mayor Pruhs called for a five-minute recess. The Council, with the exception of Ms. Rogers who was excused at 8:15 p.m., reconvened in Executive Session following the brief recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) IBEW Labor Negotiation Strategy

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 8, 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 (remotely)
Lonny Marney, Seat E
John Ringstad, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer (remotely)
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Thomas Chard, City Attorney
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)
Ron Dupee, Police Chief
Rick Sweet, Deputy Police Chief (remotely)
Andrew Coccaro, Assistant Fire Chief
Brynn Butler, Housing Coordinator

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of Mayor Pruhs, **Mr. Marney** lead the flag salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Julie Jones, Festival Fairbanks, 516 2nd Avenue – J. Jones spoke in support of Ordinance No. 6223 or its amendment, although she expressed difficulty in doing so as she supports the other organizations affected by the ordinance. She commented that she aims to support funding for Festival Fairbanks. She stated that the increase in City funding to Festival Fairbanks in 2023 has made a tremendous difference for her organization in maintaining the Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing areas. She thanked the City Council for all its hard work on the ordinance.

Mayor Pruhs asked J. Jones how things are going with the campers. J. Jones replied that there has been a number of people doing walkthroughs in the Golden Heart Plaza (GHP), including herself, the police, Mayor Pruhs, and Brynn Butler. She stated that they have been talking with

people camping behind the Yukon Quest cabin and informing them that they cannot camp there. She stated that they put out some trash bags, brooms, and rakes there recently, and some of the campers participated in cleaning up their mess. She stated she hopes that the campers will soon find another accommodation.

Ms. Rogers stated that a comment was made at the last meeting about people being afraid to go downtown. She asked J. Jones to speak to that issue. J. Jones replied that she never feels fearful in downtown area; she stated that if you treat an agitated individual with dignity and respect, they typically deescalate. **Ms. Rogers** asked J. Jones if she would recommend that people frequent the GHP. J. Jones replied affirmatively; she listed the many activities and events planned for the upcoming summer season in the Plaza, as well as some free services that will be offered.

Mr. Marney thanked J. Jones for her comments and for all she does for the City. He stated that she is a remarkable woman.

Ms. Rogers asked J. Jones to speak about the electronic sign near the GHP. J. Jones stated that they display a variety of items on the electronic reader board: awareness of missing people, advertisement of City Council meetings and community events. She stated that Festival Fairbanks can advertise free community events on the sign at no cost.

Victor Buberger – V. Buberger stated that it is pothole season. He reported that there are a number of potholes on College Road from Illinois Street to the Old Steese Highway. He questioned what would happen with the Polaris Building property once the building is demolished; he recommended building a casino as it would generate revenue instead of costing money.

Michael Altherr – M. Altherr stated that he is a local business owner, a local homeowner, and a longtime Alaskan with a very poor story to tell. He stated that he went to take his one-year-old son for a walk near his home downtown the previous evening, and he found three dirty needles on the ground across the street. He reported that he called the police, but no one answered the phone or called him back. He stated that he then called the Mayor's Office but alleged that it was not a working number. He stated that next he called the Borough, but he was informed that they do not have police powers. M. Altherr stated that finally he called the City Clerk's Office and was able to speak to someone; he asked the Mayor whether that bothers him. He stated that there are literally crackheads on Fairbanks streets, and citizens like him are paying \$28,000 per year in property taxes. He stated that people like the Mayor are taking the money while his young son is stepping on dirty needles. He again directly questioned the Mayor, then Mr. Ringstad. He stated he was unsure how else to address the issue when he was unable to reach anyone at the City. He directly addressed Ms. Sprinkle, asking where to go from here.

Ms. Sprinkle questioned protocol and whether she could engage. She asked Mr. Altherr to leave his phone number so that he could be contacted. Mr. Altherr stated that he would.

Mr. Altherr continued by stating that he has been in the community since 2006, he was a soldier, and he is a business and homeowner. He stated that it is heartbreaking to have watched Fairbanks fall apart, and if things are not fixed, he and his family will leave the community. He shared that he grew up in Detroit, Michigan, and he thought he knew what crime was; he stated that his son is tripping over dirty needles in Fairbanks. He reiterated that he attempted without success to contact

City departments, but the only person he knew who would answer the phone is the “tax lady.” Addressing Mr. Cleworth directly, Mr. Altherr stated that he can see on Mr. Cleworth’s face that he understands his complaint. He stated he is aware of Mr. Cleworth’s business location as is Mr. Cleworth of his.

Mr. Cleworth explained that, according to meeting protocol, he is unable to respond to Mr. Altherr’s comments at this time. He stated, however, that he will be able to address Mr. Altherr’s comments under agenda item 10, Council Members’ Comments.

Mr. Altherr stated that he has a one-year-old needs to go to bed soon, and he clarified that he is not angry at any individual Council member. He stated that citizens pay a lot of money to live in Fairbanks, and it angers him that his tax dollars are not being used to protect him and his family from bad people. He stated that there are bad people in front of his house every night, and even when he calls the City, no one responds. He commented that he called the police regarding a shoplifter at his business and was told that they did not have the manpower to respond. He questioned why he is paying tax dollars to the City, and he again explained that he tried to contact the City to rectify the situation. He alleged that the City simply does not answer the phone. Mr. Altherr commented that COVID no longer exists, and he criticized the City for continuing to use Zoom for meetings. He stated that taxpayers are paying City staff to do a job and that they need to go to work. Mr. Altherr addressed Mayor Pruhs directly and stated that he was told that the Mayor is trying to hire an assistant; he stated that when he is trying to hire an assistant, he picks up the phone himself because he is in charge.

Mayor Pruhs interjected and stated that he believes Mr. Altherr’s comments are finished. Mr. Altherr agreed but continued to question Mayor Pruhs’ leadership by alleging that he does not answer the phone in his office. He stated that he may run for Mayor, as he believes he could do a better job than Mayor Pruhs. He reiterated that there are needles in his front yard. He stated that he listens to Mayor Pruhs’ radio show every day, and while Mayor Pruhs has some good ideas, he does not do anything about them. Mr. Altherr expressed appreciation for the Council, apologized for losing his temper, and expressed that he wants his community to succeed. He stated that he is passionate about the issue, and it appears that no one wants to put forth the effort to fix the problems. He questioned how to accomplish change.

Brynn Butler – B. Butler stated that she was on Facebook the previous evening, and she saw that there was a post about an issue in the GHP. She explained that she walked to the Plaza with her dog, and it was as the Facebook post described. She stated that there were people throwing footballs over the heads of tourists, and she was not welcomed when she offered alternate suggestions to the people throwing the ball. She shared that there are ongoing efforts to improve that area, and people are typically receptive to respectful conversations. B. Butler reported that she may have gotten off on a poor start with the patrons when she opened the conversation with “I don’t want to have to call the police.” She stated that she learned something from that and will not open conversations that way in the future. She spoke to the upcoming Symposium on Opioids and invited people to register. She stated that she would be willing to pick up needles if someone contacts her and makes her aware of the issue; she stated that she picks up needles in her own neighborhood. She stated that there is safe needle disposal available to people in the community.

Mr. Cleworth asked whether people attending with an interest in Ordinance No. 6223 should testify under Citizens' Comments or wait until later in the meeting.

Clerk Snider stated that the postponed ordinance has no scheduled public hearing at the meeting; she stated that several of the members in the audience had already contacted her regarding the protocol surrounding the ordinance. She explained that the time to speak to Ordinance No. 6223 is during Citizens' Comments. She further explained that if the ordinance is amended substantively by the Council, it will require another reading and public hearing.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Cleworth pulled the Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023 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 10, 2023

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
2847	Goldie's AK	Beverage Dispensary	Nash Holland, LLC	659 5th Avenue
4862	Southern Glazer's of AK	Wholesale – General	Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits of Alaska, LLC	3101 Peger Road, Bay 2

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License applications for renewal.

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

Ms. Sprinkle asked about the "no match found" supporting documentation. Clerk Snider stated that no calls were reported for that location within the past year. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked for clarification about which location the no-call report applied to. Clerk Snider replied that she believed the no-call report applied to the Southern Glazers of AK license.

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Pruhs reported that the Mayor's Office was short-staffed that day. He stated that it was only him and Jessica Krier in the office, and he answered the phones until about 5:30 p.m. He spoke about the subject matter of the calls he took since Friday. He stated that the City does not have an issue with wanting to respond to every police call, it just does not have the resources to do so. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that Jessica in his office did speak with Mr. Altherr earlier in the day on the phone for about 20 minutes. He reported that he is currently trying to hire a new assistant in the Mayor's Office.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Ringstad stated he had no comments.

Mr. Marney empathized with Mr. Altherr and the situation with the dirty needles lying on the ground. He stated there are problems in the City that need to be addressed, and he thanked Mr. Altherr for coming to speak to the Council.

Ms. Tidwell stated that she had no comments.

Ms. Sprinkle asked Mr. Cleworth whether College Road will be resurfaced in 2023. **Mr. Cleworth** stated he is unsure; he stated that he does not recall seeing it on the list of improvements.

Ms. Rogers stated that she witnessed that some potholes had been filled on College Road. She thanked Mr. Altherr for coming to speak to the Council and spoke to the need for everyone to look out for each other. She stated that there are wonderful people actively working on issues in the community, and she mentioned Brynn Butler by name. She spoke very highly of Ms. Butler and to how respectfully she speaks about others. **Ms. Rogers** stated that the only way to work together is to not label others, and she asked Mr. Altherr to not refer to the City Clerk as the "tax lady."

After an outburst from Mr. Altherr in the audience, **Mayor Pruhs** gave a reminder that it was time for Ms. Rogers' comments and her comments only.

Ms. Rogers continued by empathizing with the circumstances that brought Mr. Altherr to the Council meeting. She stated that she is glad that Mr. Altherr has spoken and that she respects his right to do so. She expressed understanding for Mr. Altherr's concern for his family, business, and investment and for his disappointment in the community.

Again, Mr. Altherr interrupted Ms. Rogers from the audience, and **Mayor Pruhs** called him to order.

Ms. Rogers stated she is challenged by her work in the community and expressed pride for the Fairbanks community. She stated that she finds it difficult that people are at each other's throats more often than is necessary. She again emphasized the need to work together.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he does not have a solution for Mr. Altherr. He stated that each morning when he arrives at work, he encounters all the problems mentioned by Mr. Altherr plus much more. He stated that there is nothing safe about a dirty needle on the ground but indicated that he feels safe in Fairbanks in the sense that he does not feel that he will be attacked. He stated that some of the change that is necessary is difficult, and he talked briefly about the damage he has experienced to his own property and to his neighbor's property downtown. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that it is frustrating, and he invited Mr. Altherr to come by his shop to talk more.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6223 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 74, Article V, Room Rental Tax, to Change the Allocations to Golden Heart Plaza/Barnette's Landing and Discretionary Grants. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022; a public hearing was held on November 28, 2022.

The motion to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6223 was made by Ms. Sprinkle and seconded by Mr. Marney at the November 28, 2022 Regular Meeting and remained on the floor.

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6223 by substituting the amended, proposed version of Ordinance No. 6223.

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

Mr. Cleworth expressed appreciation that the sponsors of the amended ordinance are going back to a formula. He offered some suggestions for amendments he would like to see: 1) funding to cover the City's costs specifically related to special events; 2) a benchmark allocation for the FEDC, GHP, and Discretionary Grants, with a built-in increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI); 3) an allocation to Explore Fairbanks that is not static; 4) no statement that the allocations will be reviewed at least once every five years, since the Council can review the allocations annually; and 5) no change to the FEDC allocation so that Council Member Sprinkle would not have a conflict of interest with the ordinance. **Mr. Cleworth** explained that the Council could introduce a separate ordinance to reinstate the increase to FEDC.

Mr. Ringstad stated he tried drafting an amendment to implement some of Mr. Cleworth's suggestions, including a separate City allocation to cover specific costs. He indicated that it still needs more work. He shared that with the exception of a couple of years, Explore Fairbanks' allocation in recent years has been between \$2MM and \$2.2MM. He stated that he supports the version before the Council, but he would still like to try to tweak the ordinance. As for Ms. Sprinkle's conflict of interest, he spoke in support of finding a way to allow her to vote on the ordinance.

Mayor Pruhs asked Attorney Chard if Ms. Sprinkle could speak to the ordinance. Attorney Chard agreed with Mr. Cleworth that by removing the changes to the FEDC allocation, it would remove Ms. Sprinkle’s conflict. He stated that his understanding is that her conflict lies with the allocation to the FEDC.

Ms. Sprinkle disclosed that she also serves on the board for Festival Fairbanks.

Attorney Chard reiterated that, procedurally, the FEDC portion would need to be removed before Ms. Sprinkle could speak about the ordinance. Clerk Snider reminded the Council that it has the ability to override the Mayor’s ruling on the conflict of interest.

Mr. Ringstad asked Ms. Sprinkle whether she would be comfortable considering the ordinance if the FEDC portion was removed. **Ms. Sprinkle** questioned whether her service on the Festival Fairbanks Board also presents a conflict. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that Ms. Sprinkle’s service on the Festival Fairbanks Board would not pose a conflict of interest as another body appropriates funds to that organization.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6223, as Amended, by reducing the allocation in Sec. 74-117(b)(2) from \$600,000 to \$550,000, to be deducted from the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC).

Mr. Marney spoke about how the allocations in Sec. 74-117(b) have been static for 20 years, and he commented that until he became the Chair of the Discretionary Fund Committee, it seems that it was a “no touch” topic for the City Council.

Ms. Rogers disagreed that the subject was “no touch,” which sounds ominous.

Mr. Ringstad asked for clarification on the effect of Mr. Cleworth’s amendment. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the Council could introduce another ordinance later to move FEDC’s allocation up to \$150,000.

Ms. Tidwell asked for clarification on FEDC’s current allocation. She stated she recalled that the Council had changed FEDC’s allocation to \$125,000. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that the Council increased FEDC’s 2023 allocation to \$125,000 through the budget process, but it was not codified. **Ms. Tidwell** spoke in support of the amendment so that Ms. Sprinkle could participate.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6223, AS AMENDED, BY REDUCING THE ALLOCATION IN SEC. 74-117(b)(2) FROM \$600,000 TO \$550,000, TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE FEDC AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Rogers, Marney, Cleworth, Tidwell
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Sprinkle
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Snider recommended that the Council postpone Ordinance No. 6223, as Amended, as it was substantially changed, to allow for another reading and public hearing.

Mr. Ringstad, assuming the ordinance is postponed, asked whether Ordinance No. 6223, as Amended, could be adopted on May 22 if other amendments were made at that meeting. Clerk Snider replied that it could unless substantial amendments were made. She stated that if the Council voted to substantially amend the ordinance on May 22, it would require yet another public hearing.

Mr. Cleworth questioned the definition of “substantive” and stated it is up to legal counsel. He stated that he has battled with that over the years as well.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to POSTPONE Ordinance No. 6223, as Amended, to the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2023.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE NO. 6223, AS AMENDED, TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2023 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Tidwell, Cleworth, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Rogers

NAYS: Marney

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Ordinance No. 6243 – An Ordinance Amending the Incentive Bonus Program with the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center for Recruitment and Hiring. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6243.

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. 6243 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6243 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6244 – An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing Retention of the Real Property Located at 730 Front Street for Public Purpose Upon Tax Foreclosure. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Sprinkle.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

- a) Committee Reports

Ms. Tidwell stated she had nothing to report.

Mr. Marney recounted for the record his recent meetings with representatives of Explore Fairbanks.

Mr. Ringstad stated he had nothing to report.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that the Chena Riverfront Commission recently met, and the group will be doing site visits at the Chena Flood Control project and the Airport Way West reconstruction where the Davis Road jog came into play.

Ms. Rogers stated that the Opioid Work Group continues to meet, and she spoke well of the group. She stated that the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) has an upcoming meeting and expressed hope that the group could gain some new members to help with quorum issues. She shared that the upcoming Symposium on Opioids, sponsored by the Reentry Coalition, will be at the Wedgewood Resort, and it is free to attendees. She added that many groups are coming together to make the event happen. **Ms. Rogers** shared that the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness would meet on May 9.

Mayor Pruhs shared that he recently met with the City Clerk and the FDC Chair, and they discussed potentially changing the rules for the FDC to allow a quorum to be made up of a majority of appointed members versus being based on the number of FDC seats. He stated that, along with new appointments to the FDC, should help with the group's ability to make a quorum.

Mr. Cleworth stated he had nothing to report.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

a) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ACCEPT the Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023.

Mr. Cleworth asked Chief Financial Officer Bell about Brandy Niclai's comments on page two, paragraph two of the minutes that listed options for moving forward. He stated that normally, in a recession, the only tool that the federal government has is to lower interest rates. He questioned specifically B. Niclai's statement that central banks would increase rates causing equity valuations to decrease and bond prices to increase. He stated that is the opposite of what would normally happen. CFO Bell stated that she would need to look further into Mr. Cleworth's question. She stated that her comment was related more to the banks versus the federal reserve.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PERMANENT FUND REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2023 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2023

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2023

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Tidwell addressed the comment made earlier during Citizens' Comments regarding the City using Zoom for meetings. She clarified that she is attending via Zoom only because she is travelling, and she appreciates having the ability to attend remotely. She stated that she appreciates the public coming to speak to the Council, even when what they have to say may be hard to hear. **Ms. Tidwell** reiterated Ms. Rogers' earlier comments about working together as a community.

Mr. Marney stated that Spring has sprung, and he reminded everyone that the speed limit in neighborhoods is 20 mph. He encouraged citizens to slow down.

Mr. Ringstad requested to add his name as a sponsor to Ordinance No. 6223, as Amended.

Ms. Sprinkle shared that the Noel Wien Library is now closed to the public, and she recently attended a meeting of the Housing Coalition where they discussed other safe locations for people to go to use computers, restrooms, etc. She stated that while the library is not a safe house, it is the "living room of the City." **Ms. Sprinkle** indicated that she would begin meeting with some people from the Borough to see if they can come up with some alternatives.

Ms. Rogers thanked everyone for their comments, and she thanked Ms. Tidwell for attending via Zoom. She stated that the Council has not discussed its continued use of Zoom in some time and commented that it is beneficial to be able to include members remotely when necessary. She stated that prior to COVID, remote attendance by telephone was of poor quality. **Ms. Rogers** echoed Mr. Marney's comments regarding speeding on local streets and spoke to the dangers that speeding cars can pose to children and pedestrians. She spoke strongly to the need for a duty of care in the community and commended City staff for their work. She announced that she welcomed her fourth great grandchild on May 1, and it was a girl; she shared that she also has seven grandchildren, all of whom are in Fairbanks.

Mr. Cleworth expressed appreciation for the words earlier in the meeting regarding the loss of the Fort Wainwright soldiers. He pointed out that the City limits encompasses Fort Wainwright, and he requested that a resolution be drafted in the soldiers' honor for the next meeting. **Mr. Cleworth** spoke about the uninhabitable house near the Clay Street Cemetery that has been the topic of conversation recently by the Council and City staff. He stated that he saw some video footage taken at 2:20 a.m. showing people coming and going from the house, which makes it clear that City orders are not being followed. He requested that Mayor Pruhs meet with Police Chief Dupee to see if patrols can be posted there and suggested that the City may need to seal the structure. **Mr. Cleworth** shared that there is a street sign down at the intersection of First Avenue

and Stewart Street near the river; he requested that Public Works reinstall the sign. He expressed appreciation for the time Mr. Marney has taken to meet with the leadership of organizations affected by Ordinance No. 6223. **Mr. Cleworth** asked CFO Bell if the Council would be considering the mill rate at the next meeting; CFO Bell replied that it would not be before the Council until June 12, as the assessed values are not complete until the end of May. **Mr. Cleworth** expressed concern with the mill rate, given that the CPI is very high at over 8%. He shared two historical documents from 1967, an organizational chart for the Finance Department and a City directory.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Snider thanked the City administration for holding an “all hands on deck” records workday the previous Friday at City Hall. She recognized the Clay Street Cemetery Commission for their research and restoration efforts and stated that they are one of the most productive City boards/commissions. Clerk Snider shared that the Citizen Engagement Academy sessions wrapped up recently, and there will be a graduation ceremony held prior to the May 22 City Council Meeting. Finally, Clerk Snider stated that she will be wrapping up candidate interviews for the Deputy Clerk II position within a week, and she hopes to fill the vacancy soon.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Chard expressed appreciation for everyone's service and commitment to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 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 Renewal

DATE: May 17, 2023

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
5262	Aha Oriental Kitchen	Restaurant/Eating Place	Moonstone, LLC	996 Blair Road

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 location listed above, but **there are no department-recommended protests** for this liquor license renewal application.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Aha Oriental Kitchen 4/25/2022 - 04/24/2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
22003168	08/10/2022 12:06	SI - FOLLOW-UP	996 BLAIR RD	O2	RPT	08/10/2022 12:11:25

Total Number of Events Listed: 1

ORDINANCE NO. 6223, AS AMENDED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) The City of Fairbanks will ~~retain~~ receive ~~30~~^{22.5} percent and any remaining room rental tax revenues for fund collection, administration, and tourism impact.
- (2) ~~\$550,000.00~~^{400,000.00} will be distributed annually as follows:

Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation \$100,000.00
Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing Maintenance
~~\$50,000.00~~^{30,000.00}
Discretionary Grants ~~\$400,000.00~~^{270,000.00}
- (3) Up to \$2.2 million ~~All remaining room rental tax revenues~~ will be distributed to the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, dba Explore Fairbanks (hereinafter "Explore Fairbanks").
- (4) The allocations under this section will be reviewed by the city council at least once every five years.

Section 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance is five days after adoption the ____ day of _____ 2022.

Section 3. The current distribution will remain in effect until December 31, 2023.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
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: 6223

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING ROOM RENTAL TAX ALLOCATIONS

Department(s): GENERAL

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:	2024+
Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation	\$100,000
Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing Maintenance Contract	\$50,000
Discretionary Grants	\$400,000
Explore Fairbanks	\$2,200,000
TOTAL	\$2,750,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	2024+
General Fund (Room Rental Taxes)	\$4,200,000
TOTAL	\$4,200,000

Based on room rental tax receipts of \$4,200,000, the city would retain \$1,450,000. This is an increase of \$505,000 from the 22.5% allocation.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 5/15/2023

**TIDWELL PROPOSED AMENDMENT
to Ordinance No. 6223, as Amended**
[proposed changes are noted in red]

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

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

- (1) The City of Fairbanks will ~~retain~~ receive ~~30~~22.5 percent ~~and any remaining room rental tax revenues~~ for fund collection, administration, and tourism impact.
- (2) ~~\$550,000.00~~400,000.00 will be distributed annually as follows:

Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation \$100,000.00
Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing Maintenance
~~\$50,000.00~~30,000.00

Discretionary Grants \$~~400,000.00~~270,000.00
- (3) Up to \$2.2 million ~~All remaining room rental tax revenues~~ will be distributed to the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, dba Explore Fairbanks (hereinafter "Explore Fairbanks"). Revenues collected in excess of the \$2.2 million will be distributed equally between the City of Fairbanks and Explore Fairbanks.
- (4) The allocations under this section will be reviewed by the city council at least once every five years.

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE**

TIDWELL

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6223

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING ROOM RENTAL TAX ALLOCATIONS

Department(s): GENERAL

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:	2024+
Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation	\$100,000
Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing Maintenance Contract	\$50,000
Discretionary Grants	\$400,000
Explore Fairbanks	\$2,295,000
TOTAL	\$2,845,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	2024+
General Fund (Room Rental Taxes)	\$4,200,000
TOTAL	\$4,200,000

Based on room rental tax receipts of \$4,200,000, the city would retain \$1,355,000. This is an increase of \$410,000 from the 22.5% allocation.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 5/17/2023

RINGSTAD PROPOSED AMENDMENT
to Ordinance No. 6223, as Amended
[proposed changes are noted in red]

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

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

(1) The City of Fairbanks will ~~retain~~ receive ~~23.30~~^{22.5} percent **and any remaining room rental tax revenues** for fund collection, administration, and tourism impact.

~~(2)~~ **Additionally, the City of Fairbanks will retain 7 percent to help offset its expenses for providing security and safety for special events as well as for other services in support of the intent of this section.**

~~(3)~~ **\$550,000.00**~~400,000.00~~ will be distributed annually as follows:

Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation \$100,000.00

Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing Maintenance
\$50,000.00~~30,000.00~~

Discretionary Grants **\$400,000.00**~~270,000.00~~

~~(4)~~ **Up to \$2.2 million**~~All remaining room rental tax revenues~~ will be distributed to the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, dba Explore Fairbanks (hereinafter "Explore Fairbanks").

~~(5)~~ **The allocations under this section will be reviewed by the city council at least once every five years.**

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE**

**RINGSTAD
(no change)**

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6223

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING ROOM RENTAL TAX ALLOCATIONS

Department(s): GENERAL

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:	2024+
Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation	\$100,000
Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing Maintenance Contract	\$50,000
Discretionary Grants	\$400,000
Explore Fairbanks	\$2,200,000
TOTAL	\$2,750,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	2024+
General Fund (Room Rental Taxes)	\$4,200,000
TOTAL	\$4,200,000

Based on room rental tax receipts of \$4,200,000, the city would retain \$1,450,000. This is an increase of \$505,000 from the 22.5% allocation.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial mb

Date 5/15/2023

SPRINKLE PROPOSED AMENDMENT
to Ordinance No. 6223, as Amended
[proposed changes are noted in red]

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

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

(1) The City of Fairbanks will ~~retain~~ receive ~~23.63%~~ **22.5%** percent ~~and any remaining room rental tax revenues~~ for fund collection, administration, and tourism impact.

(2) ~~\$550,000.00~~ **400,000.00** ~~15.4%~~ will be distributed annually as follows:

Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation ~~2.4%~~ **\$100,000.00**

Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing Maintenance

~~\$50,000.00~~ **30,000.00** ~~1.5%~~

Discretionary Grants ~~\$400,000.00~~ **270,000.00** ~~11.5%~~

(3) ~~Up to \$2.2 million~~ **All remaining room rental tax revenues** ~~61%~~ will be distributed to the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, dba Explore Fairbanks (hereinafter "Explore Fairbanks").

~~(4) The allocations under this section will be reviewed by the city council at least once every five years.~~

CITY OF FAIRBANKS

FISCAL NOTE

SPRINKLE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6223

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING ROOM RENTAL TAX ALLOCATIONS

Department(s): GENERAL

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:	2024+
Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation	\$100,000
Golden Heart Plaza and Barnette Landing Maintenance Contract	\$63,000
Discretionary Grants	\$483,000
Explore Fairbanks	\$2,562,000
TOTAL	\$3,208,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	2024+
General Fund (Room Rental Taxes)	\$4,200,000
TOTAL	\$4,200,000

Based on room rental tax receipts of \$4,200,000, the city would retain \$992,000. This is an increase of \$47,000 from the 22.5% allocation.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 5/17/2023

ORDINANCE NO. 6238, AS AMENDED

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
SEC. 78-572 SPECIAL EVENTS BY ~~AMENDING~~REMOVING THE
CITY BARRICADE PACKAGE FEE AND ESTABLISHING A
DEADLINE FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, Fairbanks General Code Sec. 78-572 requires a special event permit for races, processions, and parades on or along City streets; and

WHEREAS, considerations of safety and proper traffic control drive the need for special event permits; and

WHEREAS, the \$1,000 barricade package fee currently included at FGC Sec. 78-572(b) does not cover the cost to the City to provide barricades and staff resources for special events; and

WHEREAS, establishing a standard application deadline will provide consistency and will allow time for the City departments involved to perform a thorough review of applications and traffic safety plans to ensure permits are issued in a timely manner.

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

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code Sec. 78-572 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underlined** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 78-572. Special events; permit required.

(a) **Permits required.** No race (foot, dogsled, bicycle, etc.), procession, or parade, except those of the Armed Forces of the United States, the military forces of this state, or the **City of Fairbanks**~~Fairbanks Police or Fire Departments~~, ~~will~~**shall** occupy, march, or proceed along any street or alley except in accordance with a permit issued by the city ~~clerk's office~~**mayor or designee** and ~~such other~~ regulations as ~~are~~ set forth in this article, or promulgated pursuant to this article, ~~which may apply.~~ ~~An a~~**Applications** for a ~~permits~~ **permit** issued under this section ~~are~~**shall** be made to the city engineer. In addition to the application, a traffic safety plan must be provided and, if applicable, a street closure application. The police, fire, and public works departments shall review the application.

(b) **Application deadline. Applications for special event permits must be received at least 21 calendar days before the date of the event.**

(c) **Permit fees.** ~~A permit f~~~~Fees, with deadlines for application,~~ **for special event permits are** is set forth in the city's schedule of fees and charges for services. In addition to the permit fee, the applicant is responsible to pay for any services that are requested or become necessary for

the city to provide for the event. Expenses shall include actual labor costs (wage and benefits) and materials, if any, provided for the benefit of the permit holder. Disputes over additional fees **and barricade packages** may be appealed to the city **mayor** council. Applicants for events that require a barricade package may either use a private firm that complies **All applicants shall submit a traffic control plan that complies** with the Manual **on** Uniform Traffic Control Devices Code ~~or~~ **with the Alaska supplement (Alaska Traffic Manual)**. Applicants can **request** elect for the city to provide **traffic control devices** barricades and labor **deliver them to a designated location for** a flat fee of **\$3,000.00** ~~\$1,000.00~~, provided that ~~†~~ The mayor is authorized to negotiate in-kind arrangements where the city receives goods or services in lieu of the full or partial flat fee.

(d) Permits not required. Events that take place on sidewalks, pedestrian ways, or bike paths do not require a permit if: (1) all participants crossing or traversing a street, alley, or vehicular way will do so in obedience ~~of~~ traffic control devices and the laws governing pedestrians and the operation of non-motorized vehicles; and (2) **as determined by the city engineer**, the event does not interfere with the normal use of the sidewalk, pedestrian way, or bike path by others not involved in the event.

(e) Regulations. The mayor ~~may~~ shall promulgate regulations to **ensure** insure that a ~~parade or other~~ special event **as defined in this section** does not jeopardize the public health, safety, or welfare.

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

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas Chard II, City Attorney

Midnight Sun Festival

Traffic Control Devices (TCD)

Quantity	Description	Price	Days	Total
10	Road Closed	\$6.50	3	\$195.00
4	L Detour	\$6.50	3	\$78.00
2	Double Arrow	\$6.50	3	\$39.00
1	R Detour	\$6.50	3	\$19.50
3	Road Closed Ahead	\$6.50	3	\$58.50
2	Yeild to Pedestrians	\$6.50	3	\$39.00
13	Type III	\$11.00	3	\$429.00
28	Type I	\$8.50	3	\$714.00
65	Cones	\$1.10	3	\$214.50
5	Sign Stans	\$2.20	3	\$33.00
1	R Arrow Hotel Entrance	\$6.50	3	\$19.50
24	No Parking After 7:00am	\$6.50	3	\$468.00
24	Base for No Parking Signs	\$1.10	3	\$79.20
TCD Total				\$2,386.20

Quantity	Description	Equipment Price	Hours	Total
2	Flatbed Truck	\$35.00	26	\$1,820.00
2	Pickup	\$15.00	16	\$480.00
1	8-yrd Box Lift Truck	\$52.96	26	\$1,376.96
Equipment Total				\$3,676.96

2018 Midnight Sun Festival

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$42.69	26	\$2,219.88
1	Labor Lead	\$48.26	10	\$482.60
1	Labor Foreman	\$51.42	10	\$514.20
Labor Total				\$3,216.68
TCD Total				\$2,386.20
Equipment Total				\$3,676.96
2018 Midnight Sun Festival Total				\$9,279.84

2019 Midnight Sun Festival

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$43	28	\$2,426.48
1	Labor Lead	\$49	10	\$489.90
1	Labor Foreman	\$52	10	\$522.00
Labor Total				\$3,438.38
TCD Total				\$2,386.20
Equipment Total				\$3,676.96
2019 Midnight Sun Festival Total				\$9,501.54

2020 Midnight Sun Festival CANCELLED

Quantity	Discription	Costs	\$0
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2021 Midnight Sun Festival

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$46	28	\$2,548.00
1	Labor Lead	\$51	10	\$514.30
1	Labor Foreman	\$55	10	\$548.10
Labor Total				\$3,610.40
TCD Total				\$2,386.20
Equipment Total				\$3,676.96
2021 Midnight Sun Festival Total				\$9,673.56

2022 Midnight Sun Festival Labor Only

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$45.50	28	\$2,548.00
1	Labor Lead	\$51.43	10	\$514.30
1	Labor Foreman	\$54.81	10	\$548.10
Total				\$3,610.40
2022 Midnight Sun Festival Total				\$3,610.40

***Projected 2023 Midnight Sun Festival**

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$46.86	28	\$2,624.16
1	Labor Lead	\$52.97	10	\$529.70
1	Labor Foreman	\$56.45	10	\$564.50
Total				\$3,718.36
TCD Total				\$2,386.20
Equipment Total				\$3,676.96
*Projected 2023 Midnight Sun Festival Total				\$9,781.52

Golden Days Parade

		Traffic Control Devices	TCD		
Quantity	Discription	Days	Price	Total	
32	Road Closed Ahead	2	\$6.50	\$416.00	
32	Road Closed	2	\$6.50	\$416.00	
9	Road Closed to Through Traffic	2	\$6.50	\$117.00	
3	Arrow Sign	2	\$6.50	\$39.00	
1	No L Turn Sign	2	\$6.50	\$13.00	
3	No R Turn Sign	2	\$6.50	\$39.00	
1	L Only Sign	2	\$6.50	\$13.00	
6	Detour	2	\$6.50	\$78.00	
42	No Parking After 7:00am	2	\$6.50	\$546.00	
42	Base for No Parking Sign	2	\$1.10	\$92.40	
3	Flagger Signs	2	\$6.50	\$39.00	
92	Sign Stans	2	\$2.20	\$404.80	
220	Cones Type III	2	\$1.10	\$484.00	
82	Barricades, We use Jersey Barricades in place of type III's at Intersections	2	\$11.00	\$1,804.00	
14	Type III Parade Barricades	2	\$11.00	\$308.00	
15	Type I Parade Barracades	2	\$3.00	\$90.00	
1	Hotel Access 1st Avenue Sign	2	\$6.50	\$13.00	
1	Hotell Access W/Arrow Sign	2	\$6.50	\$13.00	
2	Electronic Reader Boards	2	\$130.00	\$520.00	
			Total TCD	\$5,445.20	

		Equipment			
Quantity	Description	Price	Hours	Total	
2	Flatbed Truck	\$35.00	36	\$2,520.00	
2	Pickup	\$15.00	30	\$900.00	
1	Semi-Truck	\$130.00	16	\$2,080.00	
1	Rollback Trailor	\$60.00	16	\$960.00	
2	Street Sweepers	\$100.11	8	\$1,601.76	
1	Crash Trailer and Truck Combo	\$55.00	8	\$440.00	
			Equipment Total	\$8,501.76	

2018 Golden Days Parade

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
4	Laborers	\$42.69	16	\$2,732.16
1	Labor Lead	\$48.26	16	\$772.16
1	Labor Foreman	\$51.42	16	\$822.72
1	Operator Lead	\$48.26	16	\$772.16
3	Operators	\$46.04	8	\$1,104.96
Labor Total				\$6,204.16
Total TCD				\$5,445.20
Equipment Total				\$8,501.76
2018	Golden Days Parade Total			\$20,151.12

2019 Golden Days Parade

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
4	Laborers	\$43.33	16	\$2,773.12
1	Labor Lead	\$48.99	16	\$783.84
1	Labor Foreman	\$52.20	16	\$835.20
1	Operator Lead	\$48.89	16	\$782.24
3	Operators	\$46.73	8	\$1,121.52
Labor Total				\$6,295.92
Total TCD				\$5,445.20
Equipment Total				\$8,501.76
2019 Golden Days Parade Total				\$20,242.88

2020 Golden Days

Reverse Parade

2020 Golden Days Parade Total

Total

\$0

2021 Golden Days Parade

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
4	Laborers	\$45.50	16	\$2,912.00
1	Labor Lead	\$51.43	16	\$822.88
1	Labor Foreman	\$54.81	16	\$876.96
1	Operator Lead	\$51.43	16	\$822.88
3	Operators	\$49.07	8	\$1,177.68
Labor Costs Total				\$6,612.40
Total TCD				\$6,295.92
Equipment Total				\$8,501.76
2021 Golden Days Parade Total				\$21,410.08

2022 Golden Days Parade

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
4	Laborers	\$45.50	16	\$2,912.00
1	Labor Lead	\$51.43	16	\$822.88
1	Labor Foreman	\$54.81	16	\$876.96
1	Operator Lead	\$51.43	16	\$822.88
3	Operators	\$49.07	8	\$1,177.68
Labor Costs Total				\$6,612.40
Total TCD				\$6,612.40
Equipment Total				\$8,501.76
2022 Golden Days Parade Total				\$21,726.56

2023 Golden Days Parade Projected

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
4	Laborers	\$54.81	16	\$3,507.84
1	Labor Lead	\$51.43	16	\$822.88
1	Labor Foreman	\$51.42	16	\$822.72
1	Operator Lead	\$51.43	16	\$822.88
3	Operators	\$49.07	8	\$1,177.68
Labor Costs Total				\$7,154.00
Total TCD				\$6,612.40
Equipment Total				\$8,501.76
Projected 2023 Golden Days Parade Total				\$22,268.16

INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Golden Days Festival

Traffic Control Devices TCD

Quantity	Description	Price	Days	Total
1	Detour	\$6.50	2	\$13.00
3	Road Closed Ahead	\$6.50	2	\$39.00
4	Road Closed	\$6.50	2	\$52.00
2	No R Turn Sign	\$6.50	2	\$26.00
1	Hotel Access Only	\$6.50	2	\$13.00
1	Hotel Access 1st AVE	\$6.50	2	\$13.00
30	Cones	\$1.10	2	\$66.00
15	No Parking Signs 7:00am	\$6.50	2	\$195.00
15	Bases for No Parking	\$1.10	2	\$33.00
12	Type I Parade Barricade	\$8.50	2	\$204.00
11	Type III	\$11.00	2	\$242.00
12	Sign Holders	\$1.10	2	\$26.40
TCD Total				\$922.40

Equipment

Quantity	Description	Price	Hours	Total
2	Flatbeds	\$35.00	8	\$560.00
1	Pickup	\$15.00	8	\$120.00
1	Trailer	\$20.00	8	\$160.00
Equipment Total				\$840.00

2018 Golden Days Festival

Quantity	Description	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$42.69	8	\$683.04
1	Labor Lead	\$48.26	8	\$386.08
1	Labor Foreman	\$51.42	8	\$411.36
Labor Costs Total				\$1,480.48
TCD Total				\$922.40
Equipment Total				\$840.00
2018 Golden Days Festival Total				\$3,242.88

2019 Golden Days Festival

Quantity	Description	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$43.33	8	\$693.28
1	Labor Lead	\$48.99	8	\$391.92
1	Labor Foreman	\$52.20	8	\$417.60
Labor Costs Total				\$1,502.80
TCD Total				\$922.40
Equipment Total				\$840.00
2019	Golden Days Festival Total			\$3,265.20

2020 Golden Days Festival Cancelled

2020 Total \$0

2021 Golden Days Festival

Quantity	Description	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$45.50	8	\$728.00
1	Labor Lead	\$51.43	8	\$411.44
1	Labor Foreman	\$54.81	8	\$438.48
Labor Costs Total				\$1,577.92
TCD Total				\$922.40
Equipment Total				\$840.00
2021 Golden Days Festival Total				\$3,340.32

2022 Golden Days Festival

Quantity	Description	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$45.50	8	\$728.00
1	Labor Lead	\$51.43	8	\$411.44
1	Labor Foreman	\$54.81	8	\$438.48
Labor Costs Total				\$1,577.92
TCD Total				\$922.00
Equipment Total				\$840.00
2022 Golden Days Festival Total				\$3,339.92

2023 Golden Days Festival Projected

Quantity	Description	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$46.86	8	\$749.76
1	Labor Lead	\$52.97	8	\$423.76
1	Labor Foreman	\$56.45	8	\$451.60
Labor Costs Total				\$1,625.12
TCD Total				\$922.00
Equipment Total				\$840.00
Projected 2023	Golden Days Festival Total			\$3,387.12

4th of July Parade

Quantity	Traffic Control Devices Description	TDC Price	Days	Total
14	Road Closed	\$6.50	3	\$273.00
17	Road Closed Ahead	\$6.50	3	\$331.50
4	Road Closed to Through Traffic	\$6.50	3	\$78.00
4	L Detour	\$6.50	3	\$78.00
2	R Arrow	\$6.50	3	\$39.00
1	Lane Change Arrow	\$6.50	3	\$19.50
1	L Turn Only	\$6.50	3	\$19.50
13	Type III Barricades	\$11.00	3	\$429.00
4	Type I Parade Barricades	\$3.00	3	\$36.00
20	Cones	\$1.10	3	\$66.00
39	Sign Stans	\$2.20	3	\$257.40
27	Type III Barricades, We use Jersey Barricades in place of type III's at Intersections	\$11.00	3	\$891.00
5	Flaggers Sign	\$6.50	3	\$97.50
TDC Total				\$2,615.40

Quantity	Description	Equipment Price	Hours	Total
2	Flatbed Truck	\$35.00	24	\$1,680.00
2	Pickup	\$15.00	24	\$720.00
Equipment Total				\$2,400.00

2021 4th of July Parade

Quantity	Description	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$42.69	26	\$2,219.88
1	Labor Lead	\$48.26	10	\$482.60
1	Labor Foreman	\$51.42	10	\$514.20
Labor Costs Total				\$3,216.68
TDC Total				\$2,615.40
Equipment Total				\$2,400.00
2021 4th of July Parade Total				\$8,232.08

2022 4th of July Parade

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$45.50	28	\$2,548.00
1	Labor Lead	\$51.43	10	\$514.30
1	Labor Foreman	\$54.81	10	\$548.10
Labor Costs Total				\$3,610.40
TDC Total				\$2,615.40
Equipment Total				\$2,400.00
Due to	theft of TCD, Public Works, paid Great Northwest	for signs & labor		\$2,390.15
2022 4th of July Parade Total				\$11,015.95

Projected 2023 4th of July Parade

Quantity	Discription	Labor Costs	Hours	Total
2	Laborers	\$46.86	28	\$2,624.16
1	Labor Lead	\$52.97	10	\$529.70
1	Labor Foreman	\$56.45	10	\$564.50
Labor Costs Total				\$3,718.36
TDC Total				\$2,615.00
Equipment Total				\$2,400.00
Projected	2023 4th of July Parade Total			\$8,733.36

ORDINANCE NO. 6244

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE RETENTION
OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 730 FRONT STREET FOR
PUBLIC PURPOSE UPON TAX FORECLOSURE**

WHEREAS, the property located at 730 Front Street, legally described as Block D, Lot 01 & TL-1 Tract D Graehl Townsite and identified for tax purposes as Parcel Account Number (PAN) 0068756, is currently owned by Flora McMordie; and

WHEREAS, property taxes for PAN 0068756 have not been paid for the years 2020, 2021, and 2022; and

WHEREAS, if the 2020 taxes remain unpaid at the close of business on May 25, 2023, the Fairbanks North Star Borough will receive title to the property by tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 29.45.460 provides that a tax-foreclosed property may be retained by a municipality for public purpose by adoption of a retention ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the 730 Front Street property has been in disrepair for several years and is scheduled for demolition under the authority of the City's Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings; and

WHEREAS, vehicles and similar solid wastes are routinely abandoned at 730 Front Street, creating unsafe conditions; and

WHEREAS, retention of the 730 Front Street property for the public purpose of neighborhood revitalization will, among other things, allow the City to eliminate and prevent future illegal dumping on the property.

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

SECTION 1. The City hereby exercises its right, as provided by AS 29.45.460, to retain for public purpose upon tax foreclosure the property located at 730 Front Street (Block D, Lot 01 & TL-1 Tract D, Graehl Townsite, PAN 0068756).

SECTION 2. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the 24th day of May 2023.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
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: 6244

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE RETENTION OF 730 FRONT STREET

Department(s): GENERAL

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
PROPERTY TAXES AND FEES	\$4,550
TOTAL	

FUNDING SOURCE:	Total
CAPITAL FUND (MAYOR'S CONTINGENCY FUND)	\$4,550
TOTAL	

The City of Fairbanks will exercise its right to retain 730 Front Street upon tax foreclosure for public purpose. The property taxes and fees will be paid from the Mayor's Capital Contingency line item in the budget.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 4/28/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 5065

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO APPLY
FOR FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST
AUTHORITY FOR A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks Fire Department has submitted a Letter of Interest for a Community Paramedic Program to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (Trust) detailing the benefits of the program and impacts to Trust beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Community Paramedic Program would hire one Community Paramedic to bridge health care service gaps within the community to give citizens suffering from medical conditions a well-rounded approach to their health care to better manage their mental, physical, and social health; and

WHEREAS, the Community Paramedic Program will aim to reduce overall health care costs, unnecessary emergency room visits, and the burden placed on traditional emergency medical services to achieve the ultimate goal of reducing the number of calls for ambulance service within the City; and

WHEREAS, once notified of the opportunity to apply from the Trust, the City of Fairbanks plans to request \$246,266 to fund the Community Paramedic Program and associated training costs for a two-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents required for requesting funds on behalf of the City for the Community Paramedic Program grant.

PASSED and APPROVED this 22nd Day of May 2023.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5065

Abbreviated Title: Community Paramedic Program

Department(s): Fire Department

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 X No _____

If yes, how many positions? 1

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

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

PROJECTS:	Training	Contractual	Personnel	Total
Wages & Benefits (Community Paramedic)	\$0	\$0	\$245,966	\$245,966
Community Paramedic Training	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$300
				\$0
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$300	\$0	\$245,966	\$246,266

FUNDING SOURCE:	Training	Contractual	Personnel	Total
Grant Funds (State)	\$300	\$0	\$245,966	\$246,266
				\$0
				\$0
TOTAL	\$300	\$0	\$245,966	\$246,266

FFD will provide administrative support, facility space, vehicle, and operating equipment for the Community Paramedic (CP). Costs for personnel cover a two-year program, training represents a one time cost to have a paramedic certified as a Community Paramedic. The CP will work an 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday schedule.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial SF Date 4/24/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 5066

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE FORT WAINWRIGHT
SOLDIERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON APRIL 27, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Fort Wainwright Army Base falls within the Fairbanks city limits, and the military community is a valued part of our city; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, April 27, 2023, a tragic helicopter crash near Healy, Alaska claimed the lives of three Fort Wainwright soldiers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to honor the lives and service of the men who were lost: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher Robert Eramo, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle D. McKenna, and Warrant Officer 1 Stewart Duane Wayment, all from 1st Attack Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment at Fort Wainwright, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher Robert Eramo, 39, joined the Army in January 2005, graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School in March 2012, and reported to Alaska for his latest tour in June 2022; he was previously stationed at Fort Wainwright from 2016 – 2018 and at Fort Richardson from 2005 – 2010; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eramo's awards and decorations include nine awards of the Army Commendation Medal, six awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the Valorous Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; prior to holding his most current title, he served more than seven years as an enlisted soldier; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle D. McKenna, 28, was commissioned in the Army in May 2018 as a second lieutenant and became a warrant officer after completing the warrant officer aviation training program in 2021 before reporting to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 2 McKenna's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and both the Parachute and Air Assault badges; and

WHEREAS, Warrant Officer 1 Stewart Duane Wayment, 32, joined the Army in January 2017, graduated Warrant Officer Candidate School in 2020, and reported to Alaska in July 2022; and

WHEREAS, Warrant Officer 1 Wayment's awards and decorations include five awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; prior to obtaining his most current title, he served more than two years as an enlisted soldier.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairbanks City Council that the City of Fairbanks honors the lives and service of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher Robert Eramo, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle D. McKenna, and Warrant Officer 1 Stewart Duane Wayment who lost their lives in the tragedy on April 27, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Fairbanks extends its deepest condolences to the friends, families, and colleagues of these men for their incredible loss.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 22nd day of May 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 6245

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 OPERATING
AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE SECOND TIME**

WHEREAS, this ordinance incorporates the changes outlined on the attached fiscal note to amend the 2023 operating and capital budget.

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

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

GENERAL FUND

<u>REVENUE</u>	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Taxes (all sources)	\$ 26,849,410	\$ -	\$ 26,849,410
Charges for Services	5,875,618	300,000	6,175,618
Intergovernmental Revenues	3,204,080	50,000	3,254,080
Licenses and Permits	2,006,050	100,000	2,106,050
Fines and Forfeitures	526,000	-	526,000
Interest and Penalties	365,000	-	365,000
Rental and Lease Income	148,618	-	148,618
Other Revenues	220,000	750,000	970,000
Other Financing Sources	2,084,496	21,971	2,106,467
Total revenue appropriation	<u>\$ 41,279,272</u>	<u>\$ 1,221,971</u>	<u>\$ 42,501,243</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Mayor Department	\$ 758,020	\$ 15,000	\$ 773,020
Legal Department	243,300	-	243,300
Office of the City Clerk	477,255	-	477,255
Finance Department	979,990	-	979,990
Information Technology	2,656,612	27,000	2,683,612
General Account	6,762,525	122,000	6,884,525
Police Department	8,230,366	-	8,230,366
Communications Center	3,410,296	-	3,410,296
Fire Department	8,647,754	46,900	8,694,654
Public Works Department	9,982,003	295,000	10,277,003
Engineering Department	954,350	90,000	1,044,350
Building Department	725,620	-	725,620
Total expenditure appropriation	<u>\$ 43,828,091</u>	<u>\$ 595,900</u>	<u>\$ 44,423,991</u>
2022 unassigned fund balance	\$ 17,221,024	\$ -	\$ 17,221,024
Prior year encumbrances	(229,747)	-	(229,747)
Transfers to other funds	(3,000,000)	-	(3,000,000)
Other changes to the budget	680,928	626,071	1,306,999
2023 estimated unassigned balance	<u>\$ 14,672,205</u>	<u>\$ 626,071</u>	<u>\$ 15,298,276</u>
Minimum unassigned fund balance requirement is 20% of budgeted annual expenditures but not less than \$10,000,000.			<u>\$ 8,884,798</u>

CAPITAL FUND

<u>REVENUE</u>	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Transfer from Permanent Fund	\$ 682,937	\$ 2,746	\$ 685,683
Transfer from General Fund	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Property Repair & Replacement	145,000	-	145,000
Public Works	250,000	-	250,000
Garbage Equipment Reserve	279,000	-	279,000
IT	65,000	-	65,000
Police	210,000	-	210,000
Communications Center	140,000	-	140,000
Fire	290,000	-	290,000
Building	10,000	-	10,000
Total revenue appropriation	<u>\$ 5,071,937</u>	<u>\$ 2,746</u>	<u>\$ 5,074,683</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Property Repair & Replacement	\$ 1,450,721	\$ 3,204,000	\$ 4,654,721
Public Works Department	1,705,099	-	1,705,099
Garbage Equipment Reserve	593,659	-	593,659
IT Department	111,920	60,000	171,920
Police Department	584,844	-	584,844
Fire Department	1,109,611	15,000	1,124,611
Road Maintenance	1,455,169	-	1,455,169
Total expenditure appropriation	<u>\$ 7,011,023</u>	<u>\$ 3,279,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,290,023</u>
Estimated capital fund unassigned balance	\$ 7,852,597	\$ (451,254)	\$ 7,401,343
Estimated capital fund assigned balance	6,961,080	(2,825,000)	4,136,080
2023 estimated fund balance	<u>\$ 14,813,677</u>	<u>\$ (3,276,254)</u>	<u>\$ 11,537,423</u>

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

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

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE
ORDINANCE NO. 6245
AMENDING THE 2023 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
FOR THE SECOND TIME

GENERAL FUND
\$1,221,971 Increase in Revenue
\$595,900 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Tax Revenue
2. Charges for Services
 - \$300,000 increase to ambulance services
3. Intergovernmental Revenues
 - \$50,000 increase to SART reimbursement
4. License and Permits
 - \$100,000 increase to business license
5. Other Revenue
 - \$750,000 increase to interest on deposits
6. Other Financing Sources
 - \$21,971 increase to transfer from permanent fund

Expenditures

1. Mayor's Office
 - \$15,000 to travel for training (airline miles are almost depleted)
2. City Attorney's Office
 - Change to salary and benefits for a summer intern position (cost \$15,000 from salary savings)
 - Change to salary and benefits for legal secretary from IBEW level C to level D (annual increase of \$3,690)
3. City Clerk's Office
4. Finance Department

5. Information Technology

- \$27,000 increase to other outside contracts for finance department audit software

6. General Account

- \$50,000 increase to barricade special events (new line item)
- \$12,000 increase to other outside contracts for indigent criminal defense contract
- \$3,000 increase to contingency for Polaris Building incidental costs
- \$57,000 increase for emergency service patrol program for increase in hourly rate (\$20,000) and reduction in contributions (\$37,000)

7. Police Department

8. Communications Center

9. Fire Department

- \$20,000 increase to salaries and benefits for two months overlap for a temporary firefighter to cover for an employee that will be on military leave for seven months; temporary position will end when employee returns from military leave
- \$8,500 increase to salaries and benefits for an additional captain position in lieu of a Deputy Fire Marshal
- \$28,000 increase to operating supplies for the new SUVs to include three radios (\$18,000) and two storage cabinets (\$10,000)
- (\$9,600) decrease to operating supplies for ultrasound equipment; equipment will be capitalized

10. Public Works

- \$5,000 increase to training for nine public works staff to earn the traffic control technician certification and two public works staff to be certified as traffic control supervisors
- \$250,000 increase to fuel, oil, and grease
- \$40,000 increase to non-capital equipment to purchase traffic control devices to maintain inventory needed for special events, road paving,

pothole patching, brushing, and stormwater drainage system maintenance, and other projects

11. Engineering

- \$60,000 increase to salaries and benefits to cover overages due to city projects
- \$30,000 increase to outside contracts for stormwater drain repairs

12. Building Department

CAPITAL FUND
\$2,746 Increase in Revenue
\$3,279,000 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Other Financing Sources
 - \$2,746 increase to transfer from permanent fund

Expenditures

1. Property Repair & Replacement
 - \$2,750,000 increase for city hall steam heat system project
 - \$250,000 increase for city hall childcare renovation project
 - \$60,000 increase for Polaris Building construction administration
 - \$144,000 increase for police station expansion design (reappropriation)
2. Public Works
3. Garbage Equipment Reserve
4. IT Department
 - \$30,000 increase for network equipment (reappropriation)
 - \$30,000 increase for Police/FECC battery system
5. Police Department
6. Communications Center
7. Fire Department
 - \$15,000 increase for ultrasound equipment
8. Road Maintenance

ORDINANCE NO. 6246

**AN ORDINANCE TO REDUCE OVERTIME AT THE FAIRBANKS
FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SECURE ADDITIONAL SAVINGS
AND BENEFITS BY ADDING A BATTALION CHIEF**

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Fire Department does not have enough administrative positions to do all its needed work; and

WHEREAS, an additional Battalion Chief with the fire prevention division would help the department get caught up on its backlog of building inspections; and

WHEREAS, an additional Battalion Chief with the fire prevention division would provide a second fire investigator for the department; and

WHEREAS, an additional Battalion Chief would allow the department to hire a Deputy Fire Marshal I or II instead of a Deputy Fire Marshal III, saving an estimated \$11,000-\$20,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, an additional Battalion Chief would help the department reduce its forced overtime costs within the officer ranks, saving an estimated \$35,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, having an additional Battalion Chief would allow for additional staffing on large-scale emergency scenes moving the department closer to its goal of meeting NFPA 1710.

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

SECTION 1. That the City of Fairbanks will increase the number of Battalion Chiefs for the Fairbanks fire Department by 1.

SECTION 2. That the City's 2023 operating budget is amended to include the increased expenditures as reflected in the attached fiscal note.

SECTION 3. That the effective date of this Ordinance is five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: _____

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE ADDING A BATTALION CHIEF

Department(s): FIRE

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

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

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

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

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

If yes, how many positions? 1

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

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

EXPENDITURES:	2023	2024+
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 82,000	\$ 167,300
OVERTIME	\$ (26,250)	\$ (55,000)
TOTAL	\$ 55,750	\$ 112,300

FUNDING SOURCE:	2023	2024+
GENERAL FUND	\$ 55,750	\$ 112,300
TOTAL	\$ 55,750	\$ 112,300

The Fire Department would like to add a full-time battalion chief to reduce forced overtime costs for officers and to provide someone to oversee the prevention division. The department anticipates additional revenue for building inspections.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial mb

Date 5/12/2023

ORDINANCE NO. 6247

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
SECTION 2-233(c) TO CHANGE THE QUORUM REQUIREMENT
FOR THE FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) was established on March 10, 2014, by the City Council's adoption of Ordinance No. 5939; and

WHEREAS, the FDC is currently comprised of 11 public voting members, one of which is appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and three non-voting members to include the City Mayor, a City Council Member, and the City Human Resources Director; and

WHEREAS, the FDC has struggled to fill seat vacancies, resulting in difficulty obtaining a quorum to conduct its regular meetings; and

WHEREAS, amending the definition of a quorum from six voting members to a majority of the appointed voting members would allow the FDC to achieve a quorum more easily when there are vacancies.

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

SECTION 1. That Fairbanks General Code Section 2-233(c) is hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined/bold** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 2-233. – Chairperson; committees; quorum; meetings.

(c) A quorum shall be necessary to conduct a meeting. A quorum shall consist of **a majority of the appointed** ~~six public~~ voting members of the FDC. The business of the FDC shall be transacted by a majority vote of voting members present after a quorum is established.

SECTION 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas Chard II, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 6248

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE INCENTIVE BONUS PROGRAM WITH THE FAIRBANKS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR RECRUITMENT AND HIRING

WHEREAS, an incentive bonus program for recruitment and hiring at the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) was established by the City Council on June 19, 2017, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 6050, and reestablished by the Council on April 13, 2020, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 6129; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for providing a bonus to lateral hires were: (1) the high cost for the City to send an officer to the Police Academy (approximately \$45,000); and (2) a one-time, sign-on bonus of \$60,000 for a lateral hire would help attract applicants and would be competitive with other municipalities; and

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

WHEREAS, the FPD continues to have a need for the incentive bonus program.

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

SECTION 1. The incentive bonus program for recruitment and hiring within the Fairbanks Police Department is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

- (a) An applicant who is a certified police officer in the State of Alaska or is able to meet Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) certification standards without attending a basic officer academy will be paid a ~~\$20,000~~**60,000** "sign-on bonus" in their first paycheck following completion of Field Training, 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 Police Department within 12 months of rehire.
- (b) If an active city employee recruits a new officer, as defined in subsection (a), who successfully completes the hiring process, the employee will receive a recruitment bonus of \$5,000. 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 approved [new text in **bold/underline** font; 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.

SECTION 5. The effective date of this ordinance is five days after adoption.

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: 6248

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS POLICE INCENTIVE BONUS

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:

EXPENDITURES:	Total
SALARY AND BENEFITS	
TOTAL	

FUNDING SOURCE:	Total
GENERAL FUND	
TOTAL	

Fairbanks Police Department recruitment incentive bonuses will be paid from salary savings. The City paid a total of \$460,000 for eight referrals and twenty-one lateral officers. To date, the city retained fourteen lateral officers and saved \$945,000 in academy fees.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 5/17/2023

**Attachment A
to Ordinance No. 6248**



**Fairbanks Police Department
Sign-On Bonus Contract
Amended June __, 2023**

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

WHEREAS, this contract will apply to an Employee who begins employment for the City in the Police Department (“Department”) and meets the City requirements as a lateral-hire; and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to bestow upon the Employee a “Sign-on Bonus” as an incentive for the Employee to accept employment at the City and to remain satisfactorily employed in the Department for at least ~~four~~five full years; 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 previously been employed by Department within 12 months of rehire.

THEREFORE, the City and the Employee agree to the following terms:

1. The City, acting through the Department, agrees to bestow upon the Employee the amount of ~~\$20,000.00~~60,000.00 as a Sign-on Bonus in return for the Employee accepting the City’s offer of employment. This amount shall be paid directly to the Employee on the Employee’s first paycheck following the successful completion of field training.
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 shall 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 shall 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 as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, the Employee agrees to work for the Department on a regular and full-time basis for at least ~~four~~five years beginning “Start Date” and ending on “45 Year Date.” 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 in the following paragraphs.
5. The Employee’s failure to remain employed by the Department for ~~four~~five years will trigger the Employee’s duty to repay, pro-rata, the amount paid by the City 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/~~48~~60 of such amount. To facilitate this repayment, the Employee, by signing below, expressly gives the City a lien on their salary, wages, and other sums payable to them by the 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 or the City. The Employee also agrees that any tax consequences resulting 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 ~~four~~five 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 Chief of Police and the Mayor.
7. If any part of the Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the other parts shall 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:

Employee Signature

Date

Chief of Police Signature

Date

Mayor Signature

Date

cc: Personnel File

City of Fairbanks



MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: David Pruhs, City Mayor
Subject: Request for Concurrence – Fairbanks Diversity Council
Date: May 16, 2023

There are currently four vacancies on the Fairbanks Diversity Council. To fill one of the seats, I hereby request your concurrence to the appointment of the following new member to complete the remaining term of a resigned member:

Seat J Mr. Roscoe Britton Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Mr. Britton's application and resume are attached.

Thank you.

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Board Details

The purpose of the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) is to provide a citizens' forum to the City Council and the Borough Assembly, provide advice and recommendations to promote equal opportunity for all members of the public, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan.

The Fairbanks Diversity Council has adopted the following Mission Statement:

The City of Fairbanks recognizes that our community is a diverse one, with a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds, cultures, beliefs and orientations and recognizes this diversity as an asset and resource for our community. The establishment of a Fairbanks Diversity Council can provide the City Council and Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly with advice and recommendations to promote equal opportunity for all members of the public.

Overview

Size 13 Seats

Term Length 3 Years

Term Limit N/A

Additional

Board/Commission Characteristics

The FDC will consist of 11 voting members, 10 of which will be appointed by the City Mayor and subject to approval by the City Council. All members must be members of the Fairbanks community. One of the voting members will be appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Borough Assembly. All appointments of the public members shall be for three-year terms, without compensation. The City Mayor shall serve as the non-voting Chairperson of the FDC. The Mayor may appoint a chairperson from the membership of the FDC. If the Mayor appoints a chairperson, the person will remain a voting member and will serve a one-year term as chairperson. The FDC will choose a vice chairperson from among its members. The person chosen will serve a one-year term as vice chairperson. When the term of the chairperson expires, the vice chairperson will become the chairperson, and the FDC will choose a new vice chairperson from among its members. If the Mayor chooses to serve as the chairperson, the vice chairperson will not progress to the chairperson position. The Mayor will remain a non-voting member of the FDC even if not serving as chairperson. The FDC may organize committees and adopt administrative rules and procedures to accomplish its purposes.

Meetings

A quorum shall be necessary to conduct a meeting. A quorum shall consist of six public voting members of the FDC. The business of the FDC shall be transacted by a majority vote of voting members present after a quorum is established. All meetings shall be held, and notices and agendas shall be posted, in compliance with the Alaska Open Meetings Act. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Minutes of FDC proceedings shall be kept and filed in accordance with applicable laws dealing with public records. In all matters of parliamentary procedure not covered by rules and procedures adopted under Ordinance No. 5939, the current version of Robert's Rules of Order will govern. The FDC shall keep permanent records or minutes of all meetings. The minutes shall promptly be filed in the office of the City Clerk and shall be open to public inspection. The City Clerk shall supply the FDC with administrative support.

<https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/bc-diversity> Approved Resolutions

Enacting Legislation

FGC 2-231 through 2-235

Enacting Legislation Website

<http://bit.ly/2yvvhZqp>

Joint Commission Details

The FDC shall include 11 public voting members broadly selected to represent the diverse people of the Fairbanks community. Ten members shall be appointed by the City Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council. One member shall be appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor subject to the approval of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly.

Email the Commission Members

diversitycouncil@fairbanks.us

Profile

Roscoe

First Name

Britton

Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Fairbanks

City

AK

State

Postal Code

Mailing Address

Are you a City of Fairbanks resident? *

Yes

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Fairbanks Diversity Council: Submitted

Interests and Experiences

Question applies to Fairbanks Diversity Council

Please tell us how your diversity will benefit and contribute to the mission and purpose of the Fairbanks Diversity Council. You may list any group, club, organization, etc. that you are formally affiliated with.

I believe that my lived experience in different areas of life has given myself a variety of challenges and perseverance. I have lived a life full of diversity as a member of the USAF, being a Veteran, person of color, ex-felon, prior issues with alcohol and a brief stint of Homelessness.

Why are you interested in serving on a City board or commission? What experiences can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?

I am interested on serving on the Diversity Council because the City of Fairbanks is a unique city comprised of many cultures. My experience while living here in the last 10 years has dealt with a variety of dynamics of the people in the Fairbanks community from Reentry, Veterans, Alaska Native population and the Homeless population. I believe that working with different agencies in this community has taught me a lot of insight into the challenges, obstacles and barriers of the individuals in this community that have been overlook and they need a voice of reason to help make this community a better one. The knowledge I have my be used to better educate the Council on some areas that need to be worked on. Lastly I am a people person and feel that all walks of life should be inclusive of their community.

Please provide a brief personal biography in the space below, or attach a resume.

Resume is attached.



Upload a Resume

List any professional licenses or training you believe are relevant to the seat you are applying for.

These are some of the Boards I serve on: Board Member of the State of Alaska Housing and Homeless Coalition since 2022 Leadership Team of the Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition since 2016 Steering Committee of the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition since 2016 Steering Committee of the Fairbanks Wellness Coalition since 2022 Member of the Fairbanks Opioid Workgroup since 2020 Member of the Community Action Plan group since 2020

OBJECTIVE: To obtain viable permanent employment in Human Services Field with an opportunity for growth.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Integrity and good work ethics. Very detail oriented
- Great organizational skills and people skills. Supervised up to 16 employees at any given time.
- 15 Years working for nonprofit agency and volunteer supervision.
- Can work independently without supervision or work well with others as a team player.
- Proven strength and time management skills enabling multiple tasks and projects in unison.
- Experience working with diverse populations in both urban and rural settings.
- Experience working with community service programs and volunteers.
- Excellent verbal and written skills.
- Knowledge and experience utilizing Microsoft Office and various Data Entry collections.
- Knowledge of all dynamics of homelessness.
- 15 years of Case Management experience, 13 years as Peer Mentor

SUMMARY OF PAST EXPERIENCE:

- Developed and implemented Programs (Transitional Housing, Employment/Career Development, Reentry)
- Maintained Grant Reports (Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly)
- Public relations and Public speaking
- Provided case management to individuals involved in re entry program and self sufficiency plans.
- Under direction have provided support and meditation between staff and participants
- Facilitated required classes for reentry program
- Conducted intake and orientation
- Developed Policies and Procedures, Mission Statement and Vision Statement for programs
- Entered case notes for individuals files and maintained confidentially
- Conducted one on ones and facilitated support groups
- Maintained weekly and monthly reports as well as the AKMIS (Service Point) database
- Conducted risk, barrier, career and housing assessments

RELEVANT WORK HISTORY:

2022 - Present	Executive Director	No Limits Inc	Fairbanks
2018 - Present	Program Director	No Limits Inc	Fairbanks
2016 - 2018	Reentry Coordinator/Case Manager	No Limits Inc	Fairbanks
2010 - 2014	Transitional Coordinator/Program Director	New Life Development	Anchorage
2010	Career Specialist/ Case Manager	New Life Development	Anchorage
2009	Re Entry Coordinator/Case Manager	Alaska Native Justice Ctr	Anchorage

RELEVANT CERTIFICATES:

Mental Health First Aid First Aid/CPR Facilitator	Life Skills Facilitator Peer Support Worker	WRAP	White Bison
AKMIS Service Point Data Entry Courage to Change/Getting it Right Facilitator Ready to Rent Facilitator	Breaking Barriers Facilitator LSI/R Risk Assessment and ASUS Assessment	ADIS Facilitator	

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

2010-Present	ACBHC/RADACT	Behavioral HealthTech/Counselor Tech	
2000-2002	Charter College	Business Administration	Certificate
1980-1981	CCAF	Recreation Management	AAS
1979-1980	University of Maryland	Recreation Management	
1977-1979	Catonsville CC	General Studies	
1974-1976	Randallstown High	General Studies	HS Diploma

MEMORANDUM

City of Fairbanks Clerk's Office

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

TO: City Council Members
FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk
THROUGH: Mayor David Pruhs
SUBJECT: City Representation on the Borough Planning Commission
DATE: May 17, 2023

A City-represented seat on the Borough Planning Commission became vacant in December of 2022. On March 13, 2023, the City Council confirmed a recommendation to Mayor Ward to appoint Mr. Aaron Gibson to the vacant seat (Seat C).

FNSBC 4.80.010(A) states:

There is established the Borough Planning Commission which shall consist of 11 members. Commission membership shall be apportioned so that the number of members from the cities of Fairbanks and North Pole reflects the proportion of the Borough population residing within those cities as determined by the Assembly from time to time. Members shall be appointed by the Borough Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Assembly. The appointments of members from the cities shall be selected from a list of recommendations submitted to the Borough Mayor by the city councils. Members appointed from outside the cities shall be as representative of the various geographic areas of the Borough as practical. The Borough Mayor, Planning Director and engineer shall be ex officio members of the commission with privilege of the floor but shall have no vote on any matter.

Following the March 13 City Council meeting, the City Clerk contacted Mayor Ward's office to inform him of the Council's recommendation. Mayor Ward responded by stating that in order to appoint Mr. Gibson to the vacant seat, Crystal Tidwell, who is a City resident currently occupying a Borough seat (Seat B), would need to resign.

Ms. Tidwell is a valuable member of the Borough Planning Commission who would like to continue serving, and it is not the City's wish for her to resign.

After meeting with Mayor Pruhs, Mayor Ward has indicated that, based on updated population data, the Borough will consider adjusting the composition of the Planning Commission by adding another City-represented seat.

In the meantime, Mayor Pruhs requests that the Council approve moving Crystal Tidwell from Borough-represented Seat B to City-represented Seat C. When a City-represented seat becomes available again – either through attrition or an adjustment to the population figures by the Borough Assembly – the Council can again recommend the appointment of Mr. Gibson or another individual to the City-represented vacancy on the Borough Planning Commission.

By approving this memorandum, the City Council concurs with Mayor Pruhs' recommendation to move Crystal Tidwell from Seat B to Seat C on the Borough Planning Commission.



FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 JANUARY 10, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.
 HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
 FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The **Fairbanks Diversity Council** (FDC) convened at 5:34 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting via Zoom Webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska with **Chair Dorothy Shockley** (Seat F) presiding (P) and with the following members in attendance [Z = Zoom; P = In Person]:

Members Present:	(Z) Sonja Kokrine, Seat C	(P) Rachael Kvapil, Seat K
	(Z) Juanita Webb, Seat D	(Z) June Rogers, Council Member
	(Z) Andrew Aquino, Seat G	(P) Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
	(Z) Cheyenna Kuplack, Seat J (at 5:40)	(P) David Pruhs, Mayor
	(Z) Wendy Tisland, Seat H	

Members Absent:	Timothy Ledna, Seat A	Shelissa Thomas, Seat E
	<i>Vacant</i> , Seat B	<i>Vacant</i> , Seat I

Also Present: (P) D. Danyielle Snider City Clerk Lonny Marney, City Council Member

CALL TO ORDER (Reading of Mission Statement and Land Acknowledgement)

Chair Shockley called the meeting to order and asked **R. Kvapil** to read the FDC mission statement and land acknowledgement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Shockley led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Shockley called for objection to the APPROVAL of the Agenda and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2022

Chair Shockley pointed out a date error in the minutes; Clerk Snider stated she would correct it.

A. Aquino, seconded by **J. Webb**, moved to APPROVE the meeting minutes as corrected.

Chair Shockley called for objection to the APPROVAL of the meeting minutes as corrected and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Shockley stated that she attended the City Council Work Session on December 19. She stated they discussed training and networking in the community. **Chair Shockley** suggested that the FDC be represented at different functions and events in the community; she also suggested that they create a brochure and have materials to hand out.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY AND CLERK

City Attorney Paul Ewers spoke about the purpose of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and talked about who is covered by the OMA and what it requires. He explained the definition of a meeting according to the OMA and covered other aspects such as reasonable public notice, serial meetings, social gatherings, and social media.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) FDC Purpose & Policies (includes poll results on meeting date, time, and frequency)

Chair Shockley asked Clerk Snider to read the poll results. Clerk Snider stated that only eight members responded to the survey regarding meeting date, time, and frequency, and a majority indicated that they would like to change the meeting frequency to every other month.

Chair Shockley raised the issue of the FDC's difficulty in obtaining a quorum and questioned whether the membership makeup should be changed or whether the group should meet only every other month. **A. Aquino** spoke in favor of shrinking the FDC membership to help with a quorum. **J. Webb** expressed concern with shrinking the FDC, as that may not allow for proper representation of the community, and she spoke in favor of maintaining monthly meetings. She stated that if there is an attendance problem, it is likely an indicator of another issue.

W. Tisland agreed with J. Webb's comments concerning regarding meeting frequency and membership. She referenced the FDC's rules about unexcused absences and asked whether those absences are being addressed. Clerk Snider stated that, currently, they are not being actively addressed, although absences are easy to track. **W. Tisland** asked who would make contact with members when the absence issue was being addressed. Clerk Snider replied that the Mayor would contact members in regard to absences.

Chair Shockley spoke about challenges with member dedication and recruitment and talked about the thoughtfulness recruiting new members requires. **R. Kvapil** stated that developing materials about the FDC would be a good first step towards helping with recruitment. She stated it will help people better understand the FDC's purpose and structure.

J. Rogers stated that a few years ago there was some really concentrated sessions of the FDC to define the activities, scope, and purpose of the group. She asked A. Aquino to expound on that. **A. Aquino** stated that the pandemic interrupted those earlier conversations of the FDC. He

suggested that the FDC hold an action meeting every other month, with a more relaxed conversation-type meeting every other month.

J. Rogers asked A. Foster-Snow to speak about the progress made by the FDC. **A. Foster-Snow** stated there has definitely been progress. She stated that the FDC has tried to identify things like what part of the community is not represented on the body and recruit accordingly. She stated that the goal is to have a body that represents the diversity of the Fairbanks community.

R. Kvapil commented that it is important for the FDC to create a safe space, and she spoke to the challenges in accomplishing that while serving as a public body.

Chair Shockley stated that she liked A. Aquino's idea of holding action meetings every other month. She spoke also to the option of virtual meetings versus in-person meetings and suggested that the FDC could aim to meet in person every other month and share food. She suggested also writing into the FDC's policies the community representation required for makeup of the body. Clerk Snider explained that when the FDC was created in 2014, the City's application process included a demographics section. She stated that the City Council did away with the demographics section since. **A. Foster-Snow** suggested getting some Census data to better understand the community's demographics and trying to recruit in those areas not represented on the FDC. Members further discussed ways to reach out to different groups in the community.

Chair Shockley stated she would like the FDC to take a group photo, and she would like to see the FDC host tables at various events, such as the upcoming Festival of Native Arts.

J. Rogers stated that representation is a larger and more difficult topic than people imagine. She reminded everyone that there needs to be a continued flow of new purpose, people, and ideas and that diversity is important. She commented that having a smaller group moves away from the idea of gaining new people, but she expressed appreciation for the discussion.

W. Tisland asked whether the FDC could turn a meeting into a work session if it did not have a quorum. **A. Aquino** stated that it should be fine if there was a Diversity Topic of the Month that was not action-related and the group just held a "courageous conversation." Clerk Snider stated that A. Aquino is correct, but it would be important for the Chair to facilitate the discussion and keep the group on track. **W. Tisland** stated it would be helpful to have a list of topics for discussion and use that time for planning, then actionable items could be brought before the body at a regular meeting.

J. Rogers suggested having Kris Capps do an article on the FDC. Clerk Snider wondered whether a member of the FDC would volunteer to design a brochure. **R. Kvapil** stated that she has design skills, but she is booked until February. **Chair Shockley** stated that a brochure could contain some pictures, the FDC purpose and mission statement, and some history about the work of the FDC. **S. Kokrine** suggested a rack card format because they are easy to read. **C. Kuplack** agreed with S. Kokrine, and she volunteered to work on a draft to bring back to the group. **Chair Shockley** recommended that anyone with ideas about the brochure get in contact with C. Kuplack. She stated that in the meantime, she would like to schedule a time for a group photo of the FDC. Clerk Snider stated that she could send a poll out to identify the best time for a group photo. She stated

that once a brochure is designed and ready for printing, the FDC could request funding from the Mayor's Office.

Chair Shockley asked whether the group wanted to take a vote on changing the meeting frequency and time, or on whether to recommend changing the number of members. She asked if there were any volunteers to gather Census data. Seeing no volunteers, **Chair Shockley** volunteered. Clerk Snider stated that the best way to go about making a change to the FDC policies is by a motion.

R. Kvapil asked about the history of the town hall meetings. Clerk Snider stated that those meetings have not been held in some years and that the FDC removed the reference to those meetings from the draft Diversity Action Plan (DAP) that it forwarded to the City Council. She explained that the meetings were held in Council Chambers with chairs in a circle, and they were informal and not recorded. She stated that sometimes people would speak about sensitive issues in the community, and that is why the FDC called them "courageous conversations." **Chair Shockley** stated that she attended some of those meetings, and she recalled that meetings were triggered by something happening in the community.

Chair Shockley asked for direction from the group regarding the rules of attendance. **S. Kokrine** stated she has been in groups before where attendance was taken pretty seriously, but she questioned whether it would be best to enforce the removal of members due to unexcused absences because it would create more vacancies. **Chair Shockley** stated that putting more thought behind recruitment would help. **R. Kvapil** stated that when the purpose of a group is clearly defined, it lends to dedication by its members. She stated that she takes attendance rules seriously. **J. Webb** echoed R. Kvapil's comments; she stated that when expectations are set and followed, there will likely be more interest in the FDC. Clerk Snider stated that she could go over absences with the Chair and Vice Chair at the pre-meeting each month. **J. Rogers** stated that showing up to meetings is about respect and consideration for others.

There were no motions made to change any of the FDC policies.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Update on City Council Action Regarding Resolution No. 5037, DAP

Clerk Snider reported that the City Council postponed the resolution from its November meeting in order to hold a work session with the FDC. She stated that the City Council made one amendment to the DAP at its regular meeting on January 9, a change to the language in Goal 3, desired result 5. She reported that the City Council discussed the FDC's purpose as well as the FDC's role in City employee recruitment. Clerk Snider stated that she asked City Council members to contact her if they had ideas about events they would like to see the FDC participate in. She stated that the City Council voted to postpone the resolution to January 23 because they would like City departments to review the DAP and submit comments back to the City Council. **J. Rogers** stated that there were some questions about the work of the FDC, and she invited fellow City Council members to attend FDC meetings. She stated she was glad to see Council Member Marney present at the meeting.

