



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 22, 2017
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 7:00 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor Jim Matherly presiding and with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Joy Huntington, Seat A
June Rogers, Seat B
Valerie Therrien, Seat C
Jerry Cleworth, Seat E
David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent: Jerry Norum, Seat D (Excused)

Also Present: Paul Ewers, City Attorney
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
Christina Rowlett, HR Admin
Pat Smith, Development Manager
Eric Jewkes, Police Chief
Jim Styers, Fire Chief
BC Rigdon, Police Officer
Michael Sanders, Housing & Homeless Coordinator

At Mayor Matherly's request, City Clerk Danyielle Snider read aloud the Mission Statement of the City of Fairbanks.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to EXCUSE Mr. Norum from the Council Meeting.

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Matherly led the Flag Salutation.

Mayor Matherly asked BC Rigdon to come forward and presented him with a gold pan for his 20+ years of service at the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). Mr. Rigdon thanked his wife for her support throughout the years. He thanked the families of all law enforcement officers for

supporting their loved ones. Mr. Rigdon asked the Mayor and Council to investigate and insist on proof of accusations that people make when they give public testimony.

Mayor Matherly asked Denise Kendrick to come forward and presented her with a gift card. He thanked her for her 17 years of service to the City of Fairbanks. Ms. Kendrick stated that time has flown, and she cannot believe it has been 17 years since she started working at the City. She stated she has enjoyed working alongside so many quality employees but that she is looking forward to retirement.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Brittany Smart, 809 Pioneer Way, Fairbanks – Ms. Smart stated that Mayor Kassel is glad that the Borough does not have public safety powers because of the difficulties that come along with them. She reported the Borough recently adopted a budget but that it was not an easy budget year. She thanked everyone who helped out during the Arctic Ministerial events, and she encouraged everyone to get involved in the Arctic Mayors Roundtable. She thanked Mayor Matherly for attending so many events.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the mill rate is going to increase by .5 mills; Ms. Smart stated it will. **Mr. Cleworth** wondered if the mill rate increase was due to the increase in residential exemptions. Ms. Smart stated she would take Mr. Cleworth's questions to the Finance Department and get back to him with an answer.

Frank Turney 329 6th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney thanked Mr. Rigdon for his comments regarding complaints being investigated. He stated he hopes the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) is implemented so complaints can get investigated.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger thanked Mr. Rigdon for his years of service to the City of Fairbanks. Mr. Buberger stated that the leaves are growing and that there are some intersections where vegetation needs trimming because they are posing a hazard. He asked the Council why he has heard nothing regarding volunteer firefighters.

Jonathan Bagwill, 1571 Dogwood Street, Fairbanks – Mr. Bagwill stated he has been coming to Council meetings for a year, and he has learned a lot. He stated the Council should be commended for the great job they are doing in running the City. He stated that Fairbanks is his home, and he will live and die here.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda and Consent Agenda as AMENDED.

Mr. Cleworth pulled Resolution No. 4791 from the Consent Agenda to be discussed after the Executive Session.

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

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda into the record.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2017.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Matherly stated that he was sworn in seven months ago and that he loves his job serving the City of Fairbanks. He commended the FPD for the good job that they do, and he spoke to the Police Memorial event that occurred the prior week. **Mayor Matherly** stated he wants to start holding property owners accountable for keeping their housing/apartment complex properties clean and safe. He stated he gets complaint calls for all sorts of things, and the complaints are taken seriously. He congratulated all of the high school seniors on their graduations.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4791 – A Resolution Approving the Real Estate Appraiser's Valuation for the Sale of City Property to Tanana Chiefs Conference. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

Mr. Cleworth asked Development Manager Pat Smith if the resolution should be moved on the agenda to be discussed after the Executive Session. Mr. Smith replied affirmatively.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved that Resolution No. 4791 be discussed after the Executive Session.

No members objected.

- b) Ordinance No. 6049 – An Ordinance Ratifying a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the AFL-CIO Crafts Council and Amending the 2017 General Fund Operating Budget. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Committee Reports

Ms. Therrien stated she has been meeting with the City's Lobbyist Yuri Morgan and that she would like to make the process more formal next year.

Golden Heart Parking Services (GHPS) Board of Directors – **Mr. Cleworth** spoke to the desire to increase on-street parking in the downtown area. He stated security has been added at the

parking garage, and it has helped increase safety. He encouraged everyone to use the three hour free parking at the garage throughout the summer.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2017

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Memorandum Regarding Incentive Bonus for Lateral Hire

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Therrien stated she was able to attend the Memorial for Fallen Officers and that the Mayor gave a great speech. She stated she went to the open house at the Prosperity House and that she is happy that homeless people are getting off the street. She stated she would like to get together with other Council Members to discuss possible City revenue sources.

Ms. Rogers reported that she met with James Allen, the government affairs person for Value Village, regarding a public/private partnership for recycling. She suggested holding a Work Session so the Council could have a better understanding of the program. **Ms. Rogers** stated she also attended the Prosperity House event, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. She spoke to the powerful ceremony at the Memorial for Fallen Officers. **Ms. Rogers** thanked Explore Fairbanks for all the work that went into the planning of the Ministerial Conference.

Ms. Huntington spoke to the powerful ceremony for the Memorial for Fallen Officers and that the bagpipe music on the roof touched her to her core. She commended the FPD for hiring a lateral officer. **Ms. Huntington** stated there are a lot of drug-related crimes because of the addiction problem in the community. She thanked Ms. Smart for attending Council meetings with an update on what is going on at the Borough.

Mr. Cleworth stated he has spoken with Building Official Clem Clooten about the abatement of the old dairy. He asked Mr. Ewers to look into the legality of tearing the structure down. He stated the Prosperity House is an amazing addition to the community and congratulated them for all of the work they have done.

Mr. Pruhs congratulated all of the seniors who graduated.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Ewers stated that Mr. Smith needs to confirm that the Executive Session is necessary. He stated that in order to qualify for Executive Session, the report/update would have to have an adverse effect of City finances if discussed publicly. Mr. Smith confirmed that was the case.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Sale of City Property to Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC).

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

Mayor Matherly called for a brief recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Sale of City Property to the Tanana Chiefs Conference

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss the Sale of City Property to the TCC. The Council gave direction to City staff; no action was taken.

This item was moved from New Business to be discussed following the Executive Session.

Resolution No. 4791 – A Resolution Approving the Real Estate Appraiser's Valuation for the Sale of City Property to Tanana Chiefs Conference. Introduced by Mayor Matherly.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 4791.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to LAY ON THE TABLE Resolution No. 4791 until negotiations with the TCC are complete.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE RESOLUTION NO. 4791 UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TCC ARE COMPLETE AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Pruhs, Therrien, Cleworth, Rogers

NAYS: Huntington

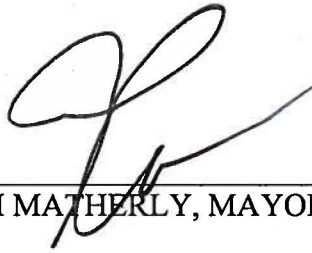
Mayor Matherly declared the MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

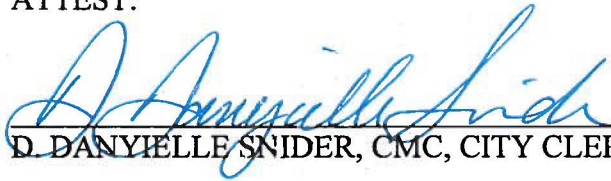
Mayor Matherly called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Matherly declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



JIM MATHERLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



D. DANYELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

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