



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2023-22
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 2023
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

WORK SESSIONS

- 5:30 p.m. – Explore Fairbanks Annual Report and Presentation to the Council
(15-minute presentation with 5-minute Q&A)
- 5:55 p.m. – FEDC Annual Report and Presentation to the Council
(15-minute presentation with 5-minute Q&A)
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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 pertaining to City business that is not up for public hearing. The total comment period is 30 minutes, and testimony is limited to three minutes. Any person wishing to speak needs to sign up on the list 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 October 9, 2023
- *b) Regular Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2023

8. SPECIAL ORDERS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council will hear interested citizens concerned with the following marijuana license applications for renewal. Public testimony will be taken and limited to three minutes.

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
10589	Nature’s Releaf, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Nature’s Releaf, LLC	503 7th Avenue
14467	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	1200 Well Street
15814	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	1200 Well Street
16091	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	Marijuana Concentrate	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	1200 Well Street
10230	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	1851 Fox Avenue
10131	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	Retail Marijuana Store	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	1851 Fox Avenue
10869	Grass Station 49	Retail Marijuana Store	The Grass Station, LLC	1326 Cushman Street

- b) The Fairbanks City Council will hear interested citizens concerned with the following Marijuana License Application for Transfer of Controlling Interest. Public testimony will be taken and limited to three minutes:

Type/License: Retail Marijuana Store, License #12325
 DBA: GOOD Cannabis
 Applicant: Good, LLC (transfer of controlling interest only)
 Location: 356 Old Steese Highway, Fairbanks

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5089 – A Resolution Clarifying the Fee for “Fire Inspection, Investigation, and Technical Services” and “Routine Safety Checks, Response to Safety Complaints.” Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Cleworth. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2023.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- *a) Resolution No. 5090 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept Funds from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security for the FFY2023 State Homeland Security Program. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *b) Resolution No. 5091 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to AlasConnect, LLC for Managed Information Technology Services, RFP 23-13. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *c) Ordinance No. 6265 – An Ordinance to Accept Board of Adjustment Duties from the Fairbanks North Star Borough to Hear and Decide Appeals of Certain Land Use Decisions for Land Located Within the City of Fairbanks. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Cleworth, Rogers, Sprinkle, Tidwell, Marney, and Ringstad.
- *d) Ordinance No. 6266 – An Ordinance Establishing a Hiring Incentive Bonus Program for the Recruitment and Hiring of First-Time Law Enforcement Officers at the Fairbanks Police Department. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- *a) Reappointment to the Finance Committee
- *b) Appointment to the Permanent Fund Review Board
- *c) Appointment to the Discretionary Fund Committee
- *d) Recommendation for Appointment to the Borough Planning Commission
- *e) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2023
- *f) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2023
- *g) Memorandum Regarding Donation of Two Police Vehicles
- *h) Approval of the 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

16. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) *Roberts et al. v City of Fairbanks* Update and Guidance

18. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 9, 2023
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:30 p.m. Work Session on the Police Supplemental Retirement Plan, to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council via Zoom webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor Pruhs presiding and the following Councilmembers in attendance:

Councilmembers Present: Jerry Cleworth, Seat A
June Rogers, Seat B
Sue Sprinkle, Seat C
Crystal Tidwell, Seat D
Lonny Marney, Seat E
John Ringstad, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Thomas Chard, City Attorney
Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff
Ron Dupee, Police Chief (remotely)
Nathan Werner, Police Captain
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
Rick Sweet, Deputy Police Chief
Robert Pristash, City Engineer
Scott Raygor, Fire Chief (remotely)
Andrew Coccaro, Assistant Fire Chief (remotely)
Kristi Meredith, Dispatch Manager
Teal Soden, Public Information Officer (remotely)
Brenda McFarlane, Crisis Now Coordinator (remotely)
Kirsten Loiza, Engineer II

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Pruhs asked Mr. Cleworth to lead the flag salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

[Clerk Note: Names of citizens who provide comments may not be spelled correctly if their name was illegible on the physical sign-up sheet.]

Mayor Pruhs shared that the Zoom link and passcode had been updated since the last meeting, and he will enforce the established rules for both in-person and online Citizens' Comments. He stated those rules include that preference is given to those physically present and that all wishing to speak must sign up in advance. He explained that the introduction of new language in the Council's Order of Business will, if adopted, require that comments made during Citizens' Comments pertain to City business. He stated the City Clerk has verified that the live radio broadcast can be muted, if needed, which will allow any commentary not suitable for public broadcast to continue but only in the Council Chambers. He stated that the Clerk also met with radio station staff to discuss procedures and protocols for any future incidents. **Mayor Pruhs** shared that the meeting audio posted to the City website was redacted, and there is a notification to listeners regarding the redaction, but the original audio file remains intact. He stated that the meeting minutes underwent a thorough drafting and review process to ensure accuracy without legitimizing the messages of the inappropriate comments.

Victor Buberger – V. Buberger acknowledged that the City has a lot on its plate but wondered about doing something for the “little guy.” He spoke about the lighting issue on City streets, as certain power poles have had bulbs out for over a year now, and he specifically referenced the lighting problem at the intersection of Trainor Gate Road and the Old Steese Highway. He offered to buy bulbs if the City was too broke to purchase some.

Killian Felt (via Zoom), Project Manager at Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) – K. Felt gave an update on current FEDC projects. She shared that they are running the fourth cohort of their Small Business Accelerator, which teaches business skills to those who do not come from a typical business background. She shared that they are also helping plan a winter solstice festival. K. Felt shared that after last year's success, they hope to put on another “Moose on the Loose” collaboration with local businesses. She stated the Mayor asked the FEDC to do business surveys, investigating certain local business practices and how owners select locations.

Lisa Slaba (via Zoom), Military and Project Mining Manager at FEDC – L. Slaba shared that in August the FEDC hosted the third Alaska Defense Forum, which saw over half of the participants coming from outside the borough. She added that around \$60,000 in sponsorships was generated from the event. She stated that last month the FEDC held a military resources and job fair, and Fort Wainwright has shared that as a result, 14 job offers have been extended. She stated they continue to move forward with other projects and branch out in economic development capacities.

Nick Clark – N. Clark spoke in support of Resolution No. 5083, particularly item 10, which relates to improving the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) retirement system. As a member of the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD), he shared some facts about those who are part of the Tier 4 system. He stated that 90% of fire suppression personnel at FFD are in Tier 4, and their average longevity with the City is three years. He stated that 70% of the department has under five years' experience. He explained there is a drastic loss of institutional knowledge when people leave the department, and he added that there are only about six Tier 3 employees left. He stated that the FFD is wonderful and takes pride in serving the community, but they need to replace institutional knowledge. N. Clark expressed appreciation that the resolution references retention problems. He indicated that the FFD's staffing challenges are not related to the current national labor shortages, nor are they a consequence of COVID-19. He stated that the shortage began with the inception of Tier 4 in 2007. He stated he hopes the legislature can fix the Tier 4 problems.

Mayor Pruhs, hearing no requests for additional comments, declared Citizen’s Comments closed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ms. Sprinkle pulled Resolution No. 5084, item 12(b) of New Business, from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Cleworth pulled Resolution No. 5083, New Business item 12(a), 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.

SPECIAL ORDERS

a) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following liquor license application for renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
5734	The Bakery Restaurant	Beverage Dispensary – Duplicate	The Bakery Restaurant, Inc.	44 College Road, Suite A

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

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

Ms. Rogers stated she wished the owners were present as the Council considered the application. In reviewing the dispatch report, she assumed they were having challenges with their alarm system.

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Pruhs addressed the extremely racist and anti-Semitic views expressed via Zoom during at the last last meeting. He stated that the comments do not reflect the views, beliefs, or practices of the City of Fairbanks, its elected officials, or its employees. He stated that the City does not condone the comments or wish to promulgate any of the beliefs expressed by the commenters. He shared that since that meeting, he has met with staff to discuss ways to safeguard the public process and improve the efficiency of meetings. He stated that public participation in City Council

meetings is vital to the mission of the City, and he will continue to do his best to make citizens feel welcomed, valued, and respected.

Mayor Pruhs asked City Engineer Bob Pristash to address the lighting at the intersection of the Old Steese Highway and Trainor Gate Road. R. Pristash confirmed that the intersection is under the jurisdiction of the City, and he explained that reconstruction is planned for next summer, which will include the replacement of those lights. He stated that burnt out bulbs will be replaced and that he will drive past the intersection on his way home to verify the status. He stated that he could initiate a work order the following day. **Mayor Pruhs** thanked V. Buberger for raising the issue.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Sprinkle stated she was pleased to hear that the Mayor had already given approval to the Public Works Director to initiate snow removal procedures as quickly as needed.

Ms. Rogers welcomed Mr. Marney and Mr. Ringstad as they begin their new terms.

Mr. Cleworth shared similar sentiments and stated that he has enjoyed working with both of them.

Ms. Tidwell echoed the welcome back to both Councilmembers and thanked everyone in the community who voted. She stated she feels that participation in local elections is very important.

Mr. Marney stated he is sending thoughts and prayers to Israel as the country experiences the tragic attacks that began over the weekend.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he had no comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6263 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-119, Order of Business. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Cleworth, Marney, and Rogers. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6263.

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

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6263 by substituting the amended, proposed version.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection and, hearing none, declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth addressed page two, item five, which revised the time limit of Citizens' Comments to 30 minutes rather than a 7:30 p.m. cutoff. He stated it is implied that the time limit will be in effect unless otherwise extended by a majority vote of the Council, but he would like to have specific language included.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6263, by adding “unless extended by a Council vote.” to the end of Sec. 2-119(a)(5).

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND SEC. 2-119(a)(5) OF ORDINANCE NO. 6263, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING “UNLESS EXTENDED BY A COUNCIL VOTE” AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Sprinkle asked for justification of the added language that would require Citizens’ Comments to pertain to matters “which concerns the City’s business or over which the Council has control.”

Mayor Pruhs indicated that this is to prevent incidents such as what occurred at the last meeting where comments that had nothing to do with the City or the Council ate up time during a limited comment period. He stated that other municipalities have similar parameters in place.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6263, as Amended, to the next regular meeting to allow for another public hearing.

Mr. Cleworth inquired as to the purpose of postponing versus adopting. City Attorney Chard explained that the amended version, with the revision to the Citizens’ Comment period, is a significant change from the original ordinance. He stated it would be prudent to allow for another public hearing, as the changes will impact how the public participates in future meetings.

Clerk Snider asked to confirm that the original sponsors of the ordinance wished to remain as sponsors on the amended version, to which they each consented.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6263, AS AMENDED, TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING TO ALLOW FOR ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

b) Ordinance No. 6264 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 74-152 by Increasing the Tobacco Excise Tax. Introduced by Council Members Marney and Sprinkle. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6264.

Mayor Pruhs called for Public Testimony.

Alyssa Keill – A. Keill spoke in support of Ordinance No. 6264 and stated that the use of tobacco and nicotine products is prevalent in local schools. She stated she works with youth as a swim coach and has had many stories shared with her about widespread use by students. She stated that

it is challenging for those who want to stay far away from it. A. Keill stated that she works full-time in the public health sector. She stated that earlier in the day she emailed the Council and included a photo showing all the vaping products confiscated at a single high school in the first 3 weeks of the school year from just two boys' restrooms. She remarked that the photo represents only the devices that were identified and confiscated, and one can only guess how many more are out there. She stated she works with young people every day and is very grateful that the Council is considering making access to addictive, harmful products more difficult for youth.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that much of the information provided is new to her. She stated that the cost of vaping devices seems expensive, and she wondered how kids as young as grades 4 and 5 are getting them. A. Keill responded that there is a lot of speculation and incomplete data about that question. She stated that what they hear most is that kids often get them from their parents, older siblings, or other family members. She stated that in high schools, it is not uncommon for one student to acquire a vape and then share it with their friends. She shared that she has also heard of teens obtaining a device, marking up the price, and selling it to other teens.

Ms. Rogers asked A. Keill if she could explain the amount of tobacco within vapes as compared to cigarettes. A. Keill explained that, from her understanding, a standard disposable vape cartridge contains around twice as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes. She stated that is for the smallest vapes, and the ones in her photo were almost triple that size.

Alex McDonald – A. McDonald shared that he owns the vape shop across from City Hall and is happy to answer any questions. He stated he was a smoker for 19 years, including 10 years after losing his grandmother to lung cancer. He stated he tried all the traditional approaches to quitting smoking, but nothing worked for him until his mother gave him his first starter kit. He shared that he was smoke-free within two weeks, and this winter will mark 10 years of being smoke-free. He stated that vape products help people quit smoking, and they are not marketed to children. A. McDonald stated that his social media page is age-restricted so that youth cannot view it; he stated he believes his goals are the same as the Council's. He explained that he cards everyone who makes a purchase, that he wants to keep products out of kids' hands, and that he wants to help people quit smoking. He stated that the perception of vaping products is starting to change, and health officials say that those using both tobacco and vapor products should shift to exclusively using vapes to quit smoking. He reference an article he emailed to the Council earlier in the day about the effects of taxes on vape products based on experiences in Minnesota, one of the first states to tax those products. He reported that over 32,000 residents of that state responded that they did not stop smoking after taxes were increased. He stated that more and more, people are reporting that switching to vaping is the most successful way to quit smoking after all other efforts have failed, and doctors are even suggesting it as an alternative to cigarettes. He commented that it does not help to tax something that is working to fight against the leading cause of lung cancer.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if she would be able to adjust the intensity of the nicotine being consumed from a vape pen or if she would have to buy a certain product with lower levels, similar to cigarette choices. A. McDonald explained that it depends on the device. He displayed a device that had an adjustable setting to control the amount of vapor and stated that e-liquids come in different strengths. He stated he has reduced his personal consumption from 12 mg. to 3 mg. since making the switch from cigarettes and stated that it is customizable. He stated that in his experience, most people reduce the nicotine strength in their refill cartridges over time. **Ms. Sprinkle** commented

that those people are still smoking. A. McDonald clarified there is no combustion or smoke; rather, it is vapor, just like a fog machine or even an asthmatic inhaler. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked about the nicotine aspect of vape products. A. McDonald explained that there is nicotine in the product, but combustion is what kills people. He stated that if people smoked coffee beans or tea leaves, that would also lead to lung cancer, but that is not an issue with consuming liquids. He stated that while harm reduction is a big part of public health, they cannot change everyone's behaviors, but they can help people make better choices by providing options. He called attention to programs that provide free, clean needles to those using illegal drugs, to at least cutdown on transmission of diseases via used, dirty needles, similar to clinics giving away condoms to combat the spread of STDs. He stated that smokers need safe alternatives to combustible products.

Mr. Cleworth thanked A. McDonald for his emails. He asked A. McDonald whether he buys a cartridge for the vape he just displayed. A. McDonald stated he does not. He explained that it is a bottle of liquid, which works with an open system and can be refilled. He added that there are other single-use and disposable products. **Mr. Cleworth** asked what the equivalent level of cigarettes would be to A. McDonald's liquid container, as well as a cost comparison. A. McDonald stated that he used to smoke about a pack a day, but the bottle for his device would last him four to five days. He stated that a device with a standard glass tank costs about \$105, the add-on dripper tank he uses costs \$35, and the two batteries it requires are \$10 each. **Mr. Cleworth** asked A. McDonald if he sells cigarettes. A. McDonald replied that he does not carry any tobacco products. He stated the nicotine in the items he sells is the same as what is found in smoking cessation products.

Ms. Tidwell acknowledged A. McDonald's statements about vaping being a safer alternative to smoking but asked if he believed vaping itself was healthy. A. McDonald stated that while nothing is completely healthy, it is 95% safer than smoking. He referenced published studies about cancer markers from health professionals, which he stated he has shared with the Council.

Ms. Sprinkle asked A. McDonald if he sells any of the items that look like other materials, such as highlighter vape pens, or if he knows where those items can be purchased. A. McDonald replied that he does not sell those items and is not even sure where one could buy them locally. He stated that no responsible shop owner would carry such items. He stated they do not want kids to vape and hope that those who do are held accountable. He stated that in the last legislative session, a senate bill only went halfway on an effort to combat underage usage. He explained that it removed consequences for parents who provide products to children, so now if a kid says they got the product through their parents, authorities cannot do anything. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if those types of items are available online. A. McDonald discussed the PACT Act, which was expanded years ago to include vapor products. He explained that its purpose was to stop mail-based cigarette purchases. He stated he has heard some people bypass that by ordering overseas but pointed out that congressional leaders exempted Alaska and Hawaii from in-state shipping restrictions. He stated that allows him to ship orders to rural, remote customers, and it permits anyone to order from other retailers within Alaska.

Mr. Cleworth asked whether he could order a carton of cigarettes from Indian country for around \$10. A. McDonald indicated that he cannot really speak much to that but that he recalls in college purchasing no-name brand cigarettes for much lower prices. He stated those same places sell vape products now also. He stated that in New York, where taxes on tobacco and vape products were raised, it is estimated that 60% of purchases now occur either through casinos, the black market,

or through other non-taxed transactions. **Mr. Cleworth** asked A. McDonald if he could order from another source if he wanted to avoid purchasing products from him. A. McDonald confirmed that he could and that Kenai does not have any taxes. He stated that would allow anyone the opportunity to avoid having to purchase higher taxed products locally.

Mr. Marney thanked A. McDonald for the opportunity to meet with him earlier in the day. He asked A. McDonald if his business could survive a 20% tax increase. A. McDonald indicated that he is not sure, because he has never faced this before. He stated he believes that with the current state of the economy, people are trying to cut costs wherever they can. He explained that one of the main ingredients in e-liquids is vegetable glycerin, which is easy to make, and large bottles with stronger nicotine levels are available to buy. He stated that some people would likely buy those, dilute the liquid, and make their own vegetable glycerin. **Mr. Marney** stated that A. McDonald runs a very reputable business and that he appreciates that he came to testify.

Mr. Ringstad asked whether reservations in the Lower 48 can ship to customers in Alaska. A. McDonald indicated that he is not sure how it works in those locations, since they have special rules. He stated that congress prohibited any direct shipping to customers with the exception of in-state shipments within Hawaii and Alaska.

Mayor Pruhs asked A. McDonald if he believes the tax increase will decrease his sales. A. McDonald stated he is sure it will, but he is more concerned with other unintended consequences. He stated that if a tax needs to be raised, it should be on truly harmful products like cigarettes, which kill half of its consumers when used as intended.

Ms. Rogers thanked A. McDonald for attending and asked about the presence of metals in vape products. A. McDonald explained that there are lesser levels present in vape products than in cigarettes. He stated that when used properly, there is minimal concern with the toxins in vapes. He stated a lot of studies have been retracted due to impractical or inaccurate testing parameters, and every harmful aspect identified in vapes is astronomically worse in cigarettes. **Ms. Rogers** spoke to the issue of underage usage. She wondered how the issue could be discussed in two separate frames: adult smokers who need safer alternatives and youth getting their hands on products not intended for them. She wondered why products are made to be so easily concealable. A. McDonald repeated that no one is saying that minors should vape. He stated that about 30% of his peers smoked when he graduated 25 years ago, and it is single digits now, as people are not using deadly products like they used to. **Ms. Rogers** spoke more on the issue of underage usage. **Mayor Pruhs** gave a reminder that the Council is to only ask questions of individuals testifying. **Ms. Rogers** thanked A. McDonald for his efforts to enforce age restrictions on purchases and asked if he agrees they have a responsibility to act upon concerns present in the community. A. McDonald stated that if someone is breaking the law, they should be held accountable. He stated that taxing law-abiding adults does nothing to solve the problem. He stated that young people are not getting vape products from retailers, and if a retailer does sell to kids, they get shut down.

Mr. Ringstad asked if all regulations for tobacco are the same for vape products. A. McDonald stated that they are. **Mr. Ringstad** asked if there is a way to make enforcement more effective. A. McDonald referenced the legislative effort that failed to implement meaningful consequences for parents who allow their children access to vaping products. He stated that if that loophole was closed or made tighter, it might make it easier to hold minors accountable. He stated there needs

to be accountability, and that should be on the parents. He suggested that community service could be a consequence because money does not seem to be a deterrent for underage users.

Mr. Cleworth noted that Anchorage has a wholesale tax of 55% and Fairbanks is at 8% for consumable products. He asked if there are also cartridges included in this consideration. A. McDonald explained that for disposable devices, the entire item is taxed, but for an open system like his, only the liquid refill containers are taxed. He commented that people stock up before heading to Anchorage to avoid the much higher prices. He stated that a Soldotna store owner shared with him that he gets 10-15 customers each week from Anchorage who are stocking up.

Ms. Sprinkle asked A. McDonald if he has seen that taxes statewide are far higher than what the Council is proposing. A. McDonald confirmed he has but stated the Council is still proposing to tax items that people use to quit smoking.

Ms. Rogers asked A. McDonald if he thought there would be a certain percentage of people who would still switch. A. McDonald stated that there likely would be, but studies have shown that increasing the cost of cigarettes increased the chance that more people move to quit or switch. He stated that the goal of public health should be to get individuals away from products that kill them.

Mayor Pruhs asked A. McDonald if he believed the increased tax would result in more online ordering. A. McDonald stated that he believes it would and that it would also result in higher crime rates. He referenced testimony from a researcher that illustrated an increase in “smash and grab” robberies and black market sales.

Jessi Walton – J. Walton stated that she is the spouse of A. McDonald and showed some of her personal vaping devices. She stated her daughter has obtained lower-end products that are sold at gas stations, but she has no idea who purchased them for her. She stated she smoked for 13 years but quit 10 years ago, and she can feel the difference in her body.

Tim Lamkin – T. Lamkin shared that he was calling from Juneau and has 25 years of experience in the legislature there, particularly in policies and regulations dealing with vaping and e-cigarette products. He stated that he respectfully disagrees with A. McDonald and that he supports Ordinance No. 6264. He stated he believes that a 20% tax is a good start, but it may be low. He pointed out that the average tax across Alaska is currently 39%. He indicated that the bottom line is that it is false advertising to refer to vaping as a safe alternative to cigarettes and a way to help smokers quit. He stated that it is about an addiction to nicotine. He expressed his belief that those opposing the ordinance are speaking through the lens of addiction or are motivated by profit.

Mayor Pruhs asked T. Lamkin if he believes that an increase in the tax will cause a decline in sales within the City. T. Lamkin responded that most of the devices being purchased are cheaper units, anywhere from five to twenty dollars and that the increase of a dollar or two is not going to dissuade many people. He stated that Fairbanks has the lowest tax rate on these types of products in the state.

Ms. Rogers asked for confirmation that Fairbanks has the lowest tax in the state; she also noted that T. Lamkin called the increase to 20% “a start.” T. Lamkin referenced a spreadsheet from the Alaska Department of Health which showed 17 other communities taxing anywhere from 8% to

90%, and he pointed out that the report is over a year-and-a-half old. He stated that increasing to 20% puts Fairbanks closer to the statewide average.

Ms. Tidwell asked T. Lamkin if there is any statewide data which shows a reduction in underage usage in higher-taxed communities. T. Lamkin acknowledged that he has not studied that directly, but he can confidently assert that national data has proven that the single most effective way to prevent initiation, especially for youth, is to make it more expensive by raising taxes.

Jasmine Rios – J. Rios stated that she opposes the ordinance and cannot imagine that sales would not be negatively impacted by a 250% tax increase. She stated that consumers may travel to neighboring communities or purchase online within Alaska to avoid the tax burden. She stated that tobacco products are often purchased alongside gasoline and other items, so it will harm local businesses and reduce tax revenues. She stated that unintended consequences include more black-market dealings.

Ms. Sprinkle asked J. Rios if she had stated the tax increase would be 250%. J. Rios asserted that going from 8 to 20 is a 250% increase. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked J. Rios if she was aware that Fairbanks has the lowest tax rate in the state. J. Rios acknowledged that but still opposed the increase.

Hearing no requests for additional comments, **Mayor Pruhs** declared Public Testimony closed.

Mayor Pruhs reminded the Council that the original premise of the ordinance did not relate to a social aspect but was an effort to lower property taxes.

Ms. Sprinkle asked when the last time the tax rate had been visited. Chief Financial Officer Bell stated that in July 2021 the Council added vaping products to the existing tobacco tax parameters, but they did not change the percentage at that time.

Ms. Rogers spoke about the ordinance pertaining to lowering property taxes and not to the public health matters individuals testified about. She stated that no one commented about the property tax impact.

With the Council's consent, **Mayor Pruhs** allowed a return to Public Testimony for an individual who had signed up in advance but was unable to unmute when called upon a few minutes prior.

Jamie Morgan, American Heart Association – J. Morgan stated that tobacco is the leading cause of preventable deaths in the state and shared statistics of usage across Alaska. She stated there is consensus among health organizations and the CDC that vapor products are not harmless. She stated those products have negative effects on the heart, lungs, and brain and contain high levels of nicotine. She stated that no e-cigarette has been approved by the FDA for smoking cessation. She stated that claims that vaping is a better alternative for those trying to quit smoking than FDA-approved nicotine replacement products are not backed by science. She stated that most tobacco users report being introduced to smoking prior to age 18, so increasing the cost is a deterrent to price-sensitive teens. She encouraged the Council to pass the ordinance and to amend the definition of tobacco products within the Fairbanks General Code to include e-cigarettes.

Mayor Pruhs thanked J. Morgan for her testimony and returned to Council discussion.

Mr. Marney shared that he had a very busy day, visiting local schools to speak to administrators about the topic of underage smoking and vaping. He shared that at Ryan Middle School, the principal stated they have a major problem, with about 30% of their 480 students using vapes or e-cigarettes. He stated that when students are caught, they are required to participate in an intervention program, and repeat offenders have a lengthier process. **Mr. Marney** stated that he asked the principal where she thinks students are obtaining the devices, and she believes that either parents are leaving items out and youth are taking them, or that parents are purchasing the items for their kids. He stated that at Lathrop High School, the vice principal confirmed that the problem there is much worse. **Mr. Marney** stated that the Denali Elementary School principal stated that they busted a student for vaping the prior week and that they primarily see the problem in the 4th and 5th grades. He stated that it hurts to think that kids are using vaping products, especially at such a young age. He stated that it is difficult to draw a line between penalizing businesses that are legally allowed to operate, while working to reduce access to and underage usage of these products. He stated that a good start is the increase to 20%. He suggested that they could also speak with the school district regarding policies and see what more can be done.

Mr. Cleworth asked about the difference in numbers in the supporting documents between advertised prices in Anchorage, which has a 55% tax rate, and listings on e-Bay. CFO Bell indicated that the numbers shown are per cigarette, but vaping products do not have the same basis. She also noted that some municipalities have tied tax levels to their mill rate, so it adjusts annually.

Ms. Sprinkle thanked Mr. Marney for doing the legwork. She confirmed that the ordinance was initially drafted as a help to property owners and that she had no idea vaping was such a problem with youth. She stated she does not believe a tax increase will shut businesses down, as Fairbanks still has the lowest tax in the state. She stated she is not interested in making it easy for kids to access harmful products.

Mr. Cleworth recalled discussion in work sessions about increasing the rate beyond the 20% rate recommended by the Finance Committee. He stated that it sounds like everyone is okay with the 20% amount for now. He cautioned increasing the tax too much, because it is easy to beat the system with online purchases. He stated that if they implement the increase and see significant drops in revenue, it will have defeated its purpose. He agreed with Mayor Pruhs about the initial intent but added that it also has the potential to hurt property taxpayers. He stated he is glad there were no amendments. He stated that 20% is a test, and the Council can take input from retailers and the community as a whole.

Ms. Tidwell acknowledged the intent of the ordinance as it pertained to property taxes and not public health. She stated she would push for a higher increase if that was not the case. She stated that the culture has changed, and people do not smoke like they used to. She added, however, that kids are vaping because they think it is cool, and they will get addicted to nicotine as a result. She stated she will support the ordinance as written.

Ms. Rogers thanked all who spoke. She stated they cannot shut the door on the topic, especially as it pertains to the youth. She spoke to the need to stay involved with the issue and acknowledged that A. McDonald is a person of good character whom they can trust to help find a middle ground.

Mr. Cleworth spoke to the social aspect of these types of issues. He stated he went to high school with kids who were alcoholics, despite it being illegal. He stated that if they are looking at eliminating products, they would also have to target junk food and other unhealthy items, as there is a litany of substances that are dangerous. He stated that if products are legal for adults, kids will get their hands on them. He stated that marijuana was a big deal when he was in school in the 1960s and that even when something is made illegal, it does not put a stop to it.

Ms. Rogers disagreed with the approach to let sleeping dogs lie and stated she believes they have an obligation to the community to work on problems, especially when it comes to youth. She imagined that everyone knows someone who has died from tobacco use and stated it is heartbreaking.

Mayor Pruhs indicated that he will be monitoring the revenue on the tax and if it drops, then what the Council will have done is failed in a social engineering experiment. He discussed the origin of the ordinance and stated that he hopes it works as intended and lowers property taxes.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6264 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6264 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5083 – A Resolution Stating the City of Fairbanks Legislative and Capital Priorities for 2024. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Marney and Rogers.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5083.

Mayor Pruhs indicated that he would like to go through each item, starting with the legislative priorities, to gauge consensus among Councilmembers and determine if items stay or go.

Item No. 1, PERS Contribution Rate – **Mr. Ringstad** expressed interest in having more specific language to imply a possible reduction to the contribution rate for municipalities. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that later in the document, there is a more detailed narrative that may address **Mr. Ringstad's** concerns. **Mr. Ringstad** and **Ms. Tidwell** agreed that was satisfactory.

Item No. 2, PFOS/PFOA Liability and Funding – There were no suggestions for changes.

Item No. 3, PERS Tiers 1, 2, and 3 – **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if this item was legal. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that it currently is not and that this item was a suggestion from the Chief of Police. He stated the language currently governing this was written in 2006, and those authors would not have envisioned the current staffing challenges in public safety. **Mr. Ringstad** indicated that the concern back then was with allowing retirees to double-dip, which he imagines would still be a concern. He stated he is not sure how the math would work and that he envisions some opposition

from legislators since this is a budgetary matter. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that they will have to explain this from the City’s perspective in significant detail.

Item No. 4, SART Funding – There were no suggestions for changes.

Item No. 5, UAF Funding – **Mr. Ringstad**, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5083 by removing the phrase “for the next five years” from Item No. 5.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that UAF is a school to be proud of and it should be made a priority for funding. She stated it has been decimated by cuts over the last 8 years to a frightening point.

Mr. Cleworth recalled going to school at UAF when there was just a single campus. He stated that back then, concerns were voiced that funding would drop as they began to spread out across the state. He stated that universities cannot be funded in every town across Alaska.

Mr. Ringstad stated that his intent is to make it clear that Fairbanks should be the priority for funding for the University of Alaska. He stated that too many senior administrative positions are being relocated, and the status of UAF as the primary campus for the whole system is being diminished. He stated that the jobs should be based in Fairbanks and the focus should be on Fairbanks. He stated that at some point, they must stand up and say “enough!”

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5083 BY REMOVING THE PHRASE “FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS” FROM ITEM NO. 5 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Item No. 6, Crisis Stabilization Services – **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if the item pertained to services rather than a standalone facility. **Mayor Pruhs**, referencing Item No. 2 under the capital priorities, explained that the goal is to encourage the legislature to not only dedicate funds for services but to also commit a specific amount for a new facility under the capital budget.

Item No. 7, First Responder Exposure to Bodily Fluids – There were no suggestions for changes.

Item No. 8, Videos in Response to Public Records Requests – **Mr. Ringstad** asked if state law prohibits charging a fee for video copying or editing in response to a public records request. Attorney Chard explained that there are more and more requests coming through for video recordings, yet there are limitations to what services the City can charge for and the amounts that can be charged. He stated that, as he understands, fulfilling the increased load of public records requests is stripping the capacity of many municipalities, and this priority is one example of how the laws surrounding the requests should be updated. **Mayor Pruhs** noted that he received a budget increase request earlier in the day due to this very issue and added that it is becoming problematic.

Item No. 9, Regional Payment Hubs for Marijuana Cultivation Tax – **Mr. Ringstad** asked if the state administration could take care of this currently. **Mayor Pruhs** clarified that this is something

the administration certainly could do but has refused to do so far. He stated that the City would like its regional representatives to push the issue, and he spoke of the hardship to local marijuana cultivation business owners to drive to Anchorage monthly to make payments. **Ms. Sprinkle** added that the City has tried to bring it to the administration's attention, but it has been ignored.

Item No. 10, PERS Retirement System – **Mr. Cleworth** indicated that he has concerns about the item but believes some rewording would make it satisfactory. He referenced the three-page handout regarding current and proposed retirement plan parameters. He discussed in some depth the history of the debt surrounding the current system.

Ms. Tidwell called a point of order and stated that the issues discussed in the handout do not pertain to Item No. 10. **Mayor Pruhs** asked for clarity on how Mr. Cleworth's information would be incorporated. **Mr. Cleworth** indicated that for something as complex and significant as this, providing more information is not a bad thing. He stated he would like to incorporate the handout into Item No. 10, and he read through the narrative in the handout, which included history of debt and contributions into PERS/TRS, perspective on potential other uses of funds at the time, as well as an analysis, including concerns and suggested alternative options, of current proposals the legislature is considering. He stated he believes legislators needs to hear the information.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5083, as Amended, by incorporating the three-page handout into the summary attachment.

Ms. Tidwell stated that she is not in favor of the motion. She stated that the Council heard an organization in a recent work session report making 8.27% over the last 20 years and that this is not the only plan out there. She stated that the current language in Item No. 10 is very open and conveys a need to work on the retirement system to fix what is offered. She stated she does not believe the intention is to refer to specific ideas or proposals. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Ms. Tidwell about her thoughts on fiscal certainty. **Ms. Tidwell** explained that she was unable to attend the recent meeting about retirement plans and is unsure what bills will come in the next session. She stated that when a fiscally responsible defined benefit plan comes forward, that is what should be considered. She added that those types of benefits are what keep people from leaving jobs. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Ms. Tidwell if she would still be in favor of a defined benefit program that would put City of Fairbanks taxpayers at risk. He described the history of such plans and their negative, albeit unintentional, consequences. **Ms. Tidwell** stated that she does not want a plan that would harm the City, but at some point, a plan will be brought forward that will not cause harm. She stated she believes that is exactly what Item No. 10 currently conveys. She stated that every short-staffed department has asked for this and has identified it as a contributing factor to the retention crisis. She stated she does not think the extra material needs to be added to the legislative priorities. **Mr. Cleworth** responded that he also heard those numbers and that 8.27% put the state tens of billions of dollars in the hole, and it was not sustainable. He explained that those who were in favor at the time said to let it go longer because it would work its way out, but it got worse. He stated that a major economic downturn would put them in a world of hurt, and the taxpayers are the ones who would pay that promised benefit. He stated that if the State wants to make those kinds of commitments again, then the State needs to indemnify the City and account for those funds separately. He stated that if the bill that was proposed in Juneau three years ago had gone through, it would have been in the red by now, and the City would already have been hit with that liability. He stated he does not want City taxpayers to pay for a mismanaged retirement fund. He indicated

that he wants to know what kind of changes can be implemented to prevent such a disaster, and that is the nature of his recommendations in the handout. He stated he believes the Council should be more precise, rather than broad, in stating the City's priorities.

Mr. Marney spoke to the reality that every conversation on this topic is going to have more than one perspective. He stated he is confident that the unions have already made their voices heard. He stated that the proposed amendment adds to the conversation.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that the numbers are certainly spooky, but she is not sure if they need the full narrative as proposed. She stated she thought the purpose of the meeting with the Interior Delegation was to have a conversation, rather than just handing over a piece of paper.

Mr. Cleworth indicated that if they ignore everything else he has drafted, he hopes to at least see an emphasis on the statement: *"The City of Fairbanks requests that this new Tier 5 system be monitored with separate accounting and will not be added to the legacy debt with all new debt incurred covered by the State of Alaska and indemnify the municipalities."* He stated that if the State comes up with a system that they claim works, they need to indemnify the City. He stated that the Council has no control over the investment and should not be liable for its mismanagement.

Mr. Ringstad shared that he has had the displeasure of sitting through many hours of discussion as the state shifted from Tier 1 to Tier 2 to Tier 3, etc. He stated that the problem is having an unfunded program with the City making up the losses. He stated that someone else may say that 22% meets their definition of fiscal certainty for a municipality, but that percentage is subjective. He stated that it was a mistake to trust the State to manage this and that the Council should put forth language that makes it clear: municipalities need to be held harmless. He stated that a lot of retirement funds are sucking wind right now, and they need to be loud if they want to protect the City. He stated the City does not have a huge tax base and should be specific in its communication.

Mayor Pruhs stated that the Council will meet with the Interior Delegation before the next council meeting. He stated there is not time to rework the resolution, but the Council will have an opportunity to speak with the legislators. He stated that any changes need to happen at this meeting.

Ms. Rogers stated that she realizes their conversation with the delegation will not be word for word with the handout, but she agrees it is useful background information which they can supply.

Mayor Pruhs added that he realizes there are varying opinions and ideas about PERS/TRS among the Council. He stated that the task is to have something unified to present, but that ultimately all six Councilmembers can share their ideas with the Interior Delegation.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5083, AS AMENDED, BY INCORPORATING THE THREE-PAGE HANDOUT INTO THE SUMMARY ATTACHMENT AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Ringstad, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth

NAYS: Tidwell

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Pruhs continued with 2024 capital priorities.

Item No. 1, Public Works Generator – There were no suggestions for changes.

Item No. 2, Interior Alaska Regional Crisis Stabilization Center – **Ms. Sprinkle**, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5083, as Amended, by swapping the order of Items 1 and 2.

Mr. Ringstad asked, as far as priority ranking, how important the Public Works generator was. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that the request for funds to replace the generator would be money dedicated to the City of Fairbanks, and funds for the proposed Crisis Stabilization Center would not be for the City but for that facility. He stated that his priorities are ranked how they appear currently. **Mr. Ringstad** repeated his question, asking how badly the generator is needed. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that in a crisis, they need that generator, and it should be number one.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if she is correct in recalling that the City had a generator somewhere in its own capital budget. **Mayor Pruhs** confirmed that there was. **Ms. Sprinkle** wondered if those who receive the request would be more inclined to consider items that serve the entire region rather than just the city. **Mayor Pruhs** reminded the Council that in the prior year the City received \$3MM, so they should not expect much in 2024.

Mr. Marney noted that there is already a stabilization center in Anchorage and another in Juneau, and the goal is to get one in the Interior. **Mayor Pruhs** added that earlier in the day he was in a meeting with the Police Department and the Rescue Mission, and they all agreed that this is a high priority. He stated that it solves a lot of problems for many people, but his ranking is based on what he thinks the City can get.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5083, AS AMENDED, BY SWAPPING THE ORDER OF ITEMS 1 AND 2 AS FOLLOWS:

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

Item No. 3, Island Homes – **Mayor Pruhs** indicated that the Island Homes subdivision is not the only area the City is looking to address with the request, but they will see what they can get. He stated that the last time the roads and sidewalks in that area had a major update was 1964.

Mr. Ringstad stated that after the Council’s last discussion on the topic, he spoke with some residents of that area. He stated one of them knew a lot about the matter, while another admitted knowing nothing. He stated that the City will need to communicate heavily with the residents of the neighborhood if something comes of the item.

Mayor Pruhs called for any additional discussion on Resolution No. 5083, as Amended.

Mr. Ringstad asked if the resolution was intended to serve as the City’s priorities for both state and federal lawmakers. **Mayor Pruhs** indicated that he has not yet put together thoughts for the

federal side of things. He indicated that there is not have enough information available yet, but a separate resolution will be drafted for that purpose, to include items pertaining to the fire station.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she would like the State to reconsider aspects of the Manh Choh Mine project and asked if it was too late to include something in Resolution No. 5083. **Mayor Pruhs** reminded Ms. Sprinkle that the resolution is open for discussion and amendments.

Mr. Ringstad asked what else the Council could say about the Manh Choh Mine project, considering that all permits had already been reviewed and issued. **Ms. Tidwell** referenced the resolution the Council already passed [Resolution No. 5021, approved January 9, 2023]. She stated that the Council could make reference to that resolution, but it would not make sense to include a more narrative on the topic and potentially show a conflict in priorities. **Mr. Marney** stated that he believes legislators have already been heavily pressured about the Manh Choh Mine issue.

Mr. Cleworth suggested that Ms. Sprinkle could share her thoughts at the meeting with the Interior Delegation, along with a copy of approved Resolution No. 5021. He stated that will be the Council's opportunity to speak with the Interior Delegation on any topic they want. **Ms. Sprinkle** thanked the Mayor and concurred that it may be best to collect thoughts between now and then.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5083, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5083, as Amended, APPROVED.

Ms. Rogers thanked Mayor Pruhs and stated that in all her years serving on the Council, this is the most time and attention the Council has given to the legislative and capital priorities process. **Mayor Pruhs** recalled that the prior year they had only one meeting on the issue, and he does not want to approach it that way again. He stated that the item is worth spending time on.

- b) Resolution No. 5084 – A Resolution in Support of Continuing to Hold Local Elections in Early October. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Cleworth, Rogers, Marney, and Ringstad.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5084.

Ms. Sprinkle and **Ms. Tidwell** both requested to be added as sponsors to the resolution.

Mr. Cleworth noted that changing the City's fiscal year would require a vote of the citizens as it is imbedded in the City Charter. He added that it has been attempted once before, but it did not pass. He stated that if the Borough proceeds with moving its election to November, the City will have to make a choice: either join them or keep City elections in early October. He added that both options have an impact and financial burden. He stated that one difficulty he sees is that in a mayoral election year, there is the potential to have a new mayor and two new councilmembers who, upon taking office, would be presented with a budget they had little or no input on. He stated

that at the end of their terms, they would have much involvement in a budget they may not be there for. He stated that amending the Charter to change the City's fiscal year would take another year.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that changing the election date is a bad idea. She stated that local politics do not have to align with national politics, and she appreciates seeing things on the ground and non-partisan. She indicated that the change would also take the oxygen out of the room during campaign season, as more people fight for airtime, printing services, etc.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he agrees with Ms. Sprinkle but added that a frequent question he receives is why citizens have to vote two times, close together. **Ms. Sprinkle** responded that if the date changed, citizens would still have to vote twice but on the same day; she stated they will have to stand in two lines and receive potentially up to three different ballots and instructions.

Mayor Pruhs mentioned having a framed copy of an advertisement for the October 1952 local election when his father ran for Mayor. He pointed out that the October timeframe has been in place since before Alaska was a state. He stated that the Council has historically been more non-partisan than other local government bodies and that switching to a November election will result in local candidates being drowned out with all the other noise. He stated that whether folks like the outcome of the election or not, candidates are heard in the October election.

Mr. Marney stated that Clerk Snider researched and shared with him that the City election moved from April to October in 1949. He mentioned that he and Mr. Ringstad, during their campaign season which just concluded, were not invited to about half of the candidate forums that involved candidates for other elections, such as the Borough Assembly and School Board.

Mr. Ringstad mentioned that he will attend the next Assembly meeting, and he believes these are important items to bring up. **Mr. Marney** suggested that all Councilmembers show up.

Ms. Rogers agreed. She also stated that one very positive aspect of the current election process is the excellent collaboration between the three local clerk's offices. She indicated she would hate to see that cohesion and efficiency lost by splitting up the elections.

Ms. Sprinkle shared that, as she understands it, Borough Clerk April Trickey is not in favor of the change, which speaks volumes. She questioned whether it would be okay for the entire Council to attend [the Assembly meeting]. Clerk Snider explained that it is a public meeting which has been noticed to citizens by the Borough. She stated that if the Council acts on Resolution No. 5084, it would not be inappropriate for Councilmembers to speak about it. **Mayor Pruhs** asked to confirm if the Council would be breaking any rules, and he was informed that the Council would be in compliance. **Ms. Rogers** added that they would all go as individuals, not as a body. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if it was known how the North Pole City Clerk felt about the potential change. Clerk Snider stated that clerks may not take a formal position on the issue; she stated, however, that they have concerns about the effect it would have on budgets, collaboration, voter turnout, and a variety of issues relating to elections. She indicated that there are pros and cons to each side of the issue. She stated she is not comfortable saying that the clerks are for or against the change, but all the concerns and impacts should be shared with the decisionmakers in order for them to make a fully informed decision. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if they knew if the representative from North Pole would be at the Assembly meeting and suggested that Mr. Ringstad reach out in advance.

Ms. Tidwell asked if it would be inappropriate for Councilmembers to speak during public testimony at the Assembly meeting. Attorney Chard explained that the Council may attend and speak on the matter but cautioned them not to huddle together as a group, before or after the meeting, nor speak to one another on other topics.

Ms. Rogers reminded the Council that they have had the pleasure of having members of the Assembly attend Council meetings to speak on various items, and it would be nice for Councilmembers to do the same.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5084 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5084 APPROVED.

- c) Resolution No. 5085 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept the Healthy and Equitable Communities Grant. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Resolution No. 5086 – A Resolution Supporting FNSB Ordinance No. 2023-60, an Ordinance Amending FNSBC Title 4 to Delegate Certain Board of Adjustment Duties to the City of Fairbanks and to the City of North Pole and Amending FNSBC Title 4 Regarding Appointments to the Planning Commission. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Cleworth and Rogers.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

Mr. Marney shared that on September 27, he attended the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors meeting. He stated they primarily discussed budget items and room tax revenue increases.

Ms. Tidwell reported that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met the prior week to discuss the Steese Highway Corridor Study, and they are developing recommendations for changes. She stated they have a few more meetings planned, and something should be published soon which outlines their concerns and suggestions for changes to existing and future plans.

Mayor Pruhs shared that the recent Polaris Working Group meeting was productive, and they found a funding source that a developer could use for a viable project. He stated that they are recruiting potential tenants for a future development plan, and they are also communicating with adjacent property owners to see if there is interest in selling properties in order to pursue a full-block development. He stated that the upcoming meeting has been cancelled, as not much has changed since they last met, but they will meet monthly going forward. He stated that the first goal is to find groups interested in the space so they can put together numbers for a future developer.

All other Councilmembers indicated that they had no reports.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- a) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2023

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Recommendation for Appointment to the FNSB Planning Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Sprinkle shared that Mayor Pruhs invited her, Mr. Cleworth, and a few department heads to meet and discuss details of the recently published Fairbanks Downtown Plan (FDP). She stated that the meeting was productive, and they have a consensus moving forward. She stated that they eliminated some items, and they have a good response to provide to the Borough.

Mr. Ringstad and **Mr. Marney** each stated that they had no further comments.

Ms. Tidwell stated she was glad to hear that a meeting regarding the FDP had taken place and that she looked forward to working on a Resolution in support of the FDP. She shared that she recently noticed on Facebook that individuals can sign up for an FPD text alert service.

Mayor Pruhs informed the Council that City Engineer Bob Pristash had taken notes during the meeting Ms. Sprinkle mentioned and stated that he will share them with the Council.

Mr. Cleworth stated that there are a lot of ideas on urban planning, some of which are radical and easy to dismiss as not being suitable for the City. He shared that Houston, Texas has no zoning, but most would agree that they would not want that for Fairbanks. He stated, however, that it is good to be aware of different ideas and viewpoints. He shared a video clip of a heavily trafficked five-way interchange in Hanoi, Vietnam with no traffic signals and pointed out that pedestrians were also meandering through the intersection. He stated he finds it amazing that no one gets hit. He shared another video clip from Ethiopia showing similarly free traffic and pedestrian flows. He stated that his daughter lives in Spokane, WA in a newer area which, upon development, did not install some of the typical signage at intersections, but to the surprise of many, it works and people yield when appropriate. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that when it comes to making plans for things like bike paths, some argue that dedicated lanes and signage is needed, but he disagrees. **Mayor Pruhs** asked Mr. Cleworth if he was implying that he would like to see zoning powers taken away from the Borough. **Mr. Cleworth** chuckled and clarified that he was not; he stated he just wants everyone to remember that the way they think things must be done is rarely the only way. He stated that many communities implement different strategies and think outside of the box for solutions that work for them. **Mr. Cleworth** expressed gratitude to the Clay Street Cemetery Commission for the work its members are doing and applauded Chair Aldean Kilbourn for her incredible efforts. He asked if there was a budget work session schedule. Clerk Snider confirmed that CFO Bell has finalized the dates, and she will send the information to the Council.

Ms. Rogers stated that when situations are noticed in the community that border on gentrification, they need to maintain the flavor of Fairbanks in a way that allows people to be themselves.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Snider shared that the final ballot count would take place the following afternoon at the Borough Assembly Chambers.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chard stated that he had no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Ms. Rogers, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ENTER an Executive Session to discuss Legal Department Personnel.

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

Mayor Pruhs called for a brief recess, after which the Council reconvened in Executive Session.

a) Legal Department Personnel (*entered at 9:20 p.m.*)

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss the above item. No action was taken. The regular meeting resumed at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objection, **Mayor Pruhs** declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 23, 2023
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:15 p.m. Work Session to discuss 2024 City Legislative and Capital Priorities with the Interior Delegation, 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 Pruhs presiding and the following Councilmembers in attendance:

Councilmembers Present: Jerry Cleworth, Seat A
 June Rogers, Seat B
 Sue Sprinkle, Seat C
 Crystal Tidwell, Seat D
 Lonny Marney, Seat E
 John Ringstad, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
 Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff
 Thomas Chard, City Attorney
 Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer (remotely)
 Ron Dupee, Police Chief
 Rick Sweet, Deputy Police Chief
 Nathan Werner, Police Captain
 Ofc. Butler, Police Officer
 Ofc. Conrad, Police Officer
 Ofc. Sullivan, Police Officer
 Teal Soden, Public Information Officer
 Andrew Cocco, Assistant Fire Chief
 Kristi Meredith, Dispatch Manager (remotely)
 Robert Pristash, City Engineer
 Brenda McFarlane, Crisis Now Coordinator
 Marsha Oss, Reentry Coordinator

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Pruhs asked City Attorney Chard to lead the flag salutation.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognitions, Awards)

Mayor Pruhs stated that several new Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) officers would be sworn in. He invited them forward along with Police Chief Dupee and Deputy Police Chief Sweet.

Deputy Chief Sweet introduced three new lateral-transfer officers:

- Joseph Butler, from southeast Georgia, has nine years of law enforcement experience. He was a sergeant, a training instructor, and member of the SWAT team at his former department.
- Mike Sullivan joins the FPD from Texas, with eight and a half years' experience. He was also an instructor and trainer in many areas.
- Christopher Conrad transferred from the Arkansas/Kansas area. He previously spent one and a half years in corrections, plus a year in law enforcement.

Deputy Chief Sweet administered the Oath of Office to all three officers.

Mayor Pruhs welcomed the new officers to the City and stated that they are joining a great team.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

[Clerk Note: Names of citizens who provide comments may not be spelled correctly if their name was illegible on the physical sign-up sheet.]

Victor Buberger – V. Buberger thanked Public Works for fixing the lights at the intersection he identified at the last meeting. He noted another pole in that area which he believes needs a bulb replaced. He stated that it appears the City is always involved in labor negotiations and that everyone always wants more money. He shared that years ago, when he worked in various fields of labor, if someone complained too much, they just got rid of them and found a way to automate their job with machines. He complimented Public Works and the FPD and said is refreshing to see new blood. He wondered if any City employee has an annual salary below \$100,000. He suggested maybe they should give the Mayor more money and concluded with the hope that the City can keep the snow plowed.

Mayor Pruhs, hearing no requests for additional comments, declared Citizen's Comments closed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ms. Sprinkle pulled Resolution No. 5089 , item 13(c) of New Business, 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 OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2023

APPROVED on the Consent Agenda

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
2124	Fenders	Beverage Dispensary	636, LLC	636 28th Avenue

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the liquor license application for renewal.

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

Mr. Ringstad shared that he recently saw comments about strong odors present by 30th Avenue and South Cushman Street and that he noticed it as well when driving through the area. **Mayor Pruhs** reminded Mr. Ringstad that the item before them was an application for a liquor license.

Ms. Rogers noted that this is the first time in the years she has been on the Council that she has seen a sexual assault included on the call report associated with any license application.

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) The Fairbanks City Council heard interested citizens concerned with the following marijuana license application for renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
10958	Green Life Supply, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Green Life Supply, LLC	511 30th Avenue

Ms. Tidwell, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the marijuana license application for renewal.

Mayor Pruhs called for Public Testimony.

Victor Buberger – V. Buberger stated that he smoked marijuana for a long time, and 25 years ago his house caught on fire. He shared that he endured serious smoke inhalation in his lungs and quit smoking as a result, but he enjoys the smell of marijuana whenever he drives past the area.

Mayor Pruhs called for any further discussion and heard none.

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Pruhs invited Public Information Officer (PIO) Teal Soden to give an update on the FPD's recruitment efforts as well as the department's community involvement.

T. Soden shared the following details on FPD recruitment efforts year-to-date for 2023:

- In 2023, 70 people, including 17 laterals, completed the written exam - an uptick in interest, given that only 53 people, including 9 laterals, completed the written exam in 2022.
- Four officers have been hired so far in 2023, three of whom were sworn in at the meeting, plus one entry-level recruit who is completing the academy in Sitka.
- Currently there are 15 applicants at various stages in the recruitment process, with another 7 signed up to take the written test in the coming weeks.

T. Soden also reported on FPD involvement with various community events and efforts, including:

- In April, several officers completed the "Caps for Cops" program with local Alaska Native elders. The officers and elders got to know more about each other's backgrounds while the elders gave direction and assistance in making beaver skin hats, which can now be worn by officers on duty. Another cycle of this program is being planned for other officers.
- FDP continues to hold regular meetings with the NAACP and Alaska Native leadership.
- In late August, the FPD participated in Youth Safety Day at the Carlson Center and brought one of their specialized vehicles, which got a lot of attention and excitement from kids.
- Deputy Chief Sweet and his wife recently participated in Costco's "Trunk or Treat" event.
- On October 12, there was a community ceremony to rename the police station and dispatch center to the "Sergeant Allen Brandt Police Station and Emergency Communications Center." Several members of Sergeant Brandt's family attended. It has been 7 years since Sgt. Brandt passed, and T. Soden encouraged everyone to keep his family in their thoughts.
- FPD hosted a booth at the Go Winter! Expo the previous weekend, handing out glow sticks are part of Operation Glow. They also distributed recruitment materials, raised money for the "Shop with a Cop" program, and interacted with hundreds of community members.
- Saturday will be National Drug Takeback Day, in collaboration with the local FBI and Fairbanks Native Association's Community Opioid Intervention Project. The purpose is to reduce overdoses and overdose deaths, as well as to prevent prescription drug abuse. Residents can drop off unused prescription drugs off at the police station for safe disposal.
- On Halloween, officers will be out and about, giving away glow sticks as part of Operation Glow, to keep kids safe and visible to drivers.
- FPD will participate in a food drive in mid-November at Costco, collecting items requested by the Food Bank.
- FPD will repeat the popular "Shop with a Cop" program in December, a program that pairs officers with local youth in need.

T. Soden shared that the Alaska Department of Public Safety released its 2022 crime statistics reports, and she is happy to email the report to the Council.

Ms. Rogers mentioned another event that FPD participated in this year: Pizza with Police in the Plaza. She stated that she hopes that event will continue in the future.

Mr. Cleworth thanked T. Soden for her report and asked if she knew how many Volunteers in Policing (VIP) members are currently have involved. T. Soden responded that she is not sure of the exact number but that Larry Soden was recently promoted as Captain of that program, and VIP Executive Director Lorna Illingworth maintains connections with the Fairbanks Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), to pull additional help when needed.

Mr. Marney thanked T. Soden and commented that the Council needs more information of that kind. He said that the Council strives to take action to support the police and other departments, so it is nice to hear back about their successes.

Mayor Pruhs also thanked T. Soden for her report. He praised her commitment to the police force, which he sees every day, and stated it is a pleasure and honor to work with her. He acknowledged the upcoming resignation of Fire Chief Raygor and expressed appreciation for his work at the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD). He stated that it is budget time, and he recounted how 2023 involved a lot of heavy lifting for the Council: completion of two new collective bargaining agreements (CBAs); deposits to the Capital and Permanent Funds totaling nearly \$3.5MM; and the approval of wage increases, recruitment bonuses, and retention incentives for the FPD. He stated he believes that the Council is a good working group with a great synergy. He stated that the Council would have his proposed budget within the next week and recalled a time when the Council was given a budget with only a \$100 surplus. He shared how the Council at that time was forced to make hard decisions. He indicated that the Council would see a healthy reserve and would be able to make adjustments as it sees fit.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Sprinkle stated she is thrilled to see the new police officers, and she asked if the lateral hire bonus played a part in their recruitment. Chief Dupee indicated that two of the three officers were already in the process of onboarding before the increased bonus was implemented, but Officer Conrad's hiring was a result of the bonus. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if there was any update on the abatement of the properties on Front Street. **Mayor Pruhs** answered that the contract, totaling \$130,000, had gone out. He stated that he was unsure if work had already begun, but he would send an update via email.

Ms. Rogers expressed gratitude for the opportunity to meet directly with legislators during the earlier Work Session. She pledged to work with the legislative committee in the coming year, seeking more direct communication with legislators. She recalled hearing many of them indicating a desire for regular contact from groups like the City Council.

Mr. Cleworth thanked T. Soden again for her report. He expressed regret for missing the renaming ceremony at the police station due to a family medical issue. He recalled the time when Sgt Brandt, recently out of surgery, attended a Council meeting for a resolution honoring him. He commented

that little did they know it would be their last time seeing him. He stated it is encouraging to see the FPD lateral transfers from out of state, and he is glad that they are not stealing officers from other local agencies. He suggested that the Alaskan experience may have influenced the new officers' choice to come to Fairbanks and hopes they find their work fulfilling.

Ms. Tidwell welcomed the new officers and their families, stated that it is great to see three large families added to the community, and commented that she was happy to hear the FPD report.

Mr. Marney thanked V. Buberger for his honesty and for looking out for citizens by keeping an eye out for potholes and light poles that need attention.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he had the pleasure of attending some recent Borough Assembly meetings. He shared that a week-and-a-half ago the agenda included the issue of potentially moving the borough election date, and it was an interesting discussion with a lot of public testimony. He reported that at the beginning of the meeting, the Presiding Officer stated that other local municipalities, such as the cities of Fairbanks and North Pole, as well as the FNSB School Board, were welcome to participate in the discussion as it pertained to them. He reported that in his comments, he pointed out to the Assembly that four City Council members were in attendance, which they likely had not seen in a long time. He shared that the discussion on the issue was long, and the meeting went to 11:30 p.m., at which point it adjourned to the following Thursday. He stated that the issue of the election date failed and that another topic, unauthorized subdivisions, also ate up a lot of time. He reported that after two nights of the same meeting going past 11 p.m., he left with a distinct appreciation that the City Council does not do that. He expressed his opinion that the Council's system seems to be better than the Borough's. **Mr. Ringstad** mentioned that a Permanent Fund Review Board would be held later in the week on Wednesday. He also shared that he had the opportunity to meet FPD Officer Lai recently when he discovered someone sleeping in his driveway and could not get them to leave. He stated that he does not want Fairbanks to be a place where his 12-year-old granddaughter is afraid to go into her own driveway. He expressed appreciation for how Officer Lai handled the situation: efficiently and professionally.

Ms. Rogers assured everyone that Councilmembers were cognizant of the constraints and parameters of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) when four members attended the Borough Assembly meeting. She stated that they sat apart and did not congregate before or after the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6263, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-119, Citizens' Comments and Order of Business. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Marney, Rogers, and Cleworth. ADVANCED a second time at the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2023.

*At the October 9, 2023 regular meeting, **Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6263, as Amended. The motion remained on the floor.*

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

Ms. Sprinkle expressed appreciation for the work that went into the ordinance, especially considering what occurred in September during Citizens’ Comments.

Mr. Cleworth pointed out a typo [scrivener’s error] on page two of the ordinance. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that the item would be corrected.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6263, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Rogers, Tidwell, Ringstad, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth
NAYS: None
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6263, as Amended, ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION OF 2023 REGULAR ELECTION AND OATHS OF OFFICE

a) Certification of the 2023 Regular Election Results

City Clerk Snider read the following 2023 Regular Election results into the record:

LONNY MARNEY, having received a majority of the votes cast for CITY COUNCIL SEAT E, for a three-year term ending October 2026, is hereby declared reelected as a Member of the Fairbanks City Council.

JOHN RINGSTAD, having received a majority of the votes cast for CITY COUNCIL SEAT F, for a three-year term ending October 2026, is hereby declared elected as a Member of the Fairbanks City Council.

PROPOSITION A, which stated “*Should City of Fairbanks Ordinance No. 6256, as Amended, be ratified?*” passed by a vote of 2,454 “yes” votes to 576 “no” votes.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to CERTIFY the 2023 Regular Election Results.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO CERTIFY THE 2023 REGULAR ELECTION RESULTS, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Sprinkle, Cleworth, Ringstad, Marney, Tidwell, Rogers
NAYS: None
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and the 2023 Regular Election results CERTIFIED.

Mayor Pruhs called for a brief transition recess for the signing of the election certification documents. The meeting reconvened following the brief recess.

b) Oaths of Office and Seating of Reelected Council Members

Clerk Snider administered the Oaths of Office for Councilmembers Marney Ringstad.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5087 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to National Life Group/Life Insurance Company of the Southwest to Provide a Supplemental Plan for Commissioned Fairbanks Police Department Officers. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Sprinkle.

APPROVED on the Consent Agenda

- b) Resolution No. 5088 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) Behavioral Health Mini Grants. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

APPROVED on the Consent Agenda

- c) Resolution No. 5089 – A Resolution Clarifying the Fee for “Fire Inspection, Investigation, and Technical Services” and “Routine Safety Checks, Response to Safety Complaints.” Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Cleworth.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5089.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she requested to pull the item as it felt like a surprise. She asked for verification that it would not undo some of the Council’s past work of updating the fee schedule.

Mr. Cleworth stated that the resolution would not change any fees. He explained that when the final vote on Resolution No. 5076 occurred, he thought the Council was voting on an amendment, and he missed the opportunity to express his concerns. He stated that if the City mandates an inspection that a business may not want, the City should cover the cost. He recalled sharing his views later in the meeting after the resolution had been approved and stated that before the meeting was over, a motion to reconsider was entertained but failed. He said he feels strongly enough about the issue that he was inclined to bring forward the resolution. He acknowledged that the City had not performed inspections in quite some time and that, fiscally, the resolution may not change anything. **Mr. Cleworth** shared that he gets complaints all the time about the City charging for garbage collection on top of property taxes, plus a business licensing fee. He stated that mandatory fees are sore subjects, but the City now depends on many of them as funding sources. He expressed gratitude that the City has a diverse revenue stream, where property taxes account for only half of the City’s revenue.

Ms. Rogers stated that she has heard Mr. Cleworth speak on this subject many times, and she agrees. She stated that fire inspections are for the safety and security of the community, which can be a mandatory service but should not incur a fee to business owners.

Mr. Marney shared that he has had two opportunities to visit with Fire Marshal Bryan, who is incredibly backlogged just with state-mandated inspections for places like daycares, senior centers, etc. He shared that he asked him how long it might be before he is even able to pursue inspections for private businesses, and he was told that it would be about five years.

Ms. Sprinkle asked Fire Chief Raygor to speak on the matter. Chief Raygor explained that the previous resolution was a result of a Finance Committee recommendation after its review of the City's fee schedule. He stated that the Committee recommended an increase, and the conditions for adding a position at FFD were tied, in part, to the revenue that would be generated from inspections. He stated that the proposed resolution seems to flip the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Ms. Rogers asked if it was realistic for the fees to cover the cost of the position. Chief Raygor indicated that there are 1,500 buildings within the City that are supposed to be inspected annually, but the FFD is very backlogged. She stated that the Council is responsible for finding the funds for the position, whether it is tied to a service fee or not. Chief Raygor agreed and reiterated that this was the recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Ms. Tidwell asked what the impact would be if the City stopped charging for those inspections. Chief Financial Officer Bell reported that so far in 2023 the City billed for a total of 31 inspections with \$6,087 in revenue, using the prior rate.

Ms. Sprinkle stated she would think a business owner would view the fee as part of the cost of doing business, especially larger retailers that are responsible for ensuring their building is safe.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he is not sure what would really change but that larger businesses could absorb a \$125 fee; he stated that the City would likely not get around to smaller businesses for years. Chief Raygor confirmed that the FFD has not been performing inspections on most businesses due to staffing shortages and that, other than inspections required by the state, the FFD typically only inspects as a result of a complaint. He stated he is unsure when the FFD may be able to perform other inspections, as they are behind on alcohol, marijuana, and daycare businesses.

Mr. Cleworth referenced an email the Council received from an individual asking why there was no fiscal note associated with the change of fees. He stated he explained to the person that it was because the inspections were not currently happening, so there would be no fiscal impact. He explained that there was a difference in opinion internally at FFD on this subject years ago when inspections were actively occurring, and they requested to eliminate the fee. He said it reminds him of banks that take your money and then have an associated fee for each service. He asked if the language in the final paragraph of the resolution would be added to the fee schedule. City Attorney Chard stated that because the resolution does not state that it would amend the schedule of fees, it would not. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the trouble with resolutions is that they are forgotten with time. He indicated that the verbiage in the fee schedule should be changed and asked if that would require an ordinance. Attorney Chard clarified that it does not require an ordinance, but it would need to be stated in the proposed resolution. He added he was not aware that was the intent.

Ms. Sprinkle asked what the impact on workload would be if the FFD offered free preventative inspections and a lot of businesses took advantage of that. Chief of Staff Sanders pointed out that the language of the resolution states that businesses would be charged "when the inspection is requested by the business owner." He explained that the intent is to eliminate a fee for an inspection that is unwanted, not required by law, and not part of an investigation. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked about situations such as a fire exit being blocked. Chief Raygor clarified that inspections in response to a complaint are different. **Ms. Sprinkle** indicated that the final sentence, stating that preventative

inspections may be offered at no charge is still confusing. She wondered who would be making the call on the free ones. Assistant Fire Chief Cocco explained that the Fire Marshal's office does not currently perform any preventative inspections and that all inspections are required by ordinance, National Fire Protection Association standards, etc. He clarified, however, that sometimes an engine company will go out, inspect a business, and give them pointers, and this helps the department be familiar with the business layout. He stated that those types of reviews are always free, as far as he knows, and businesses can request them. He indicated the FFD is trying to ensure that if the Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Marshal, or Battalion Chief needs to inspect, the City can recoup the cost. He clarified that a first visit due to a complaint is free, but if further complaints occur and issues are identified, charges may be assessed. He stated that their focus with the fee schedule update was on mandated tasks, which are supposed to be annual, but sometimes stretch out to 18 months depending on the type of business and occupancy. He stated that the term "preventative inspection" is not used in at the FFD, but if it is referring to their company-level inspections, those are free. He confirmed that investigations, complaints, code enforcement, etc. are areas where the FFD charges fees. **Ms. Sprinkle** stated that given the explanation, she would like to see the final sentence removed.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 5089 to the next regular meeting.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NO. 5089 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information and Reports)

a) Committee Reports

Mr. Ringstad reported that the Permanent Fund Review Board will meet later in the week and that the Finance Committee has been working through many items. He shared that the Committee concurred that splitting off from the work sessions has been beneficial, allowing members to have substantive discussions and a more focused effort on longer-term fiscal issues for the City.

Mr. Marney shared that the City held a successful Q&A session, led by CFO Bell, for any interested Discretionary Fund grant applicants. He reported that the prior week he attended the Explore Fairbanks Board of Directors meeting. He stated they will host the Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA) convention this week, and he volunteered to greet and direct attendees.

Ms. Tidwell reported that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met last week and forwarded some asks to the Department of Transportation (DOT), one of which was to identify the individual who gave the green light on the [Manh Choh Kinross] ore haul. She indicated that another request was to put a pause on that project until the safety study currently being done is completed. She stated they will soon be going through the 59 suggestions from Kinney Engineering for mitigating safety risks of the ore haul. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that when he appointed

Ms. Tidwell to that committee, she was the best person for the job; he added that he is appreciative of her work. He stated that her standards are impeccable, and the Council will back her decisions.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that the Chena Riverfront Commission quarterly meeting should happen soon. She agreed that the Finance Committee is doing well, and members are excited to keep the same Council and community members in place for the coming year. She said the Committee will start looking at the alcohol tax soon. She shared that she attended the recent FAST Planning public open house on transit plans at Pioneer Park for one sole purpose: to share the concern expressed by a citizen at a Council meeting earlier in the summer regarding the proximity of the Veterans Affairs office to the transit system. She added that she is waiting for the next Polaris Work Group meeting.

Ms. Rogers stated she also looks forward to the next Polaris Work Group meeting. She indicated that she is active with the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC), which hosted a booth at the recent International Friendship Day event. She added that anyone who has never participated in that event owes it to themselves to do so. She stated she looks forward to starting the Legislative Information Group again, which will have a varying meeting schedule based on needs. She reported that the Opioid Work Group's last meeting was cancelled but they, along with the Housing and Homeless Committee and the Fairbanks Reentry Coalition, are very active and responsive to community needs. She shared that the prior week, she and other members of those groups were invited by Pete Kelly to tour the Fairbanks Rescue Mission, learn more about its programs and operations, and partake in a very fine lunch. She reported that the Fairbanks Native Association's Interagency Transition Council meets every few months and should be coming together soon. She spoke to the importance of the recent Borough Assembly meetings and stated that although the Council has scheduled assignments to represent, they should feel inclined to attend more frequently and not treat it as an obligation. She stated she believes the more the Assembly and Council understand each other, the more the two bodies can work together to accomplish things for the community.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he had nothing to report.

b) 2023-2024 Committee Assignments

Mayor Pruhs indicated that, unless there were any objections, all existing committee assignments will remain the same. He recalled that at the last meeting, he mentioned possibly making a change by moving Ms. Rogers and Mr. Cleworth to the Finance Committee, but after seeing the synergy and progress of the current Committee makeup, and with the recommendation of CFO Bell, he believes keeping things as they are will be best. **Ms. Rogers** expressed appreciation to the Mayor and stated she would not want to give up other committees to serve on the Finance Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Cleworth shared that when he swapped with Ms. Sprinkle for a Borough Assembly meeting, he never would have guessed that he would be attending a meeting where they would be discussing an ordinance to reinstate the City as the appeals board for the Planning Commission. He explained that this has been an ongoing issue for years, and he feels strongly that it should happen. He shared that the reason it changed in 2016 was viewed as somewhat retaliatory after the Borough Mayor disagreed with a Council's decision pertaining to a conditional use permit for a school in the Slaterville area. He recounted a protocol error during the associated Planning Commission

meeting, where a motion to reconsider was entertained after an unusual 30-minute recess. He explained how there was no vote on the actual issue, and the City identified that as problematic. He recalled that another issue at the time was an effort by that same Borough Mayor to rename Terminal Street, which many testified against due to the historical significance of it being the terminus of the railroad depot at the time. He shared that that ultimately, the City Council voted not to allow the renaming. He expressed hope that the Borough ordinance would pass, and he stated he would take the opportunity to share background information with the Assembly, as many members are likely not aware of the events from 2016. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if the City had weighed in on the issue. **Mr. Cleworth** referred Ms. Sprinkle to Resolution No. 5087, which the Council unanimously approved at its last meeting; he stated he would share that with the Assembly. He also congratulated Mr. Marney and Mr. Ringstad on their new terms of office.

Ms. Rogers congratulated the two Councilmembers on winning their respective seats. She thanked Chief Raygor for his 28 years of service to the City and stated that is a long time to be devoted to the work he does. She shared that anytime she has been in his presence, his deep knowledge and expertise is apparent, and she admires his work and wishes him well.

Ms. Sprinkle stated she is happy to see Mr. Marney and Mr. Ringstad continue for another three years and is looking forward to working on the budget.

Mr. Ringstad thanked Chief Raygor for all he has done for the City and wished him luck in his future endeavors. He also thanked the other Councilmembers for their kind words and shared that during the campaign season, he often spoke of the great working relationship that exists among Councilmembers. He indicated that was one of the reasons he was willing to continue serving.

Mr. Marney echoed Mr. Ringstad's comments and shared that with this Council, it is clear that members check politics at the door and work collectively for the citizens of Fairbanks.

Ms. Tidwell stated she is very happy to have both Mr. Marney and Mr. Ringstad still on the Council. She spoke about the upcoming Borough ordinance regarding the appeal process for the Planning Commission, a body she also she serves on. She stated that near the end of the Borough ordinance, there is language that indicates she would be grandfathered on the Planning Commission, but only until the end of her current term, which is December 2024. She stated she wished she had seen that language before the Council approved its resolution of support, because she would have liked to draw attention to it. She explained that the City does not currently have any representation on the Commission other than herself. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that Mr. Ringstad's nephew, Walker Ringstad, will be filling one of the seats, and he will ensure that all City's seats are filled.

Mr. Ringstad noted other information regarding commission vacancies in the City Clerk's report and asked for clarification. Clerk Snider shared that in addition to Ms. Tidwell, Joseph Collier is currently serving as a City representative on the Planning Commission. She confirmed what had been stated regarding Walker Ringstad. She reported that Aaron Gibson had previously applied for one of the seats; however, his application remained pending due to uncertainty, at the time, regarding the issue of the number of City seats on the Commission. She stated that additionally, he was running for a Borough Assembly seat, which would have disqualified him if elected. She explained that since that did not occur, the Borough Mayor's Office is now inquiring as to whether

the City may be interested in recommending the appointment of A. Gibson. She indicated that she will be working with Mayor Pruhs to get all City seats filled. **Mr. Ringstad** cited the language stating that the Council would recommend a name for the seats. **Mayor Pruhs** clarified that traditionally, he would present a name to the Council for its approval, after which he would forward that name to the Borough Mayor, who submits it to the Assembly for confirmation. He clarified that it is not meant to be a City Council member, but in Ms. Tidwell's situation, she was already serving on the Commission prior to her election to the Council. **Ms. Tidwell** clarified her concern that if the Assembly passes its ordinance as written and the Council returns to being the entity that hears appeals on the Planning Commission's actions, she will need to recuse herself on those appeal proceedings as long as she is serving in both roles.

Mayor Pruhs congratulated both Mr. Marney and Mr. Ringstad on retaining their Council seats.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Snider also congratulated Mr. Marney and Mr. Ringstad and noted that their reelection saves the City money, as there will be no travel funds spent to send new members to the Alaska Municipal League annual conference for training.

Ms. Rogers called attention to the work of City Clerk Snider. She applauded her attention to detail, mindfulness of expenses, and thorough quarterly report to the Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chard reported on a house near 10th Avenue which had caught fire a couple of times over the years and was abated in 2020. He explained that the owner filed a complaint with the court the following year. He shared that the court recently issued its ruling and sided with the City. He stated that while it took three years to resolve, he is pleased to report a favorable decision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to ENTER into an Executive Session to discuss Vlasios Vlasakakis v. City of Fairbanks.

Mayor Pruhs called for a voice vote on the motion to ENTER into an Executive Session to discuss Vlasios Vlasakakis v. City of Fairbanks, and all members voted in favor.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to ENTER into an Executive Session to receive an update on Roberts et al. v. City of Fairbanks.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the Council could legally enter that Executive Session, as it had not been publicly noticed. Attorney Chard explained that it would only be permitted if the matter was of an urgent nature. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that he does not believe the topic meets that criterion. Attorney Chard recommended the Council include it in the next Work Session or Regular Meeting agenda.

Ms. Sprinkle withdrew her motion.

Mayor Pruhs called for a brief recess, after which the Council reconvened in Executive Session.

a) Vlasios Vlasakakis v. City of Fairbanks (*Entered at 8:08 p.m.*)

The City Council met in Executive Sessions to discuss the above item. Guidance was given to the City Attorney, and no action was taken. The regular meeting resumed at 8:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objection, **Mayor Pruhs** declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: CC




MEMORANDUM

City of Fairbanks Clerk’s Office

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

TO: Mayor Pruhs and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Marijuana License Renewals

DATE: November 13, 2023

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
10589	Nature’s Releaf, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Nature’s Releaf, LLC	503 7th Avenue
14467	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	1200 Well Street
15814	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	1200 Well Street
16091	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility	Tanana Herb Company, LLC	1200 Well Street
10230	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	1851 Fox Avenue
10131	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	Retail Marijuana Store	Pakalolo Supply Company, Inc.	1851 Fox Avenue
10869	Grass Station 49	Retail Marijuana Store	The Grass Station, LLC	1326 Cushman Street

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-214 and 3 AAC 306.060, the Council may determine whether to protest marijuana license renewals after holding a public hearing. The 60-day deadline for response to AMCO on the above-listed renewals is November 24, 2023.

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-215(b)(12), I have inquired about complaints filed within the past 12 months with the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) and AMCO in regard to the above-listed marijuana establishments. FNSB and AMCO responded that they have no complaints on file for these establishments within the past year.

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

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Nature`s Releaf, LLC 10.17.2022 to 10.16.2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	06/05/2023 23:23:53	WANTED PERSON -	503 SEVENTH AVE	O10	NRP	06/05/2023 23:29:06
	12/02/2022 22:11:50	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	503 SEVENTH AVE	O5	NRP	12/02/2022 22:38:19
22004660	11/24/2022 00:51:53	SI - FLAG DOWN	503 SEVENTH AVE	O6	RPT	11/24/2022 01:59:02

Total Number of Events Listed: 3

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Tanana Herb Company 10.17.2022 to 10.16.2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
22004815	12/05/2022 10:28:23	THEFT FROM VEHICLE -	1200 WELL ST	DESK	RPT	12/05/2022 10:43:03

Total Number of Events Listed: 1

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Pakalolo Supply Company Inc 10.17.2022 to 10.16.2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	05/09/2023 00:50:10	ALARM BURGLARY -	1851 FOX AVE	S5	FAB	05/09/2023 01:04:42
	11/06/2022 20:05:53	ALARM HOLDUP/PANIC -	1851 FOX AVE	O34	FAB	11/06/2022 20:22:33

Total Number of Events Listed: **2**

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Grass Station 49 10.17.2022 to 10.16.2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	10/15/2023 15:50:16	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	1326 CUSHMAN ST	O50	NRP	10/15/2023 16:05:30
	10/09/2023 20:50:38	THREAT SUSP NOT	1326 CUSHMAN ST	O2	NRP	10/09/2023 21:02:38
23003474	09/09/2023 07:39:05	ROBBERY - PERSONAL -	1326 CUSHMAN ST	O19	RPT	09/09/2023 08:40:04
	08/20/2023 20:02:09	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	1326 CUSHMAN ST	S5	NRP	08/20/2023 20:11:34
	06/23/2023 20:47:45	HARASSMENT - BRAVO	1326 CUSHMAN ST	O10	NRP	06/23/2023 21:07:56
23002284	06/18/2023 03:40:20	URGENT WELFARE	1326 CUSHMAN ST	O17	RPT	06/18/2023 05:00:43
	06/14/2023 19:28:24	VERBAL DOMESTIC DIST	1326 CUSHMAN ST	O10	NRP	06/14/2023 19:40:09
23001352	04/09/2023 11:50:14	PAST VEHICLE THEFT -	1326 CUSHMAN ST	O6	RPT	04/09/2023 13:26:12
	03/28/2023 20:50:25	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	1326 CUSHMAN ST	O55	NRP	03/28/2023 21:01:33
23000531	02/05/2023 20:36:49	FRAUD/FORGERY -	1326 CUSHMAN ST	O2	RPT	02/06/2023 08:09:35
	01/23/2023 19:01:54	TRESPASS - PAST - LOG	1326 CUSHMAN ST	DESK	NRP	01/23/2023 19:15:31

Total Number of Events Listed: 11




800 Cushman Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Telephone (907)459-6702
Fax (907)459-6710

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Pruhs and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Application for Marijuana License Transfer of Controlling Interest

DATE: November 8, 2023

An application has been received by the State Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) for transfer of controlling interest for the following marijuana license:

License Type: Retail Marijuana Store, License #12325
 DBA: **GOOD Cannabis**
 Licensee/Applicant: Good, LLC
 Physical Location: 356 Old Steese Highway, Fairbanks

Corp/LLC Agent:	Address	Date/State of Incorporation	Good standing?
Good, LLC Christian Hood	356 Old Steese Highway Fairbanks, AK 99701	03/03/2016 – AK	Yes

Member/Officer/Director:	Address	Phone	Title/Shares (%)
Good Holdings, LLC	PO Box 83091 Fairbanks, AK 99708	907-322-4962	Member/Manager 100%
Christian Hood	PO Box 83091 Fairbanks, AK 99708	907-322-4962	Managing Member
Linda Lewis	PO Box 83091 Fairbanks, AK 99708	425-760-9649	Member
Ronica Aldrich	PO Box 83091 Fairbanks, AK 99708	907-229-1373	Member
Greg Allison	PO Box 83091 Fairbanks, AK 99709	480-586-1077	Member
Charles Goodale	PO Box 83091 Fairbanks, AK 99709	907-699-9478	Member

NOTE: This is a transfer of controlling interest only.

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-215(a), the Council must determine whether to protest the marijuana license action after holding a public hearing. The City Clerk has complied with the advertising requirement set forth in FGC Sec. 14-214(c)(1).

The Fairbanks Police Department has included a call report for this location, but there are no **department-recommended protests** to this transfer.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

GOOD Cannabis 10/11/2022 to 10/10/2023

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	07/12/2023 15:03	DISTURBANCE	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O50	NRP	07/12/2023 15:33:46
23002503	07/02/2023 20:57	RECKLESS ACTIVITY	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O19	RPT	07/02/2023 21:51:14
	05/27/2023 21:31	MENTAL DISORDER -	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O55	NRP	05/27/2023 22:08:51
	05/07/2023 12:41	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O6	NRP	05/07/2023 13:05:01
23001465	04/17/2023 21:00	SUSP	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O20	RPT	04/17/2023 21:45:34
	04/03/2023 19:42	DISTURBANCE	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O31	NRP	04/03/2023 19:55:48
	04/01/2023 17:20	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O7	NRP	04/01/2023 17:36:47
	03/04/2023 14:06	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O7	NRP	03/04/2023 14:15:51
23000723	02/19/2023 16:40	DRUGS - SALE -	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O7	RPT	02/19/2023 18:16:45
22004664	11/24/2022 12:04	THEFT OR VEH	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O27	RPT	11/24/2022 12:26:39
	11/07/2022 19:26	TRESPASS/UNWANTE	356 OLD STEESE HWY	O10	NRP	11/07/2022 19:51:46

Total Number of Events Listed: 11



**Alaska Marijuana Control Board
 Marijuana Establishment
 Form MJ-17c: License Transfer Application**

What is this form?

This form must be used to initiate a transfer of ownership of a marijuana establishment license under 3 AAC 306.045. This transfer application must be completed and submitted to AMCO’s main office, along with all necessary supplemental documents and fees listed in **Form MJ-17b: License Transfer Application Checklist**, before a transfer of ownership, including a change that affects the controlling interest of an entity, will be considered by the Marijuana Control Board.

Please note that licensees seeking to change controlling interest of an entity that owns multiple licenses must submit a separate completed copy of this form and the required supplemental documents and fees for each license.

Section 1 – Transferor Information

Enter information for the **current** licensee and licensed establishment.

Licensee:	Good LLC	License Number:	12325		
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store				
Doing Business As:	GOOD Cannabis				
Premises Address:	356 Old Steese Hwy				
City:	Fairbanks	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99701
Email:	info@goodalaska.com				
Local Government:	City of Fairbanks/Fairbanks North Star Borough				

- Regular ownership transfer Transfer of controlling interest in the licensed entity

Section 2 – Transferee Information

Enter information for the **new** applicant seeking to be licensed. The business license # should be issued for the DBA listed below, and held by the transferee.

Licensee:	Good LLC	Alaska Entity #	10036394		
Mailing Address:	356 Old Steese Hwy				
City:	Fairbanks	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99701
Doing Business As:	GOOD Cannabis				
Business License #:	2115560	Business Phone:	907-322-4962		
Designated Licensee:	Christian Hood				
Contact Email:	christian@goodalaska.com	Phone #	907-322-4962		



Form MJ-17c: License Transfer Application

Section 3 – Entity Ownership Information

This section must be completed by any entity, including a corporation, limited liability company (LLC), partnership, or limited partnership, that is applying for a license. Sole proprietors should skip to Section 4. If any entity official is another entity, you must include the AK Entity # of that entity in the Entity Official Name field, attach a separate completed copy of this page that breaks down the ownership information for that entity, and submit the supplemental documents and fingerprint fees listed on Form MJ-17b required for each individual entity official. Entity documents must be submitted for each entity listed on this form.

If more space is needed, please attach additional completed copies of this page.

- If the applicant is a corporation, list each *officer or director, and owner of any of the corporation's stock*.
- If the applicant is a limited liability company, list each *member holding any ownership interest and each manager*.
- If the applicant is a partnership or limited partnership, list each *partner holding any interest and each general partner*.

Entity Official Name:	Good Holdings, LLC AK Entity #10188404				
Title(s):	Manager/Member	Phone:	907-322-4962	% Owned:	100
Email:	info@goodalaska.com				
Mailing Address:	PO Box 83091				
City:	Fairbanks	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99708
Entity Official Name:	Christian Hood (Managing Member of Good Holdings, LLC)				
Title(s):		Phone:	907-322-4962	% Owned:	
Email:	christian@goodalaska.com				
Mailing Address:	PO Box 83091				
City:	Fairbanks	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99708
Entity Official Name:	Linda Lewis (Member of Good Holdings, LLC)				
Title(s):		Phone:	425-760-9649	% Owned:	
Email:	linda@goodalaska.com				
Mailing Address:	PO Box 83091				
City:	Fairbanks	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99708
Entity Official Name:	Ronica Aldrich (Member of Good Holdings, LLC)				
Title(s):		Phone:	907-229-1373	% Owned:	
Email:	ronica@goodalaska.com				
Mailing Address:	PO Box 83091				
City:	Fairbanks	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99708
Entity Official Name:	Greg Allison (Member of Good Holdings, LLC)				
Title(s):		Phone:	480-586-1077	% Owned:	
Email:	greg@goodalaska.com				
Mailing Address:	PO Box 83091				
City:	Fairbanks	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99708



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- If the applicant is a partnership or limited partnership, list each *partner holding any interest and each general partner*.

Entity Official Name:	Charles Goodale				
Title(s):		Phone:	907-699-9478	% Owned:	
Email:	barret@goodalaska.com				
Mailing Address:	PO Box 83091				
City:	Fairbanks	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99708
Entity Official Name:					
Title(s):		Phone:		% Owned:	
Email:					
Mailing Address:					
City:		State:		ZIP:	
Entity Official Name:					
Title(s):		Phone:		% Owned:	
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Email:					
Mailing Address:					
City:		State:		ZIP:	



Form MJ-17c: License Transfer Application

Section 4 – Other Licenses

Ownership and financial interest in other marijuana establishments:

Yes No

Does any representative or owner named as a transferee in this application have any direct or indirect financial interest in any other marijuana establishment that is licensed in Alaska?

If "Yes", disclose which individual(s) has the financial interest, which license number(s), and license type(s):

All licensees have a financial interest in Cultivation License #10166 and Manufacturing License #10165

Section 5 – Authorization

Communication with AMCO staff:

Yes No

Does any person other than a licensee named in this application have authority to discuss this license with AMCO staff?

If "Yes", disclose the name of the individual and the reason for this authorization:

Jana Weltzin, Attorney and staff

Section 6 – Transferee Certifications

Read the line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of the statement:

Initials

I certify that all proposed licensees (as defined in 3 AAC 306.020) have been listed on this application.

Completed copies of all required documents and fees listed on Form MJ-17b are attached to this form.

I certify that I understand that providing a false statement on this form or any other form provided by AMCO is grounds for rejection or denial of this application or revocation of any license issued.

I agree to provide all information required by the Marijuana Control Board in support of this application.

As an applicant for a marijuana establishment license, I declare under penalty of unsworn falsification that I have read and am familiar with AS 17.38 and 3 AAC 306, and that this form, including all accompanying schedules and statements, is true, correct, and complete.

Christian Hood

Signature of transferee

Christian Hood

Printed name of transferee

State of Alaska
NOTARY PUBLIC
Rebecca Allison
My Commission Expires Dec 2, 2024

Rebecca Allison

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska.

My commission expires: 12/2/24

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of June, 2023.



Form MJ-17c: License Transfer Application

Section 7 - Transferor Certifications

Additional copies of this page may be attached, as needed, for the controlling interest of the current licensee to be represented.

I declare under penalty of unsworn falsification that the undersigned represents a **controlling interest** of the current licensee. I additionally certify that I, as the current licensee (either the sole proprietor or the controlling interest of the currently licensed entity) approve of the transfer of this license, and that the information on this form is true, correct, and complete.

Signature of transferor

Christian Hood

Printed name of transferor

State of Alaska
NOTARY PUBLIC
Rebecca Allison
My Commission Expires Dec 2, 2024

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska.

My commission expires: 12/2/24

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of June, 2023.

Signature of transferor

Printed name of transferor

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska.

My commission expires: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20__.

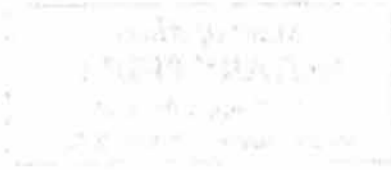
Signature of transferor

Printed name of transferor

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska.

My commission expires: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20__.



RESOLUTION NO. 5089

**A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE FEE FOR "FIRE INSPECTION,
INVESTIGATION, AND TECHNICAL SERVICES" AND "ROUTINE
SAFETY CHECKS, RESPONSE TO SAFETY COMPLAINTS"**

WHEREAS, annual technical fire inspections are required by Section 106.6 of the amended 2018 International Fire Code adopted by the City of Fairbanks on April 12, 2021 (hereinafter, " Fire Code"); and

WHEREAS, inspection fees are authorized by Section 106.6 of the Fire Code and, if approved by Council, are required to be included in the City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services; and

WHEREAS, the fee for "Fire Inspection, Investigation, Technical Services" and "Routine Safety Checks, Response to Safety Complaints" was increased to \$125 by Resolution No. 5076; and

WHEREAS, the services provided under "Fire Inspection, Investigation, Technical Services" and "Routine Safety Checks, Response to Safety Complaints" include inspections required by the State of Alaska, fire investigations, and routine preventative business inspections that may or may not be requested by the business owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the fee for "Fire Inspection, Investigation, Technical Services" and "Routine Safety Checks, Response to Safety Complaints" will only be charged when the inspection is requested by the business owner, required by the State of Alaska, or as part of a fire investigation at that business. Preventative inspections may be offered as a courtesy to business owners at no charge.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas Chard, City Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. 5089, AS AMENDED
(PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE)**

**A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE FEE FOR "FIRE INSPECTION,
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the fee for "Fire Inspection, Investigation, Technical Services" and "Routine Safety Checks, Response to Safety Complaints" will only be charged when the inspection is requested by the business owner, required by the State of Alaska, or as part of a fire investigation at that business. ~~Preventative inspections may be offered as a courtesy to business owners at no charge.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services will be amended to reflect this change.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas Chard, City Attorney

Resolution No. 5089, as Amended
Proposed Substitute
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RESOLUTION NO. 5090

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE FFY2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks has been notified by the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management that the City has been awarded State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funds to address planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks has been awarded \$85,000 to purchase mobile radios for Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (\$60,000) and ropes and collapse training for Fairbanks Fire Department (\$25,000); and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks is not required to provide a match.

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 accepting funds on behalf of the City for the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th Day of November 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

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5090

Abbreviated Title: FFY2023 State Homeland Security Program

Department(s): FECC & FFD

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

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

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

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

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

If yes, how many positions? _____

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

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

PROJECTS:	Equipment	Training	Other	Total
FECC mobile radios, wiring, and one antenna	\$60,000			\$60,000
FFD ropes and collapse training		\$25,000		\$25,000
TOTAL	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$85,000

FUNDING SOURCE:	Equipment	Training	Other	Total
Grant Funds (Federal Pass-Through from State)	\$60,000	\$25,000		\$85,000
TOTAL	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$85,000

The operations and maintenance associated with the FECC mobile radios will be performed by the selected vendor, costs for maintenance will be incorporated into the annual general fund budget. There are no ongoing costs anticipated from the training.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial sf

Date 10/23/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 5091

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ALASCONNECT, LLC
FOR MANAGED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, RFP 23-13**

WHEREAS, in 2016, the City of Fairbanks solicited bids for Information Technology (IT) services, and AlasConnect, Ltd. was awarded the contract with a term of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with FGC Chapter 54, Article IV, Competitive Bidding, bids were solicited for Managed Information Technology (IT) Services through RFP 23-13, and three bids were received and evaluated by a panel using a comprehensive scoring matrix; and

WHEREAS, AlasConnect, LLC received the highest scoring with a bid in the amount of seven hundred forty-nine thousand, nine hundred forty-two dollars and zero cents (\$749,942.00); and

WHEREAS, the IT services contract will be funded by the City General Fund through the IT account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract and such other documents in a form approved by the City Attorney as may be necessary to effect award of this contract to AlasConnect, LLC to provide managed IT services to the City of Fairbanks.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th Day of November 2023.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5091

Abbreviated Title: RESOLUTION AWARING CONTRACT TO ALASCONNECT LLC

Department(s): IT

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

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

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

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

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

If yes, how many positions? _____

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

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

PROJECTS:	2024+
MANAGED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERVICES	\$ 749,942
TOTAL	\$ 749,942

FUNDING SOURCE:	2024+
GENERAL FUND	\$ 749,942
TOTAL	\$ 749,942

The costs associated with this service contract will be appropriated annually through the budgeting process.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 11/7/2023

ORDINANCE NO. 6265

**AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT DUTIES
FROM THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH TO HEAR AND
DECIDE APPEALS OF CERTAIN LAND USE DECISIONS FOR LAND
LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS**

WHEREAS, for decades the Fairbanks City Council sat as a Board of Adjustment to hear and decide appeals of land use decisions for land located within the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) passed Ordinance No. 2016-36, which revoked the City Council's authority to sit as the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Fairbanks City Council has urged the FNSB to reinstate the Board of Adjustment delegation to the City through the approval of multiple resolutions; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2023, the FNSB Assembly adopted Ordinance No. 2023-60, delegating certain Board of Adjustment duties to the City of Fairbanks on land use decisions for land lying within City boundaries; and

WHEREAS, FNSB Ordinance No. 2023-60 is not effective until the Fairbanks City Council adopts an ordinance to accept the delegation.

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

Section 1. That the City of Fairbanks accepts the delegation of Board of Adjustment duties for land use decisions for land within the boundaries of the Fairbanks city limits from the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Section 2. That the City Clerk is directed to provide the Borough Clerk an executed copy of this ordinance for distribution to members of the Borough Assembly.

Section 3. That the effective date of this ordinance is five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 6266

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HIRING INCENTIVE BONUS PROGRAM FOR THE RECRUITMENT AND HIRING OF FIRST TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT THE FAIRBANKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, an incentive bonus program for recruitment and hiring of lateral police officers at the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) was established by the City Council on June 19, 2017, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 6050, reestablished by Ordinance No. 6129 in 2020, and amended by Ordinance No. 6248 in June 2023; and

WHEREAS, the incentive bonus program for lateral hires has been successful, but a similar program does not exist for individuals beginning a law enforcement career; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks Police Department has police officer vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to encourage individuals, especially citizens of the city, to begin a career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a one-time sign-on bonus of \$20,000 for first time law enforcement officers would encourage individuals to apply to become police officers with the Fairbanks Police Department.

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

SECTION 1. A Fairbanks Police Department applicant without prior law enforcement certification from the Alaska Police Standards Council, or similar organization in another state, who successfully completes the basic officer academy and field training, will be paid a \$20,000 “sign-on bonus.” The City will pay the bonus to the employee in their first paycheck following completion of field training. No employee may receive a sign-on bonus more than once.

SECTION 2. To receive the hiring incentive bonus, the employee must agree to work full-time for the City. Should the employee resign, quit, or be terminated for cause prior to completing three years of employment, the employee will be required to repay a prorated amount of the hiring bonus received.

SECTION 3. The Sign-On Bonus Agreement (Attachment A) is approved.

SECTION 4. The bonus established in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this ordinance will be funded through salary savings.

SECTION 5. This program will sunset on December 31, 2024, unless extended by resolution of the City Council.

SECTION 6. The effective date of this ordinance is five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, City 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: 6266

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HIRING BONUS FOR FIRST TIME POLICE OFFICERS

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 bonus for first time law enforcement officers in the amount of \$20,000 will be paid from salary savings.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 11/2/2023

**Attachment A
to Ordinance No. 6266**



**Fairbanks Police Department
Sign-On Bonus Contract
First-Time Police Officer**

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

WHEREAS, this contract will apply to first-time police officers employed by the Fairbanks Police Department (“Department”); and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to offer 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 three full years; and

WHEREAS, no Employee may receive a sign-on bonus more than once.

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

1. The City, acting through the Department, agrees to offer the Employee the amount of \$20,000 as a Sign-on Bonus in return for the Employee accepting the City’s offer of employment. The City will pay the bonus in the Employee’s first paycheck following 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 bonuses 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. Should the employee resign, quit, or be terminated for cause before three years beginning “Start Date” and ending on “3-Year 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 three 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 12/36 of such amount. Employee agrees, represents, and warrants that they will be held to any applicable repayment of the Sign-on Bonus. 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 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 three years for reasons beyond their control (e.g., injury, illness, or death), other than just cause termination, the Department may in its sole discretion waive all or part of the liability owed by the Employee. Any such waivers must be approved in writing by both the 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.

BY SIGNING BELOW, the Employee also certifies that they are eligible for this Sign-on Bonus.

IN WITNESS THEREOF:

Employee Signature

Date

Employee Printed Name

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 – City Finance Committee
Date: November 8, 2023

The three-year term of one of the non-voting, public seats on the Council Finance Committee currently filled by Ms. Alesia Kruckenberg will expire on December 31, 2023. Ms. Kruckenberg has applied to continue her service on the Committee.

I hereby request your concurrence to the following **reappointment** to the Council Finance Committee:

Ms. Alesia Kruckenberg Term to Expire: December 31, 2026

Ms. Kruckenberg's application and resume are attached.

Thank you.


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Board Details

The Finance Committee shall consider all matters relating to the fiscal operation of the City and shall make recommendations regarding fiscal matters to the full City Council on matters such as ordinances amending the budget estimate, applications for new grants, special projects, and the annual audits.

Overview

 **Size** 6 Seats

 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** N/A

Additional

Board/Commission Characteristics

The Finance Committee shall consist of six members: two members of the City Council, the Chief of Staff, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and two public members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Each public member must possess a background in finance, accounting, or management and shall serve a three-year term. The CFO serves as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Meetings

The Finance Committee meets the Thursday following the first regular Monday Council meeting each month at 7 a.m. in the Felix Pedro Conference Room at City Hall.

Enacting Legislation

FGC 2-118.1

Enacting Legislation Website

<https://bit.ly/3o7An0p>

Joint Commission Details

N/A

Email the Commission Members

financecommittee@fairbanks.us

Profile

Alesia
First Name

Kruckenberg
Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

Mailing Address

[Redacted]

Are you a City of Fairbanks resident? *

Yes

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Finance Committee: Submitted

Interests and Experiences

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 have been interested in becoming more involved in state government for some time now and finally feel that I can commit the time required to be an active member. As my resume demonstrates I have made a career in the field of finance, first in banking, and for the last twenty years at the state's university. I would be honored to lend my many years of experience to the city's finance committee.

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

please see resume

Upload a Resume

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

University of Alaska, Southeast: Master of Public Administration, graduated 2018 University of Alaska, Fairbanks: B.B.A. Accounting, graduated Cum Laude 2014 University of Alaska, Fairbanks: A.S. Paralegal Studies, graduated Magna Cum Laude 2005

Alesia M. Kruckenberg

Profile

Progressive employment experience in a people-oriented atmosphere with oversight and managerial responsibilities. Focusing on valuable experiences in the areas of: database management; budget development; data analysis; accounting and financial functions; and intra/inter-departmental communications. Extensive experience in areas such as: data management (Microsoft Excel); word processing (Microsoft Word); relational database management, and financial management systems.

Strengths

- Dedicated to professionalism, highly motivated toward goal achievement
- Successful in mastering accounting theory and technical skills
- Excellent team leader; functions well under pressure
- Very dependable, works well independently, requiring little supervision

Experience

University of Alaska (UA) Statewide Office of Strategy, Planning and Budget (08/2005-present)

Director

Responsible for overseeing the development of the University's operating and capital budget requests submitted to the State of Alaska. Program requests, revenue projections, and operating expenditure data are gathered, analyzed, vetted, and compiled to create a system request in-line with the university's mission and the State's guidance. Provide oversight and guidance for the operating and capital budget analysts responsible for tracking, reporting, and budget development.

Act as a liaison for internal and external individuals requesting university budget information. Perform as the primary liaison between UA and the State of Alaska for budget and accounting related matters. Compile, balance, and report UA's financial information in the State's budget and accounting systems.

University of Alaska Statewide Office of Risk Management (09/2001-08/2005)

Administrative Generalist

Apply accounting principles to and manage database data entry operations for claims database. Run reports and review database information for accuracy and integrity. Perform monthly reconciliation of claims database transactions with the transactions occurring in the UA Banner financial system. Analyze operations and design and recommend safeguards, controls and automated processes to ensure data entry accuracy and integrity. Analyze incoming requests for information and special reports and, utilizing comprehensive knowledge of the claims database structure and relational database query operations, extract appropriate data and financial information to fulfill special report and research project requests. Utilize spreadsheet skills to further design, develop, produce and distribute the various reports to staff, other departments, and outside agencies. Design, establish, and maintain electronic tracking systems and physical filing protocol for various documents and records. Maintain the department's web site to include information gathering, research, composing new pages, and updating existing pages.

University Chevron, Fairbanks, Alaska (5/97-spring 2002, 12/2005-03/2006)

Bookkeeper

Responsible for daily bookkeeping for an automotive service and rental car company, including: preparation of daily and monthly financial reports; cash deposits; parts tracking; customer billing; and Department of Motor Vehicle reporting for inspection and maintenance (I/M) program and vehicle registration tabs. Established various tracking and marketing systems.

Alesia M. Kruckenberg

Eastern Savings Bank, FSB, Hunt Valley, Maryland (08/91-04/96)

Accounting Assistant

Responsible for: financial statement preparation; reconciliation and analyses of various general ledger accounts; cash control for electronic funds transfers; liaison between various departments and accounting; and various duties related to the daily operations of a financial institution.

Yorkridge Calvert FSA & NCNB Nat'l Bank of MD, Baltimore, Maryland (12/86-08/91)

Staff Accountant/Account Reconciler

Handled reconciliation of general ledger and bank accounts; liaison between savings branches, loan department and accounting. Prepared and filmed loan payments and assisted customer service representatives with customer inquiries.

Education/Training

University of Alaska, Southeast: Master of Public Administration, graduated 2018

University of Alaska, Fairbanks: B.B.A. Accounting, graduated Cum Laude 2014

University of Alaska, Fairbanks: A.S. Paralegal Studies, graduated Magna Cum Laude 2005

Numerous leadership and professional education classes, seminars, conferences.

Reference

Provided upon request



City of Fairbanks

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: David Pruhs, City Mayor
Subject: Request for Concurrence – Permanent Fund Review Board
Date: November 8, 2023

Due to the recent resignation of Jennifer Imus, there is a vacancy on the Permanent Fund Review Board. Ms. Pamela Wentz, who was recommended by the City CFO and the Permanent Fund Review Board Chair, has applied to fill the vacancy.

I hereby request your concurrence to the following **appointment** to the Permanent Fund Review Board:

Seat A: Ms. Pamela Wentz Term to Expire: December 31, 2025

Ms. Wentz's application is attached.

Thank you.

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Board Details

The Permanent Fund Review Board shall advise and make recommendations to the City Council concerning investment policy, strategy, and asset selection and allocation of the permanent fund. The Board may use the services of a professional investment advisor/manager in rendering its advice and recommendations to the City Council.

Overview

Size 5 Seats

Term Length 3 Years

Term Limit N/A

Additional

Board/Commission Characteristics

The Mayor, with confirmation from the City Council, shall appoint five members to the Permanent Fund Review Board. Members shall possess some background in any one or more fields in accounting, banking, financial investment advisement, securities regulation, public finance, or other similar professional fields regulated by the State of Alaska or other professional or national organizations. Each member shall serve a three-year term.

Meetings

The Permanent Fund Review Board was formed in accordance with the Fairbanks Home Rule Charter, Section 8.8(b). Meetings are held quarterly at City Hall in the Council Chambers and are open to the public. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or by a majority of the members. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum and a majority shall be necessary to carry any question. Minutes shall be kept as a permanent record of all meetings and shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Enacting Legislation

FGC 2-256 through 2-262

Enacting Legislation Website

<http://bit.ly/2EE2wpa>

Joint Commission Details

N/A

Email the Commission Members

permanentfundadvisoryboard@fairbanks.us



Profile

Pamela

First Name

Wentz

Last Name

Email Address

Mailing Address

Are you a City of Fairbanks resident? *

Yes

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Permanent Fund Review Board: Submitted

Interests and Experiences

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?

Current Board member Patty Mongold told me about the position and asked if I would be interested. I have worked with several non-profit organizations as the treasurer. I also am a loan officer and deal with financial statements.

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

Moved to Fairbanks in 1978. Immediately started at First National Bank Alaska as a Teller and have worked my up to Interior Regional Branch Manager/Loan Officer. Member of the Sunrisers Rotary Club and past president. Was president and treasurer for The Carol H. Brice Family Center. Have donated time to different sports leagues around Fairbanks.

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

I am a loan officer and deal with financial statements all the time.



City of Fairbanks

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: David Pruhs, City Mayor
Subject: Request for Concurrence – Discretionary Fund Committee
Date: November 8, 2023

Due to the recent resignation of Diane Borgeson, there is a vacancy on the Discretionary Fund Committee. Mr. Thomas Alexander, who was recommended by Discretionary Fund Committee Chair Marney, has applied to fill the vacancy.

I hereby request your concurrence to the following **appointment** to the Discretionary Fund Committee:

Seat B Mr. Thomas Alexander Term to Expire: June 30, 2025

Mr. Alexander's application is attached.

Thank you.

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Board Details

The Discretionary Fund Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council by reviewing applications from organizations applying for grant dollars and making recommendations for fund distribution. The primary purpose of discretionary grants is the promotion of the tourism industry and other economic development in the City of Fairbanks.

Overview

Size 6 Seats

Term Length 3 Years

Term Limit 2 Terms

Additional

Board/Commission Characteristics

The Discretionary Fund Committee consists of five community members and a Council person who functions as the Chair, all appointed by the Mayor. Each member serves a three-year term with a limit of two consecutive full terms.

Meetings

Discretionary Fund Committee Meetings are held annually in November, December, and January at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Please contact the Office of the City Clerk for meeting dates and times.

Enacting Legislation

FGC Chapter 74, Article V, Room Rental Tax

Enacting Legislation Website

<https://bit.ly/31mwjmD>

Joint Commission Details

N/A

Email the Commission Members

discretionaryfundcommittee@fairbanks.us

Profile

Thomas

First Name

Alexander

Last Name

Email Address

Are you a City of Fairbanks resident? *

Yes

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Discretionary Fund Committee: Submitted

Interests and Experiences

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 in serving on a City Board or commission, because I love the City I was born and raised in and raised my family in.

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

Born and raised in Fairbanks in 1955. Graduated from Lathrop High School class of 1973. Went to College at Oregon State University. Graduated with a Bachelors in Political Science in 1978. After graduating came home and ran the family business along with my brother after both my parents died my Senior year of college. Sold the business in 1983. After my oldest daughter Haley was born in 1985, I became Mr. Mom for 2 years until the birth of my youngest daughter Keva was born. I started my career working for Moore Business Forms as the local sales representative. I spent the next 37 years in the print industry. I coached high school baseball at Lathrop High School for 5 years. I coached girls softball with my daughters until they stopped playing. Coached the 16 and Under Girls Fastpitch Softball Travel team. Pass member of the Sunrise Rotary Club Current member of the Elks Lodge 1551.


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

N/A



City of Fairbanks

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk 
Through: Mayor David Pruhs
Subject: Recommendation for Appointment to the FNSB Planning Commission
Date: November 8, 2023

One of the four City-represented seats on the FNSB Planning Commission is currently vacant.

FNSB Code of Ordinances Section 4.80.010A states:

The appointments of members from the cities shall be selected from a list of recommendations submitted to the Borough Mayor by the city councils.

By approving this memorandum, the Fairbanks City Council recommends to the Borough Mayor the appointment of Mr. Christopher Stepovich to Seat D of the FNSB Planning Commission with a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

Mr. Stepovich's application and resume are attached.


Thank you.



Board Details

The powers and duties of the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Planning Commission are as outlined in FNSBC Chapter 4.80.

Overview

 **Size** 4 Seats

 **Term Length** 3 Years

 **Term Limit** N/A

Additional

Board/Commission Characteristics

The FNSB Planning Commission 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 Borough 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 presentative 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. In addition to the eligibility and qualifications requirements in FNSBC 4.04.040, the assembly shall not confirm the appointment or selection of a local elected official serving on the assembly or a mayor. Any sitting planning commissioner who is elected or appointed as an assembly member or mayor shall resign as a planning commissioner on or prior to being sworn in to the new position.

Meetings

Planning Commission meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month or as scheduled by the clerk. The Commission shall annually elect from its membership a chairman and vice chairman and shall adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings. Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised) shall apply unless different rules are adopted by the Commission and approved by the Assembly. Meetings of the Commission are public in accordance with AS 44.62 and minutes shall be kept. Minutes of the Commission shall be filed with the Borough Clerk. Records of the Commission shall be retained as public records within the Planning Department. Six members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. All Commission actions shall be by vote of a majority of the Commission's membership who are present and voting.

Enacting Legislation

FNSBC 4.80.010 - 4.80.060

Enacting Legislation Website

<http://bit.ly/2A7yw11>

Joint Commission Details

The Planning Commission is a FNSB Commission with appointments from multiple jurisdictions. Only City-recommended seats are listed on the City's membership roster. If there is a vacancy for one of the three City-recommended seats, you may apply through this website. For a complete member listing, visit the Fairbanks North Star Borough website at <https://bit.ly/3j3DSnz>.

Email the Commission Members

N/A

Profile

Christopher

First Name

Stepovich

Last Name

Email Address

Are you a City of Fairbanks resident? *

Yes

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

FNSB - Planning Commission: Submitted

Interests and Experiences

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 a practicing Civil Engineer in the field of transportation with 10 years of industry experience. While my primary focus has been roadway and corridor geometry, I also have experience in traffic design and contracts/specification writing. I have worked on urban corridor and rural highway projects spanning from Alaska to Oregon and maintain a PE stamp in both Oregon and Alaska.

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

See resume.

Upload a Resume

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

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Gonzaga University (2013); Alaska PE License (AK CE203876); Oregon PE License (OR 94720PR); NCEES EIT Certification (2013). US Green Building Council Accreditation, LEED Green associate (2014-2016)

Transportation Engineer

Accomplished transportation engineer with considerable experience supporting highway, local roads, multimodal and accessibility projects. Solid understanding of the complexity associated with agencies' interpretations of local and federal design standards. Motivated to further hone leadership skills, cultivate relationships, and deliver projects.

Professional Experience

- Interact with state government and local agencies
- Project design lead (Professional of Record)
- Manage document coordination between plan sets, specifications, and cost estimates
- Prepare cost estimates for projects ranging from \$50k to \$1B
- Prepare specifications
- Design corridors in Civil 3D & Inroads
- Design ADA compliant facilities
- Design non-motorized facilities
- Design transit stops
- Design driveways and approaches
- Develop design exceptions
- Develop construction schedules
- Prepare utility conflict documents
- Modify legal descriptions and create parcel maps for rights-of-way acquisition
- Assist in construction administration/management

Professional Work History

HDR Engineering, Portland, OR. Jan 2017 – Present

Transportation Engineer II

Serve as a project engineer and design lead on roadway projects. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: concept development, estimating, project delivery/design, stakeholder consultation, and construction administration.

DOWL, Anchorage, AK. October 2014 – Jan 2017

Transportation Engineer I

Served as an EIT on multiple transportation related projects. Created detailed cost estimates, performed TIA study, noise analysis, civil site design, and various other roadway design tasks.

Credentials

- National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, **Professional Engineer (OR 94720PE & AK CE203876)**, October 2018
- U.S. Green Building Council accreditation, **LEED Green Associate**, 2014-2016
- National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, **Engineer in Training (EIT) Certification**, May 2013
- HDR Internal Recognition for project work, **HDR Pathfinder Award**, 2018 & 2019

Community Involvement

Portland Foodbank, Construction, **Project Manager**, 2017-Present

Team founder, instrumental in raising over 10,000 lbs. of food for the foodbank to date.

- Anchorage Foodbank, Construction, **Designer**, 2014-2017
Project team member, helped raise several thousand lbs. of food for the foodbank.

Education

- Portland State University, Portland, OR, **Master of Engineer**, 2017 to Present.
Focus: Transportation, traffic, and urban design.
Highlight: Study abroad program, Netherlands Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure Course.
Remaining: Take ME Civil test
- Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, **Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering**, December 2013.
Honors: Rewarded Dean Scholarship, Presidents List (2 semesters)
Electives: Water Resources, Transportation Engr., Concrete Design, and Masonry and Timber Design.

Project Experience

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project (2021- Present): This major interstate project in downtown Portland involves the widening of the I-5 highway, modernizing on/off ramps, improving local streets and the creation of freeway covers capable of supporting public parks and building up to 3-stories tall. While currently still in design phase, total improvements are estimated at \$1.25B. Chris is a lead roadway designer for one of the freeway design packages and is the lead specification engineer for the entire project. As a lead designer Chris directs a team of roadway engineers while coordinating with bridge, geotechnical, and drainage designers to produce a seamless plan set. As the consultant's lead specification engineer, Chris manages the special provisions for each design phase. His duties include writing & editing specifications, overseeing designers, and heavily coordinating with State and Local agencies to ensure all standards are maintained.

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), CM Augmented Staff Member, Portland. Construction Manager (2021): Through an on-call contract with The City, Chris served as an augmented staff member of the PBOT Construction Management group. Chris worked with PBOT Project Managers to develop engineering solutions, design alterations, utility coordination and assist with day-to-day management of active construction projects. He also utilized the online project management software to provide detailed reviews of both internal and external engineering submittal packages on behalf of the Construction Management group.

Washington County, TV Highway Corridor Project Development. Lead Roadway Engineer (2020): This project explored opportunities for improvement along TV Hwy (OR8) from Forest Grove to Beaverton for a wide range of safety and transit improvements, including identifying user access needs for bicycle and pedestrians. Chris was the lead roadway designer and cost estimate engineer. Chris led a small team to develop multimodal roadway cross sections, concept plans, and estimate for this 16-mile corridor project.

ODOT, OR8: SW 192nd-SW 165th Avenues, Beaverton. Lead Roadway Engineer (2021): This pedestrian improvements project on OR 8 from SW 165th to SW 192nd Avenue, included a new bus shelter, a new pedestrian activated beacon, ADA-compliant ramps, improved intersection lighting, and bus pads. Chris, as the lead estimator and specification writer, provided coordination between all the disciplines to develop a concurrent and constructible plan. As the roadway POR, Chris provided stamped engineering plans for the bus stops, ADA ramps, sidewalks, and bike lanes.

ODOT, OR8 at OR219 and SE 44th and SE 45th Avenues, Hillsboro. Roadway Designer (2020): This was a safety improvements project at the intersections of Oak Street and Baseline Street with OR 219 (S 1st Avenue) in downtown Hillsboro. The proposed improvements included new traffic signals and signs, improved lighting, upgraded ADA ramps, and a new dedicated left-turn lane on OR 219 onto SW Oak Street. The project also replaced an existing pedestrian activated beacon with a new beacon at the crossing at OR8 between SE 44th Avenue and SE 45th Avenue. Chris was the lead roadway designer, estimator, and specification organizer. During construction, Chris provided consultation to the construction office

ODOT, SW 110th Avenue to SW Short Avenue, ADA Design & Support, Beaverton. Lead Roadway Engineer (2020). The project provides systematic signal safety improvements and ADA upgrades. Design work included ADA ramps and push buttons, sidewalk infill, bike lanes, pavement repair, pavement markings, truck-turning analysis, and design exceptions. Chris led the roadway design team, while coordinating with other design leads and stakeholders, he oversaw development of roadway plans, specifications, and construction estimates.

PBOT, NE Alberta 15th-30th ADA Ramps, ADA Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Design, Portland. Lead Roadway Engineer (2020): This project aimed to provide ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps along the dense urban NE Alberta corridor. The proposed improvements included ADA design, road paving, signing & striping, and traffic control. Chris led the roadway design team as the POR, while coordinating with other design leads and stakeholders. He also oversaw development of roadway plans. specifications, and construction estimates. Unfortunately, this project was put on hold at 90% due to budgetary constraints.

PBOT, Flanders Crossing Bike and Pedestrian Bridge, Portland. Traffic Engineer (2019). NW Flanders Street crossing provides a safer connection for cyclists and pedestrians between Portland's Northwest Neighborhoods and Pearl District, two communities that have been historically separated by the I-405 freeway. Chris developed the complex construction staging & traffic control plan necessary to accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, local vehicle, and freeway traffic in the heart of downtown Portland. He also coordinated between multiple agencies and stakeholders, designed the multimodal traffic control plan, and developed the estimate for local traffic control and detours.

Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet), Regional Enhanced Transit Corridors (ETC) Planning and Design. Lead Roadway Designer (2019): This project was provided in support of the Regional ETC program to develop concepts and design low-impact tools to cost-effectively improve bus speed and reliability throughout the region. The Project provided concept and advanced design for bus priority, contract document preparation, cost estimating, direct coordination with PBOT and Washington County, and developing concepts that prioritize transit outcomes. Chris led the development of multimodal roadway design concepts and alternatives. His designs included BAT lane applications, signal reconfigurations, and bus stop enhancements.

ODOT, OR8 Corridor Improvements, Washington County. Roadway Designer (2018): This project was a scoping-level evaluation of the corridor between SW 115th Avenue to SW 192nd Avenue, ultimately providing ODOT a Scope Verification Package (SVP). Improvements included bus stop facilities, rapid flashing beacons, signal modifications (queue jump), ADA sidewalks, access management, railroad crossing improvements, and right of way impact assessments. Chris developed roadway and traffic concept plans, assessed right-of-way needs, and developed construction estimates.

ODOT, SE Outer Powell Boulevard Safety Improvements, Portland. Roadway Designer (2018): Currently in construction, this full-service project addresses safety deficiencies along a roughly one-mile-long segment of US 26, SE Powell Boulevard, between SE 122nd and SE 136th Avenues. Project improvements included sidewalks, bike lanes, mid-block crossings, bus pullouts, and illumination. Chris developed transit stop designs, mailbox locations, and assisted with utility coordination.

Bonneville Power Administration, Slatt Substation. Civil Design Lead (2018): Substation site development project involving yard expansion, grading, and storm water collection and retention. As the civil design lead, Chris provided site surface grading, storm drain pipe network design, civil plan set, quantity takeoff, specifications, and coordinated with substation designers. This project later received an internal service award.

ODOT, ADA Scoping and Design, Lincoln City. Roadway Designer (2017): This project verified previous, corridor-level ADA compliance, and provided scoping and design (DAP) services for 8 intersections (26 ADA curb ramps) on Hwy 101 in Lincoln City between SW Galley Ave and SW 14th Street, including two signalized intersections. Chris developed grading detail sheets for compliant ADA curb ramps.

California DWR, TO 40 Oroville Emergency Response. Site Monitor (2017): Chris was part of the team that assisted California DWR with the emergency response to the failure of the Oroville Dam Spillway. He monitored the damaged spillway as it actively released water, and took crack gauge measurements and reported spillway conditions every 15 minutes during his 12 hour shifts. This project later received an internal service award.

PDC, Portland Union Station. Utility Coordinator (2017): This project provided future yard design for Portland Union Station located in downtown Portland. This involved new rail track & signals, an enhanced railroad crossing, site drainage and utility improvements, as well as the installation of a new pedestrian platform within the station. Chris' roles included utility coordination and civil site design. Chris documented existing and proposed utility resolving any conflicts. This was accomplished by managing utility CAD files and coordinating with surveyors, architects, rail engineers, and utility engineers. As civil site designer Chris performed site grading, railway platform design, access road grading, and calculated quantity takeoff.

**"The Earth is the basis for scoping, scoping the basis for measurement,
measurement the basis for calculation, calculation the basis for balancing, and balancing the basis for victory"
- Sun Tzu**

City of Fairbanks
Permanent Fund Review Board
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023

The Permanent Fund Review Board (PFRB) convened at 1:33 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to conduct a quarterly meeting.

Board Members Present: Patty Mongold
Bernard Gatewood
Dave Owen
Jennifer Imus
Council Member John Ringstad

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: David Pruhs, Mayor
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
Brandy Niclai, Chief Investment Officer – APCM (online)
Blake Phillips, Director of Institutional Solutions - APCM

Dave Owen moved, and Bernard Gatewood seconded to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2023 meeting. The PFRB unanimously agreed.

Margarita Bell reviewed the account's performance through June 30, 2023:

- \$ 140,010,391 - Balance including accrued income
- \$ 1,447,639 - Dividends and interest earnings
- \$ 631,070 - Realized gain
- \$ 7,088,449 - Unrealized gain
- \$ (44,014) - Management and custodial fees
- \$ 9,123,144 - Earnings, net of expenses

Margarita Bell reported that the 2023 draw will be made in December 2023 in the amount of \$6,171,150 to the general fund (\$5,485,467) and capital fund (\$685,683).

John Ringstad reported that the City Council unanimously approved the increase from 15% to 20% exposure limit on BBB rated securities.

Brandy Niclai reported that the balance of the fund was over \$140 million.

Brandy Niclai presented a market review. She reported that there continue to be positive returns amidst uncertainty due to bank turmoil, high inflation, and geopolitical frictions. She also reported that earlier expectations of a recession was revised as global economy proves to be more resilient than initially expected; however, most economists expect the monetary policy tightening to lead to a slow growth in the second half of the year. The probability of a moderate recession

and eventual rate cuts (scenario two) remains high as resilient labor markets have pushed expectations for the timing of a recession further out. Bonds and stocks rallied in June. To continue bonds and stocks rally, there would have to be less inflation surprises, lower real interest rates, and no severe recession.

Brandy Niclai presented a portfolio review for the second quarter. She stated that underperformance was due to an underperformance of alternative beta compared to the strategic benchmark. The combined equity allocation returned 4.12% and the combined fixed income allocation returned -.05% for the quarter.

Portfolio Summary							
2nd Quarter		Year to Date		Prior Year		Inception to Date	
Account	Benchmark	Account	Benchmark	Account	Benchmark	Account	Benchmark
2.90%	3.30%	7.00%	7.70%	-13.26%	-13.54%	5.50%	5.30%
	0.13% ¹		0.25% ²		0.50% ³		
2.90%	3.43%	7.00%	7.95%	-13.26%	-13.04%	5.50%	5.30%

1 - 12.5 bps - per quarter rounded
2 - 50 bps hurdle -annual (YTD = 12.5 basis pts X # quarters)
3 - 50 bps hurdle codified in March 2009. Inception performance begins January 31, 1998.

Brandy Niclai stated that the total effect of performance attribution is based on allocation and selection. She stated that the dynamic spending policy of the fund has allowed the distributions to remain stable and grow over time despite market volatility.

Bernard Gatewood inquired about the alternative beta funds. Brandy Niclai responded that there were three funds that were compared to APCM Strategic Mix and Wilshire Liquid Alternative Total Return Index (Wilshire Index). Bernard Gatewood inquired about the use of Wilshire Index as a benchmark. Blake Phillips provided information about the Wilshire Index and Brandy Niclai stated that most benchmarks are selected to mirror the portfolio; however, there were no other benchmarks that mirrored our portfolio.

John Ringstad inquired about the impacts of the annual draw on the portfolio when the portfolio has a significant decrease. Blake Phillips and Brandy Niclai stated that the five-year average provides stability; however, the board may want to watch the impacts in future years.

APCM report indicated that there were no compliance issues.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on October 25, 2023 in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Pruhs thanked the board for their service and requested board members to consider continuing to serve for future terms.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.



CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2023
HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND
IN FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The **Clay Street Cemetery Commission** convened at 5:02 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, and via teleconference with **Chair Aldean Kilbourn (Seat C)** and with the following members in attendance:

Members Present: George Dalton, Seat A
 Dawn Milligan, Seat B
 Janet Richardson, Seat D
 Julie Jones, Seat E
 Karen Erickson, Seat F (remotely)
 Amy Stratman, Seat G
 Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director

Also Present: Colt Chase, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023

J. Richardson, seconded by **G. Dalton**, moved to APPROVE the September 6, 2023 meeting minutes.

Chair Kilbourn took a voice vote on the motion to APPROVE the minutes, and all members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

G. Dalton, seconded by **J. Richardson**, moved to APPROVE the agenda.

Chair Kilbourn took a voice vote on the motion to APPROVE the Agenda, and all members voted in favor.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – None

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – None

EVENTS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chair Kilbourn referenced deadlines for bed tax grant items such as the report for the current year and application packet for next year's award. **J. Jones** affirmed her commitment to handle the reporting and application; she stated she would draft the narrative and have Chair Kilbourn review it prior to submission.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

a) Discretionary Fund (Bed Tax) Grant Balance Report

J. Jones reported that the full balance of the 2023 bed tax award has been spent, and the remaining balance of \$2,684.86 in the report reflects all available, unrestricted funds in the Commission's account.

b) Capital Projects Fund Balance Report

J. Jones reported that the balance of \$9,314.27 in the report has been fully encumbered. She stated the new Quiring Monuments order of \$9,325.00 would deplete these funds, with the difference coming out of the main account.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Sample Sign Layout

Chair Kilbourn asked if there had been any additional changes to the narrative as discussed at the last meeting. **J. Jones** stated that A. Stratman provided helpful edits, and the current narrative reads as follows:

Historic Aerial Views of Clay Street Cemetery

The first airplane in the Alaska Territory was assembled and flown in Fairbanks in 1913. Although Alaskan aerial photography dates back to 1900, taken from a balloon, the first known photo from an airplane was in 1908, not long after the Wright brothers powered their first flight. Aerial photography in Alaska dates back to the early 1930s. Naturally, Clay Street Cemetery is featured in some of those early photos. Later, satellite and drone photography became popular for capturing aerial images. Featured here are photos from different apparatus: 1934 & 1955 (airplane), 2020 (satellite), and 2021 (drone).

Clay Street's grave sites have changed over the years due to the deterioration of the original wooden fences and markers. The flood of 1967 took a damaging toll on the remaining memorials. Since 2010, volunteers have restored many identified sites with new granite markers and graves of the unknown with simple white crosses.

Clay Street Cemetery covers 4.3 acres in downtown Fairbanks between 3rd and 7th Avenues. The surrounding area has evolved since the cemetery was established, with houses and businesses becoming closer over the years. The Independent Lumber Company mill was erected in 1906, three years after the cemetery. It was along the river from 7th to 10th Avenues. It included the saw and planing mills, offices, warehouses, sheds, and residences. One of the former warehouses still stands on the corner of 8th Avenue and Clay Street. The most significant transformation of the area came with the construction of the Steese Highway, separating Clay Street from the riverfront in the mid-1970s.

The grand gateway to the cemetery was constructed in 2010.

J. Jones shared that she visited the artist earlier in the day and that A. Stratman had sent her a beautiful aerial image from the 1930s; however, it is just a scan of photo and would not be usable for the sign. **A. Stratman** stated that she found the image on eBay, and it was available for purchase for about \$15.

J. Richardson, seconded by **J. Jones** moved to authorize A. Stratman to purchase the aforementioned image for the Commission's use.

Chair Kilbourn took a voice vote on the motion, and all members voted in favor.

J. Jones reported that the individuals she knew who could potentially take updated aerial photos of the cemetery are no longer available to do so. She stated that she contacted a realtor who provided the name of a licensed drone operator, and she will be reaching out to them soon. She stated that will be the last photograph they need for the sign.

b) Quiring Monument Orders

Chair Kilbourn shared that J. Jones has submitted a new order and J. Richardson has reviewed it extensively already. She stated that the only item noted so far was a Masonic symbol cut off, which may be a printing error, but it would behoove them to follow up with Quiring Monuments to confirm it will be produced as expected.

J. Jones stated that she noticed between the stones on the order that there were two different symbols and was unsure if that was an error. **J. Richardson** clarified that one stone has a symbol for Christian Science, and the other is Knights Templar; she stated they are meant to be different symbols. She also requested for the stone of Lena Ferguson to upgrade to the ‘Star of David – Floral 03’ option.

J. Jones indicated that they have received the initial round of details for the order, and they are going through to collect revision requests. She stated she will submit those to Quiring Monuments when they are ready, and they will continue to exchange proofs until they are satisfied with the order.

Chair Kilbourn confirmed they had also caught one name on the order of someone who had already been placed. **J. Richardson** indicated that the marker for Thomas Mayer should be removed and replaced with Romeo Hoyt. She stated the one with the last name DeGregory could also be replaced with Jacob Jacony. She added that all associated details for the changes has been or will be submitted to J. Jones.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Reimbursement of Amy Stratman for total of \$19.47

J. Richardson, seconded by **G. Dalton**, moved to APPROVE the reimbursement to A. Stratman for \$19.47 for the following purchases: Joann’s, 9/13/23, \$15.98 for two tiles for cemetery kiosk; Walgreens, 9/7/23, \$3.49 for thumbtacks for cemetery kiosk.

Chair Kilbourn took a voice vote on the motion, and all members voted in favor.

OPEN AGENDA

J. Richardson shared that the great, great granddaughter of Peter Conley, who purchased a marker for him, recently flew to Fairbanks to meet with several members. She stated they enjoyed lunch together, then visited the cemetery to place Conley’s marker. She stated she was very thankful for the experience.

J. Jacobson informed members that he will be presenting his budget requests to the Mayor on Monday, which will include a \$10,000 line item for the Clay Street Cemetery. He stated he plans to create a nice collage of 2023 highlights from the cemetery to show the Mayor and members of the City Council what has been happening in 2023. Commission members thanked J. Jacobson for all the efforts undertaken by Public Works at the property. **J. Jacobson** returned their thanks and recognized that members are the ones doing the hard work.

J. Jacobson inquired as to whether the financial reports could be formulated to differentiate, all in one listing, the transactions and balances for the capital projects account, bed tax grant monies, and the general account funds. Deputy Clerk Chase responded that he is the one who requests the reports from the Chief Financial Officer as part of the meeting preparation. He stated that he could create a template to show a full financial snapshot of all accounts and fund sources in a single report.

Chair Kilbourn asked if any photos or narrative had been shared with Deputy Clerk Chase regarding the visit of Peter Conley's great, great granddaughter. **J. Richardson** stated that she had not yet done so but would forward him details so he could make a post on social media. **Chair Kilbourn** stated that would also be a nice way to informally highlight to the public that, if desired, individuals can make donations to have new markers produced for a family member or loved one.

J. Jones stated that she was happy to see a recent article in the News-Miner about the cemetery. **Chair Kilbourn** acknowledged that it was a long time coming, but unfortunately, some of the information was inaccurate and some photos not captioned correctly. **J. Jones** shared that even so, it was a nice story, and the photos were great. She added that it generated some interactions from people who knew she was involved with the Commission. **Chair Kilbourn** added that 7-8 people she knew had also mentioned seeing the article, and overall, it was nice to see something published.

J. Jones discussed the need to finish the work for the sign layout. She stated it has already paid for, and the company producing it has been patiently waiting for a final version. She asked to confirm that exchanging revision notes via email for the sign narrative would not violate any Open Meetings Act guidelines. She also asked who would be willing to help her finalize the language and whether she was clear to proceed with the order. **Chair Kilbourn** indicated that she could send the final version through the Clerk's Office. Deputy Clerk Chase responded that the creation and purchase of the sign was already approved by the Commission, it had been discussed at length over the last several months, and the sign narrative would be included in the meeting minutes, and as such, J. Jones should proceed.

Deputy Clerk Chase reminded those present that Commission member K. Erickson had been listening in during the meeting via Zoom. He stated there were some technical difficulties that prevented her from speaking, but he confirmed with her via text messaging that she had nothing to add to the discussion nor had any objections to any actions taken.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Kilbourn confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Chair Kilbourn, seconded by **A. Stratman**, moved to cancel the December 6, 2023 meeting.

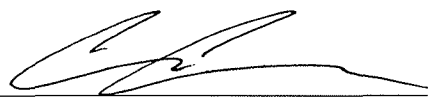
Chair Kilbourn stated that the December meeting has been cancelled in past years and seemed prudent to do so for 2023. **J. Jones** shared items that would normally take place during December pertaining to the bed tax grant presentation and confirmed she is able to handle those matters.

Chair Kilbourn took a voice vote on the motion, and all members voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kilbourn declared the meeting ADJOURNED at 5:31 p.m.


Aldean Kilbourn, Chair


Colt Chase, Deputy City Clerk

Transcribed by: CC



FAIRBANKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memo

To: City Council Members
From: Captain Nathan Werner
CC: Mike Sanders, Christina Rowlett, Mayor Pruhs
Date: November 13, 2023
Re: Police Vehicle Donations

Fairbanks Police Department maintains a fleet of patrol vehicles which eventually expire from normal routine service. This is normally due to age and the cost of continued maintenance. There are a few vehicles that need to be released from normal police service.

In the Fairbanks area are other police partners who may be able to use these vehicles and I have identified two that need vehicles to be used as training or investigative aids. Our local UAF CTC Police Academy and Airport Police and Fire are both in need of special use vehicles. We could assist in donating a vehicle to each organization.

I have identified the following vehicles to be donated.

2004 Ford Expedition VIN 1FMPU16L04LB54378

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These donations will also have returns for our continued joint programs, both being used in partnership with our own policing efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.



CALENDAR 2024

2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS and CITY-OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

JANUARY	08 22	JULY	08 22
FEBRUARY	12 26	AUGUST	12 26
MARCH	11 25	SEPTEMBER	09 23
APRIL	08 22	OCTOBER	14 28
MAY	13 <u>20</u>	NOVEMBER	<u>04</u> 25
JUNE	10 24	DECEMBER	09 23

NOTE: Underlined dates indicate a deviation from FGC Sec. 2-113(a) due to City-observed holidays, City Council-approved amendments, or AML Conference conflicts.

2024 CITY-OBSERVED HOLIDAYS (City Offices Closed)

New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2024
Presidents Day	Monday	February 19, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday	May 27, 2024
Independence Day	Thursday	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	Monday	September 2, 2024
Veterans Day	Monday	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 28, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday	December 25, 2024

Meeting Schedule was approved by the City Council on _____, 2023.