



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2024-11
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 20, 2024
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY GRADUATION
5:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING
6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION
3. FLAG SALUTATION
4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognitions, Awards)
5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, oral communications to the City Council on any item 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

8. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
13479	North Star Fire	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	North Star Fire, LLC	3780 Leasure Street, Suite 3

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5116 – A Resolution of the City of Fairbanks Authorizing an Agreement Between the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of North Pole, and the City of Fairbanks to Jointly Provide for Economic Development. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2024.
- b) Ordinance No. 6279 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 22-28(b) to Create Parity Between City and Borough Election Worker Pay. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Cleworth, Rogers, Marney, and Ringstad. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.
- c) Ordinance No. 6280 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article XIII, Business Licensing, to Allow for Youth Business Licenses and Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Ringstad, Marney, Tidwell, Sprinkle, Rogers, and Cleworth. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.
- d) Ordinance No. 6281 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 50-289 Paid Funeral Leave. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Sprinkle, Tidwell, Rogers, Marney, Ringstad, and Cleworth. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- *a) Resolution No. 5121 – A Resolution in Recognition of the Lathrop High School Academic Decathlon Team for Winning a National Title. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Cleworth and Sprinkle.
- *b) Ordinance No. 6282 – An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Second Time. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- *a) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

16. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. ADJOURNMENT



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, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Marijuana License Renewal

DATE: May 16, 2024

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
13479	North Star Fire	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	North Star Fire, LLC	3780 Leasure Street, Suite 3

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-214 and 3 AAC 306.060, the Council may determine whether to protest a marijuana license renewal application after holding a public hearing. The 60-day deadline for response to AMCO on the above-listed renewals is June 17, 2024.

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 this marijuana establishment. FNSB responded that there are no outstanding complaints on file for this license within the past year. AMCO reported one general complaint of marijuana odor received on February 15, 2024. AMCO also reported one notice of violation (NOV) in regard to the above-listed cultivation license within the past year relating to delinquent taxes. Please see attached.

The Police Department has included a call report for the location listed above, but **there are no department-recommended protests** for this marijuana license renewal application.

Notice of Violation

Email

(3AAC 306.805)

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

Date: 8/17/23 License #/Type: 13479 Standard Cultivation
Designated Licensee: Kirsten Hagen AMCO Case#: AM 23-1650
DBA: North Star Fire
Premises Address: 3780 Leasure St. Suite 3 Fairbanks, AK 99701
Mailing Address: 3780 Leasure St. Fairbanks, AK 99701

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

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

As of 8/16/23, North Star Fire, 13479, Standard Cultivation, you were delinquent on your marijuana excise tax liability.

You have 30 days to resolve this matter with the Department of Revenue. If the delinquency is not resolved, an accusation may be brought to the Marijuana Control Board. This notice is separate from and does not by itself affect any other decision, action, or proceeding that may be pending.

Your attention is directed to: AS 17.38.010(b)(2) legitimate, taxpaying business people, and not criminal actors, will conduct sales of marijuana; 3 AAC 306.480. Marijuana tax to be paid; 3 AAC 306.810. Suspension or revocation of license; AS 43.61.030(b). Marijuana cultivation facility fails to pay tax; AS 43.05.230(e) DOR can publish list of taxpayer(s) who failed to pay their taxes.; 15 AAC 61.020. License revocation and suspension.

3 AAC 306.805 provides that upon receipt of a Notice of Violation, a licensee may request to appear before the board and be heard regarding the Notice of Violation. The request must be made within ten days after receipt of the Notice. A licensee may respond, either orally or in writing, to the Notice.

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

***Please send your response to the address below and include your Marijuana Establishment License Number in your response.**

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

Issuing Investigator: J. Hoelscher

Received by:

SIGNATURE:



SIGNATURE:

Delivered VIA: Email

Date:

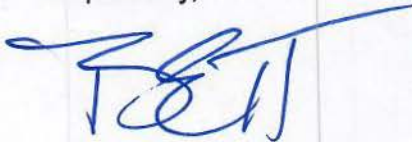
November 7, 2023

North Star Fire
3780 Leasure Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

To Whom it may concern,

In answer to Section 3, "Violations and Charges" - Item 4 on the MJ-20, North Star Fire has received 4 Notices of Violations during this period. These NOV's were related to late payments of state excise taxes. The outstanding taxes have been paid. Our account is current. We have included a screenshot from the Department of Revenue showing that the payments have been made and that our account balance is zero.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Emmett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brandon Emmett
Power of Attorney for Kirsten Hagen

LC# 4a-13479

KIRSTEN HAGEN

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

I WANT TO...

Social Security Number
My Balance \$0.00

DBA Name **NORTH STAR FIRE**
Legal Name **KIRSTEN HAGEN**
Mailing Address **3780 LEASURE ST FAIRBANKS AK 9971**

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ACCOUNTS¹ **HISTORY** **MESSAGES⁰** **LETTERS⁶⁹**

SEARCH

REQUEST FROM 01-JUL-2022

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If you have questions concerning your Account Balance(s), please call 907-465-2385 or 907-465-2321.
 If you need help with or have questions about Revenue Online please call 907-269-0041.

KIRSTEN HAGEN

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

I WANT TO...

Social Security Number
 My Balance \$0.00

DBA Name **NORTH STAR FIRE**
 Legal Name **KIRSTEN HAGEN**
 Mailing Address **3780 LEASURE ST FAIRBANKS AK 9971**

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- Vehicles

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RESOLUTION NO. 5116

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS AUTHORIZING AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH, THE
CITY OF NORTH POLE, AND THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO JOINTLY
PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, A.S. § 29.35.110(c) authorizes second-class boroughs, including the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough), to expend tax revenue collected on an areawide basis for economic development if there is an agreement in place with a city located in the borough to cooperatively or jointly provide for economic development; and

WHEREAS, A.S. § 29.35.110(c) was recently amended to include using revenue from other sources of funding including grants; and

WHEREAS, AS § 29.71.800 defines economic development as "an action intended to result in an outcome that causes an increase in, or avoids a decrease of economic activity, gross domestic product, or the tax base;" and

WHEREAS, Borough Resolution No. 2023-27 supports areawide cooperation and the joint provision of economic development stating that it is in the best interest of all borough citizens for the Borough to be able to spend tax revenue on economic development that will benefit the entire borough; that the cities of Fairbanks and North Pole and the Borough have been operating under an agreement signed by the Mayors of each jurisdiction since 2004; that economies are not bound by governmental boundaries; and that regardless of the source of the revenue, the Borough is not interested in acquiring an areawide power of economic development which would prohibit the City of North Pole or the City of Fairbanks from exercising economic development within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Borough Resolution No. 2023-27 further states that the Borough has tracked areawide economic indicators since the 1970's through the Community Research Quarterly publication; that it is a resource for the exchange of local economic information between and amongst local businesses and municipal, state, and federal governments; and that the Economic Development Commission is a necessary and integral part of the coordination of economic development activities of the Borough and participates in specific economic development projects as they are proposed; and

WHEREAS, approval of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement does not amend or modify the role of the Economic Development Commission nor does it infringe on, or eliminate, the appropriating power of the Borough Assembly, North Pole City Council, or Fairbanks City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fairbanks authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Fairbanks North Star Borough and City of North Pole to jointly provide for economic development and authorizing each

municipality to:

1. Apply for, receive, and administer grants.
2. Take other action to develop, encourage, study, or finance economic development projects that benefit the City of Fairbanks and the entire borough, such as:
 - a. Supporting economic development organizations that support key industries outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) such as the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation and Explore Fairbanks.
 - b. Promoting, supporting, and facilitating projects for key economic industries as identified in the CEDS.
3. Develop and maintain key economic indicators and metrics to be used for informing economic development decisions for the City of Fairbanks and the entire borough.
4. Create and disseminate information on the economic status of the City of Fairbanks and entire borough in support of economic development actions.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of April 2024.

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

**ATTACHMENT TO
CITY OF FAIRBANKS RESOLUTION NO. 5116**

1 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, CITY OF NORTH POLE,
2 AND THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH TO JOINTLY PROVIDE
3 FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4

5 WHEREAS, AS 29.35.110(c) authorizes a second-class borough to expend
6 tax revenue collected on an areawide basis for economic development if an agreement is
7 in place with a city located in the borough; and
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9 WHEREAS, AS 29.35.110(c) was recently amended to include using revenue
10 from other source of funds to include grants; and
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12 WHEREAS, The City of Fairbanks, the City of North Pole, and the Borough
13 have been operating under an agreement signed by the Mayors of each jurisdiction since
14 2004; and
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16 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of all borough citizens for the Borough
17 to be able to spend tax revenue on economic development that will benefit the entire
18 borough, regardless of the source of the revenue; and
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20 WHEREAS, Economies are not necessarily bound by governmental
21 boundaries; and
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23 WHEREAS, The Borough is not interested in acquiring an areawide power
24 of economic development, which would prohibit the City of Fairbanks and the City of
25 North Pole from exercising economic development within their boundaries; and
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27 NOW THEREFORE that the parties agree to jointly provide for borough-wide
28 economic development and authorizing each municipality to:
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- 30 1. Apply for, receive, and administer grants.

- 31 2. Take other action to develop, encourage, study, or finance economic
32 development projects that benefit the entire borough, such as:
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34 industries outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Development
35 Strategy (CEDS), such as the Fairbanks Economic Development
36 Corporation and Explore Fairbanks.
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38 identified in the CEDS.
39 3. Develop and maintain key economic indicators and metrics to be used for
40 informing economic development decisions for the entire borough.
41 4. Create and disseminate information on the economic status of the entire
42 borough in support of economic development actions.

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44 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ DAY
45 OF _____ 20____.

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48 _____
49 Bryce Ward, Mayor
50 Fairbanks North Star Borough

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52 _____
53 David Pruhs, Mayor
54 City of Fairbanks

55 ATTEST:

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57 _____
58 April Trickey, MMC
59 Borough Clerk

57 _____
58 Michael Welch, Mayor
59 City of North Pole

Introduced by: Mayor Pruhs
Council Member Marney
Council Member Ringstad
Council Member Cleworth
Council Member Rogers
Introduced: May 13, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 6279

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
SECTION 22-28(b) TO CREATE PARITY BETWEEN CITY AND
BOROUGH ELECTION WORKER PAY**

WHEREAS, regular City of Fairbanks elections are currently held in conjunction with Fairbanks North Star Borough elections, and the City has sought to keep its election codes and procedures as similar as possible to that of the Borough to ensure consistency for voters; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks General Code states that the City will pay its election workers an hourly rate similar to that of State election workers; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough share election workers since all City polling places are also Borough polling places, so it would be more sensible to have parity between City and Borough election worker pay versus City and State election worker pay.

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

Section 1. That Fairbanks General Code Sec. 22-28(b), Expenses, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

- (b) The city shall pay each election board member and canvass board member ~~the hourly rate provided for similar election officials for state elections~~ for the time spent at their election duties, including the receiving of instructions. **Election worker pay shall be equivalent to the hourly rate paid to similar election officials for regular borough elections.**

Section 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be the ___ day of ___ 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Introduced by: Mayor Pruhs
Council Member Ringstad
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Council Member Marney
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Council Member Tidwell
Council Member Cleworth
Introduced: May 13, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 6280

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE XIII, BUSINESS LICENSING, TO ALLOW FOR
OPTIONAL YOUTH BUSINESS LICENSES AND AMENDING THE CITY
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Fairbanks is home to innovative, creative, hardworking and industrious people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks is home to many youth under the age of 18 who earn money by shoveling snow, mowing lawns, selling lemonade, and performing other business activities in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Council does not believe youth under the age of 18 should be subject to the City business license code requirements or penalties set forth in FGC 14-601 through 14-603; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the idea of young Fairbanksans gaining real-world business knowledge through personal experience; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes youth under the age of 18 should have the option to purchase a City business license for a nominal fee.

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

Section 1. Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article XIII, Business Licensing is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

Sec. 14-604. - Exemptions.

The following business owners are exempt from application of F.G.C. 14-601—14-603:

- (a) Those business owners whose only business activity is to ship tangible property or provide intangible services to buyers within the city in response to an order (whether by phone, mail, or internet) without the physical presence of any owner, employee, or agent in the city.
- (b) Those business owners who are only physically present in the city for short visits (whether at trade shows, special events, sales visits, etc.), so long as their presence is

covered by a multi-vendor permit issued under F.G.C. chapter 14, article III, multi-vendor event.

(c) Even if required by state law to have a state business license, anyone making casual sales within the city, such as garage or yard sales.

(d) Any youth under the age of 18 who does business on a seasonal or temporary basis in the city.

Sec. 14-605. - Youth business license.

Youth business licenses are not required. However, a youth who meets the exemption requirements set forth in Sec. 14-604(d) may obtain a youth business license.

(a) **Application. All applications for issuance of a youth business license must be made on a form provided by the city clerk.**

(b) **Fee. A nominal fee for a youth business license is set forth in the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services.**

(c) **Term. A youth business license will be issued for a temporary term as specified by the applicant at the time of application. A term may include a seasonal period that reoccurs each year for a prescribed number of years.**

(d) **Transferability and age limit. Youth business licenses are non-transferable and become invalid after the business owner is 18 years of age.**

Section 2. The *City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services* is hereby amended by adding a \$1.00 fee for a youth business license.

Section 3. The effective date of this ordinance shall be five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services

As of Ordinance No. 6280 - Effective May ____, 2024

Category	Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Description
Events	14-73	Multi-Vendor Events	\$ 500.00	20+ vendors, not to exceed \$1,200/calendar year for multiple events by same applicant
			\$ 500.00	Recurring events (non-consecutive days)
			\$ 250.00	Events with less than 20 vendors
	78-572	Special Events (using streets or sidewalks)	\$ 200.00	Permit fee; applications are due 21 calendar days prior to event
			\$ 135.00	Per hour, for permitting officer's time
Occupational	14-123	Private Detective	\$ 75.00	Application fee; non-refundable
	14-123		\$ 400.00	Two-year license
	14-131		\$ 10,000.00	Bond for Alaska residents
	14-294	Master Plumber	\$ 200.00	Non-refundable application & exam fee
	14-431	Master Operator's License	\$ 200.00	3-year license - each applicant
	14-361	Commercial Refuse	\$ 250.00	2-year license - entity
	86-51	Vehicle for Hire	\$ 2,000.00	2-year license - entity
			\$ 100.00	One-time application fee for entity; non-refundable
			\$ 400.00	2-year permit fee - entity
	86-55	Chauffeurs License	\$ 200.00	Per vehicle permit for 2 years
			\$ 100.00	Transfer fee - vehicle or entity
	86-82	Chauffeurs License	\$ 75.00	Each time app fee; non-refundable
			\$ 100.00	2-year license - each driver
Business License Fees (Based on Gross Receipts)	14-602	\$ 0 - 49,999	\$ 50.00	
		50,000 - 249,999	\$ 120.00	
		250,000 - 999,999	\$ 350.00	
		1,000,000 - 2,999,999	\$ 580.00	
		3,000,000 - 9,999,999	\$ 1,125.00	
		10,000,000 - 19,999,999	\$ 2,200.00	
		20,000,000 - 39,999,999	\$ 3,350.00	
		40,000,000 - 59,999,999	\$ 4,500.00	
		60,000,000 - 79,999,999	\$ 5,900.00	
		80,000,000 - 99,999,999	\$ 11,500.00	
		100,000,000 - 119,999,999	\$ 16,000.00	
120,000,000 - and above	\$ 25,000.00			
Youth Business License	14-605	Youth Business License	\$ 1.00	Per license for youth under the age of 18; license is optional

Introduced by: Mayor David Pruhs
Council Member Cleworth
Council Member Rogers
Council Member Sprinkle
Council Member Tidwell
Council Member Marney
Council Member Ringstad
Introduced: May 13, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 6281

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 50-289, PAID FUNERAL LEAVE

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 6181, adopted October 11, 2021, established Paid Funeral Leave in Fairbanks General Code Chapter 50, Personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes workplace benefits are an important part of balancing work, family, and medical needs, and that benefits such as paid bereavement leave can help employees meet their personal and family health care needs, while also fulfilling work responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes individuals, families, and cultures may grieve the loss of family members differently, and the process does not always include a funeral.

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

SECTION 1. That Fairbanks General Code Sec. 50-289. Paid funeral leave is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 50-289. - Paid bereavement~~funeral~~ leave.

(a) A permanent full or part-time employee, regardless of length of employment, may be granted up to three consecutive working days of paid bereavement~~funeral~~ leave to mourn the loss~~attend the funeral~~ of a deceased ~~immediate~~ family member of the employee, or one working day of paid funeral leave to attend the funeral of a deceased ~~extended~~ family member of the employee. **For purposes of this section, in addition to any individual the mayor may deem appropriate, a family member is defined as the employee's:**

- (1) Mother, mother-in-law, stepmother;**
- (2) Father, father-in-law, stepfather;**
- (3) Sister, sister-in-law, stepsister;**
- (4) Brother, brother-in-law, stepbrother;**
- (5) Son, son-in-law, stepson;**
- (6) Daughter, daughter-in-law, stepdaughter;**

- (7) Grandchild;**
- (8) Grandparent;**
- (9) Spouse; or**
- (10) Person sharing the same living quarters.**

(b) If approved, the employee will be granted paid **bereavement** funeral leave for days off to **mourn the loss** attend the funeral of a deceased immediate or extended family member.

(c) Leave days must be approved by the department head or mayor. Upon approval, the employee must provide the human resource department with notice of the request for paid **bereavement** funeral leave prior to the leave (or if the leave was not foreseeable, as soon as possible) and complete the necessary human resource forms.

(d) Upon the employee's return, proper documentation is required to be presented to the human resource department. If proper documentation is not provided within 30 days, the paid **bereavement** funeral leave will be reimbursed from the employee's personal annual leave bank at 100 percent of the employee's regular, straight-time pay minus any regular deductions or other appropriate means.

(e) The city has the exclusive right to interpret all **bereavement** funeral leave policies related to this section.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter to the contrary, the provisions of this section will apply to all city employees.

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

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
 NAYS:
 ABSENT:
 ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

 Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Introduced by: Council Members Cleworth and Sprinkle
Introduced: May 20, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 5121

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATHROP HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM FOR WINNING A NATIONAL TITLE

WHEREAS, the United States Academic Decathlon is a national competition that challenges teams of students to study art history, music theory, mathematics, history, science, public speaking, formal interviewing, economics, science, and literature; and

WHEREAS, each year the national curriculum changes, and the theme of the 2023-2024 season was “Humanity and Technology,” leading students this year to study science fiction, computers, and neuroscience specifically; and

WHEREAS, the Lathrop High School Academic Decathlon team won the 2024 United States Academic Decathlon Division II National Team Championship in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in April; and

WHEREAS, this marks the first time an Alaskan team has won the Division II National Title; and

WHEREAS, the Lathrop team earned 32 of the 90 medals awarded at the National event, as well as \$3,000 in scholarship funds by having 4 of the top 9 overall scorers at the competition; and

WHEREAS, Lathrop sophomore Elias Carosso was both the team high scorer as well as the highest overall scorer in all of Division II; and

WHEREAS, Lathrop junior Tayton Aiken Brice was the highest overall scoring varsity student and was named “Team MVP” for the season; and

WHEREAS, Lathrop senior Jeffrey Goddard became the first Alaskan to compete in four consecutive Academic Decathlon National Finals and has amassed more total individual national medals than any Alaskan in history; and

WHEREAS, this national championship represents the hard multi-year effort of the 9 team members which included sophomores Elias Carosso, Joaquin Carosso, Marais Anderson, Nathan Goddard, and Christian Yew; juniors Tayton Aiken Brice, Lehansa Fernando, and Jahnvi Kumari; and senior Jeffrey Goddard; and

WHEREAS, the team was coached by Lathrop alumnus, teacher, and 23-year Academic Decathlon coach Chris Benshoof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fairbanks recognizes the efforts and successes of the Lathrop High School Academic Decathlon team and coach for their hard work and dedication and celebrates with them for winning the 2024 United States Academic Decathlon Division II National title.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20th Day of May 2024.

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. 6282

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING
AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE SECOND TIME**

WHEREAS, this ordinance incorporates the changes outlined on the attached fiscal note to amend the 2024 operating and capital budget.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the 2024 General Fund and Capital Fund budgets the following sources of revenue and expenditures in the amounts indicated to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (see pages 2 and 3):

GENERAL FUND

<u>REVENUE</u>	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Taxes (all sources)	\$ 27,755,026	\$ -	\$ 27,755,026
Charges for Services	6,809,500	390,000	7,199,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	2,920,580	586,040	3,506,620
Licenses and Permits	2,202,760	177,500	2,380,260
Fines and Forfeitures	551,000	-	551,000
Interest and Penalties	1,665,000	250,000	1,915,000
Rental and Lease Income	138,559	14,985	153,544
Other Revenues	225,000	85,000	310,000
Other Financing Sources	<u>(234,862)</u>	<u>(1,513,853)</u>	<u>(1,748,715)</u>
Total revenue appropriation	<u>\$ 42,032,563</u>	<u>\$ (10,328)</u>	<u>\$ 42,022,235</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Mayor Department	\$ 780,030	\$ 188,000	\$ 968,030
Legal Department	247,350	-	247,350
Office of the City Clerk	613,905	-	613,905
Finance Department	1,041,900	-	1,041,900
Information Technology	2,680,877	18,000	2,698,877
General Account	6,945,000	30,000	6,975,000
Police Department	8,521,919	35,000	8,556,919
Communications Center	3,523,770	-	3,523,770
Fire Department	9,852,832	660,000	10,512,832
Public Works Department	10,179,625	30,000	10,209,625
Engineering Department	1,130,170	60,000	1,190,170
Building Department	<u>791,590</u>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>827,890</u>
Total expenditure appropriation	<u>\$ 46,308,968</u>	<u>\$ 1,057,300</u>	<u>\$ 47,366,268</u>
2023 unassigned fund balance	\$ 20,081,861	\$ -	\$ 20,081,861
Prior year encumbrances	(155,961)	-	(155,961)
Transfers to other funds	(5,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(7,000,000)
Other changes to the budget	1,379,556	432,372	1,811,928
2024 estimated unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 15,805,456</u>	<u>\$ (1,067,628)</u>	<u>\$ 14,737,828</u>

Minimum unassigned fund balance requirement is 20% of budgeted annual expenditures but not less than \$10,000,000. 20% of budgeted annual expenditures is \$ 9,473,254

CAPITAL FUND

REVENUE	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Transfer from Permanent Fund	\$ 709,992	\$ (1,731)	\$ 708,261
Transfer from General Fund	5,500,000	1,000,000	6,500,000
Property Repair & Replacement	145,000	-	145,000
Public Works	250,000	-	250,000
Garbage Equipment Reserve	304,800	-	304,800
IT	25,000	-	25,000
Police	210,000	-	210,000
Communications Center	140,000	-	140,000
Fire	700,000	-	700,000
Building	10,000	-	10,000
Total revenue appropriation	\$ 7,994,792	\$ 998,269	\$ 8,993,061
EXPENDITURES			
Property Repair & Replacement	\$ 5,812,454	\$ 918,000	\$ 6,730,454
Public Works Department	2,334,904	-	2,334,904
Garbage Equipment Reserve	853,000	-	853,000
IT Department	170,962	66,500	237,462
Police Department	863,716	10,000	873,716
Communications Center	1,316,960	-	1,316,960
Fire Department	1,500,942	218,200	1,719,142
Road Maintenance	1,975,018	361,483	2,336,501
Total expenditure appropriation	\$ 14,827,956	\$ 1,574,183	\$ 16,402,139
2023 fund balance	\$ 19,034,057	\$ -	\$ 19,034,057
Prior year encumbrances	(3,214,790)	-	(3,214,790)
Prior year reappropriations	(4,580,106)	(130,200)	(4,710,306)
Transfers from other funds	5,500,000	-	5,500,000
Other changes to the budget	(4,538,268)	(445,714)	(4,983,982)
2024 estimated fund balance	\$ 12,200,893	\$ (575,914)	\$ 11,624,979
Estimated unassigned capital fund balance for projects			\$ 5,596,839

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

SECTION 3. All appropriations made by this ordinance lapse at the end of the fiscal year to the extent they have not been expended or contractually committed to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of said departments of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the 10th day of June 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE
ORDINANCE NO. 6282
AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
FOR THE SECOND TIME

GENERAL FUND
(\$10,328) Decrease in Revenue
\$1,057,300 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Tax Revenue
2. Charges for Services
 - \$400,000 increase to ambulance services
 - (\$10,000) decrease to motor vehicle accident revenue
3. Intergovernmental Revenues
 - \$400,000 increase to municipal assistance program
 - \$186,040 increase to SEMT reimbursement
4. License and Permits
 - (\$22,500) decrease to special events fees
 - \$200,000 increase to commercial building permits
5. Interest and Penalties
 - \$250,000 increase to interest on deposits
6. Rental and Lease
 - \$14,985 increase to rent from Boys & Girls Club
7. Other Revenue
 - \$85,000 increase to miscellaneous revenue
8. Other Financing Sources
 - (\$13,853) decrease transfer from permanent fund
 - (\$1,000,000) transfer to the capital fund
 - (\$500,000) transfer to the permanent fund

Expenditures

1. Mayor's Office
 - \$5,000 increase to travel
 - \$58,000 increase to salaries and benefits for a full-time Safety, Code Compliance, and Abatement Specialist (annual salaries \$80,000 and benefits \$36,000 will be a total of \$116,000)
 - \$125,000 increase to salaries and benefits for a full-time community paramedic (unfilled new position, moved from Fire Department budget)
2. City Attorney's Office
3. City Clerk's Office
4. Finance Department
5. Information Technology
 - \$12,000 increase to outside contracts to upgrade door access for fire headquarters
 - \$6,000 increase to outside contracts to provide additional circuits for radio racks
6. General Account
 - \$30,000 increase to credit card fees
7. Police Department
 - \$35,000 increase to advertising
8. Communications Center
9. Fire Department
 - \$600,000 increase to overtime
 - \$100,000 increase to uniforms and personal protective equipment for new hires
 - \$70,000 increase to operating supplies to equip the new fire apparatus
 - \$15,000 increase to repairs and maintenance
 - (\$125,000) decrease to salaries and benefits for a full-time community paramedic (unfilled new position, moved to Mayor's Office budget)

10. Public Works

- \$30,000 increase to garbage collection services to cover the cost of tipping fees

11. Engineering

- \$60,000 increase to salaries and benefits to cover overages due to city projects

12. Building Department

- \$36,300 increase to professional services to hire a consultant to recruit a senior plan engineer

CAPITAL FUND
\$998,269 Increase in Revenue
\$1,574,183 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Other Financing Sources

- (\$1,731) decrease transfer from permanent fund
- \$1,000,000 transfer from general fund

Expenditures

1. Property Repair & Replacement

- \$18,000 increase for police station heating fuel monitor system
- \$680,000 increase for fire training center upgrades phase I
- \$160,000 increase for backflow preventers at multiple sites
- \$60,000 increase for garage door expansion at public works

2. Public Works

3. Garbage Equipment Reserve

4. IT Department

- \$16,500 increase for Police/FECC battery system
- \$20,000 increase for computer switch at fire headquarters

5. IT Department Software
 - \$30,000 increase for finance software upgrade
6. Police Department
 - \$10,000 increase for police vehicle
7. Communications Center
8. Fire Department
 - \$130,200 increase for platform upgrades (reappropriation)
 - \$58,000 increase for two power load ambulance cots
 - \$30,000 increase for fire grant matches
9. Road Maintenance
 - \$361,483 increase for Cowles Street match and commit an additional \$398,842 for future match (Ordinance 6277)
 - Commit \$1,300,000 for Island Homes project (Ordinance 6273) and \$2,050,000 for Cowles Street project (Ordinance 6274)



FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2024, 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.
HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



Chair Juanita Webb called the regular meeting of the **Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC)** to order at 5:41 p.m. on the above date. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present (in person):

Juanita Webb, Chair, Seat D
Dorothy Shockley, Seat F
Wendy Tisland, Seat H

Members Absent:

Richard Basarab, Seat B
Vacant, Seat C
Marsha Oss, Seat E
Jonathan Bagwill, Seat G
Rachael Kvapil, Seat K

Members Present (Zoom):

Timothy Ledna, Seat A
Karen Blackburn, Seat I
Roscoe Britton, Seat J (unable to be heard on Zoom)
June Rogers, City Council Member
Jake Merritt, HR Director

Others Present:

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Tom Chard, City Attorney

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

Chair Webb asked W. Tisland to read the FDC Mission Statement, and she asked D. Shockley to read the Land Acknowledgement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Webb led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. Shockley, seconded by **W. Tisland**, moved to APPROVE the agenda.

Chair Webb called for a voice vote on the motion to APPROVE the agenda, and all members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023

D. Shockley, seconded by **W. Tisland**, moved to APPROVE the minutes.

Chair Webb called for a voice vote on the motion to APPROVE the minutes, and all members voted in favor.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS (limited to 3 minutes)

Andy Harrington, 4624 Stanford Drive, Fairbanks – A. Harrington announced that there would be a “Race Against Racism” on Saturday, June 1. He stated that the race has been held most years since 1999, and it is a family event. He explained that the run (or walk) is 5 – 10 kilometers, and the route is designed to pass by landmarks named after people from diverse backgrounds who have contributed to the quality of life in Interior Alaska. He mentioned several of the landmarks along the route and stated that they try to keep the registration fees as low as possible. A. Harrington stated he would like as much assistance as possible to help spread the word about the event. He invited the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) to cosponsor the event in hopes that it may help facilitate the City permitting process.

J. Rogers fondly recalled having served with A. Harrington on past committees. She asked him if he serves on the Juneteenth committee. A. Harrington stated that he and his wife both serve on the Juneteenth planning committee. **J. Rogers** asked whether A. Harrington could help the FDC secure a table at the Juneteenth event. A. Harrington stated that he could look into it and send information back to the City Clerk. **J. Rogers** asked R. Britton if he would be willing to host an FDC table at the Juneteenth event.

T. Ledna, seconded by **R. Britton**, moved that the FDC cosponsor the “Race Against Racism” event.

Chair Webb called for a voice vote on the motion that the FDC cosponsor the “Race Against Racism” event, and all members voted in favor.

Chair Webb stated that the FDC can look into whether it can help facilitate the permit process.

D. Shockley asked A. Harrington about the start time, fee, and distance of the race. A. Harrington replied that there is a 5 kilometer loop south of Airport Way and an additional 5 kilometer loop on the north side of Airport Way. He stated that the race will start at 11 a.m. at the JP Jones Center and will end at the same location. He shared that the fee has not yet been set, but it will likely be ~\$30. He stated that proceeds will go to the NAACP Scholarship Fund.

W. Tisland expressed interest in volunteering for the event. **Chair Webb** thanked A. Harrington for attending the meeting and sharing about the event. **R. Britton** asked whether there was any help needed on the race committee, and A. Harrington indicated that they would be delighted to have more help on the committee. **Chair Webb** asked A. Harrington to send his contact information to the City Clerk.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Webb spoke briefly to the FDC’s struggle in gaining a quorum for meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Open Meetings Act Presentation by City Attorney and City Clerk

Clerk Snider stated that J. Rogers reminds the group each year of the need for an Open Meetings Act (OMA) presentation. She introduced City Attorney Tom Chard who led a 25-minute presentation on the OMA.

J. Rogers commented on the importance of understanding the OMA. **R. Britton** added that the presentation was informative and he learned some things he did not know.

D. Shockley questioned whether there are any current efforts in the state legislature to update the OMA. Attorney Chard stated that he is not aware of any current, specific efforts.

- b) Human Library

Chair Webb stated that the presenter she had scheduled to speak about this item was unable to attend the meeting, and she requested that the item be postponed to the next meeting.

FDC MEMBERS' COMMENTS

D. Shockley stated that she recently saw former FDC member Shirley Lee and mentioned that she was co-chair of the FDC. She stated that she would follow up with S. Lee to see if there were some issues that she would like the FDC to address.

R. Britton suggested reaching out to some of the other diversity committees in Fairbanks to discuss how they can join forces.

R. Britton left the meeting at 6:30 p.m., and a quorum was lost.


J. Rogers expressed appreciation for everyone who attended the meeting.

MEETING DATES

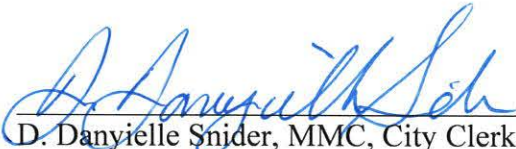
- a) Next Regular Meeting Date, May 14, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.



Juanita Webb, Chair



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Transcribed by: DS