



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 25, 2016
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 7:00 p.m. on the above date, following a 6:00 p.m. Work Session for the City Permanent Fund Annual Review, to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor John Eberhart presiding and with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Joy Huntington, Seat A
Perry Walley, Seat B
Bernard Gatewood, Seat C
Jim Matherly, Seat D
Jerry Cleworth, Seat E
David Pruhs, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: Clem Clooten, Building Official
Paul Ewers, City Attorney
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Carmen Randle, Chief Financial Officer
Ben Barrio, IT Director
Angela Foster-Snow, HR Director
Randall Aragon, Police Chief
Bob Pristash, City Engineer IV
Jeff Jacobson, Chief of Staff
Eric Jewkes, Deputy Police Chief
Jim Styers, Fire Chief

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor Eberhart led the Flag Salutation.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Helen Renfrew, 1915 Central Avenue, Fairbanks – Ms. Renfrew shared that she is the Director of Meetings and Conventions for Explore Fairbanks and gave an update on upcoming meetings in 2016. She spoke to the estimated amount of money that will be injected into the Fairbanks community as a result of the events. Ms. Renfrew stated that the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) convention will be held October 17 through October 22, 2016 in Fairbanks. She stated AFN will be held in Fairbanks again in 2018.

Ms. Huntington asked about the involvement from community leaders in regard to the AFN convention.

Ms. Renfrew stated Fairbanks is ahead of the curve and that there have been a lot of preparation meetings this year. Ms. Renfrew stated there is a high level of commitment from the community this year in particular because it is the 50th anniversary of the AFN convention.

Mr. Cleworth asked Ms. Renfrew how many AFN conventions she has been a part of.

Ms. Renfrew stated she has been working with AFN since 2010 and that this will be the third convention she has worked with in her current position; she stated that prior to that she was involved with the event from the hotel industry.

Mr. Cleworth complimented Ms. Renfrew on her knowledge and on the hard work she has put forth for AFN.

Mayor Eberhart asked Ms. Renfrew if the 2017 Arctic Council Ministerial Alliance (ACMA) would be the last one held in the United States.

Ms. Renfrew stated that the ACMA event will be handed over to Finland after 2017 and that it was tentatively scheduled to take place in Anchorage. She stated that there was a big push to hold the event Fairbanks. Ms. Renfrew stated that many Alaskans helped petition for the ACMA event to be held in Fairbanks and that approval for that wish was granted.

Victor Buberger, P.O. Box 58192, Fairbanks – Mr. Buberger thanked Public Works for cleaning the sidewalks on Gilmore Street. He thanked Ms. Renfrew for all the work she has done to help bring visitors to Fairbanks but asked why she did not mention that there are no public restrooms for tourists to use. Mr. Buberger asked the Council and the Mayor for an honest explanation as to why there are no public restrooms in the City. He recommended locations for public restrooms in the downtown area and stated that the City could make a restroom look like an old style log cabin. He stated the City is not broke because he keeps hearing Council Members talk about the good standing financial position of the City. Mr. Buberger shared that he is fine using the restroom on the street but that he would prefer to use a public restroom.

Ms. Huntington asked Mr. Buberger if he had spoken to past Mayors or Council Members about the need for public restrooms.

Mr. Buberger stated he has spoken at City Council meetings for many years but that he has not set up private meetings with Council Members to discuss the issue. He shared that there is a public restroom down by the Cultural Center but that the hours of operation are not predictable. Mr. Buberger spoke to pay raises for City employees.

Frank Turney, 329 6th Avenue, Fairbanks – Mr. Turney spoke to the lack of public restrooms and to the problem with citizens letting their dogs defecate downtown without cleaning up after them. He applauded Mayor Eberhart for forming the Hartman/Fairbanks Four healing group and commented that he appreciated the discussions on race. He questioned whether police officers

take race relation training as part of their new officer training and suggested the City look for grant funding to cover the cost. Mr. Turney reported that he visited The Higher Calling and that there were about 30 people there when he went; he stated that it was the mellowest place he has ever been. He spoke to the great ventilation in the establishment because he could not smell the airborne cannabis inside the building. He stated he did not believe that the State legislature has an issue with the club; he suggested that one of the Council Members back stabbed the owner of the establishment. Mr. Turney spoke out against drugs in schools and stated far too many kids are prescribed Ritalin. He stated that he spoke to his son who lives in Virginia and that they have more snow there than in Fairbanks.

Mr. Cleworth shared the Council’s condolences for the loss of Mr. Turney’s mother.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Gatewood, seconded by Mr. Matherly, moved to APPROVE the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Mr. Gatewood pulled Ordinance No. 6005 from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Cleworth pulled Ordinance No. 6003 from the Consent Agenda.

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

City Clerk Snider read the Consent Agenda, as Amended, into the record.

SPECIAL ORDERS

a) The Fairbanks City Council, Sitting as a Committee of the Whole, heard interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Applications for Renewal:

Lic #	Establishment Name	License Type	Licensee	Premises Location
54	American Legion Post #11	Club	Dorman H Baker Post #11	129 First Ave
435	Garden Island Party Store	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	246 Illinois St
542	Geraldo’s Restaurant	Beverage Dispensary	Garlic Lovers, LLC	701 College Rd
703	Gavora’s Liquor #1	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	250 Third St
704	Gavora’s Liquor #2	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	1255 Airport Way
710	Mecca Bar	Beverage Dispensary	JRB, Inc.	549 Second Ave
1134	Thrifty Liquors	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	1410 Cushman St
1639	Alaska Salmon Bake	Place-Seasonal	Malemute, Inc.	2300 Airport Way
3118	V.F.W. Post #3629	Club	VFW Golden Heart Post #3629	324 Second St
3151	Fred Meyer 485	Package Store	Fred Meyer Stores, Inc.	3755 Airport Way

Lic #	Establishment Name	License Type	Licensee	Premises Location
3997	BPO Elks Lodge #1551	Club	BPO Elks Lodge #1551	1003 Pioneer Rd
4168	Lower LA	Beverage Dispensary	Two Amigos, LLC	636 28th Ave (downstairs)
4530	Regency Fairbanks Hotel	Beverage Dispensary	Pacific Rim Associates I, Inc.	1288 Sadler Way
4720	Gallantino's Italian Restaurant	Beverage Dispensary	Gallantino's, Inc.	1446 S Cushman St
4816	Mayan Palace	Beverage Dispensary	Taco Azteca, Inc.	3401 Airport Way
4819	The Antler Room	Beverage Dispensary	The Antler Room, Inc.	1003 Pioneer Rd, A
4846	Wal-Mart Supercenter #2722	Package Store	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	537 Johansen Exp
4941	Seoul Gate Restaurant	Restaurant/ Eating Place	Chong Pak	958 Cowles St
5169	HooDoo Brewing Company	Brewery	Fairbanks Fermentation, LLC	1951 Fox Ave

Mr. Gatewood, seconded by **Mr. Matherly**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Liquor License Applications for Renewal.

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

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

YEAS: Gatewood, Walley, Pruhs, Matherly, Huntington, Cleworth
 NAYS: None

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

b) The Fairbanks City Council, Sitting as a Committee of the Whole, heard interested citizens concerned with the following Application for a New Liquor License:

Type: Distillery, License #5436
 DBA: Hoarfrost Distilling
 Licensee/Applicant: Hoarfrost Distilling, LLC
 Physical Location: 3501 Lathrop Street, Unit F, Fairbanks, Alaska

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Matherly**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Application for a New Liquor License.

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

Mr. Gatewood stated that the Building Department and the Fire Department recommended protesting the license until a certificate of occupancy was issues.

Mayor Eberhart stated that the motion to waive protest could be withdrawn if the maker of the motion and the second did not take issue in withdrawing.

Mr. Pruhs, with the concurrence of **Mr. Matherly**, WITHDREW the motion to WAIVE PROTEST on the Application for a New Liquor License.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to PROTEST the Application for a New Liquor License until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued to the premises.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO PROTEST THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE UNTIL A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED TO THE PREMISES AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Pruhs, Walley, Huntington, Matherly, Gatewood

NAYS: None

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Eberhart stated that there was a porta-potty placed downtown last summer that was heavily used by tourists and the public. He stated that the Fairbanks climate factors into not having porta-potties in Fairbanks during the winter months. He stated that there was some vandalism to the unit that was placed downtown. **Mayor Eberhart** gave a brief history of the founding of Fairbanks and announced that the Mayor of Fanano, Italy would be traveling to Fairbanks in February. He stated that the visit with the Fanano group will help strengthen the City's relationship with its sister city. He stated that Chief of Staff Jeff Jacobson and Julie Jones of Festival Fairbanks are working on an itinerary for the Fanano travelers and encouraged everyone to interact with them. **Mayor Eberhart** spoke to the Permanent Fund Annual Review Work Session that took place earlier in the evening. He spoke to the many activities that the Mayor's Office has been involved with since the last Regular City Council Meeting. **Mayor Eberhart** stated that after three rounds of interviews for the new Executive Assistant the field has been narrowed down to three applicants. He congratulated the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) for making an arrest in the stabbing incident on Rickert Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6001 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article X Towing Vehicles to Require Towing Company Clean Up After a Motor Vehicle Accident. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Gatewood**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6001.

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

Mr. Walley requested a staff report.

Police Chief Randall Aragon stated that Ordinance No. 6001 is a common ordinance that is designed to ensure that towing companies clean up debris after a traffic accident.

Deputy Police Chief Eric Jewkes stated he did not believe that it would be a problem and that the ordinance is just getting out ahead of any possible issues.

Chief Aragon stated the clean-up clause was included in the City's towing contract but did not make it into the ordinance.

Mr. Cleworth asked if Deputy Chief Jewkes and Chief Aragon have a way to contact the tow companies to notify them of the changes.

Mr. Jewkes stated that FPD can contact all of the companies on the City tow rotation list.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6001 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Matherly, Cleworth, Walley, Huntington, Gatewood, Pruhs
NAYS: None
Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6001 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 4711 – A Resolution Recommending Governor Walker Re-Appoint Brandon Emmett to the Marijuana Control Board. Introduced by Council Members Pruhs and Matherly.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Resolution No. 4712 – A Resolution to Approve a Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the Old Steese Highway Reconstruction Project. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Resolution No. 4713 – A Resolution to Approve a Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the Aurora Drive Resurfacing Project and the Aurora Drive Noyes Slough Bridge Rehabilitation or Replacement Project. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Resolution No. 4714 – A Resolution to Approve a Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the Wembley Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Aurora Drive to Danby Street Project. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Ordinance No. 6003 – An Ordinance Amending the 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets for the First Time. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

Mr. Matherly, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6003.

Mr. Cleworth asked Chief Financial Officer Carmen Randle for a staff report. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Ms. Randle what consumer price index (CPI) she used when preparing the 2016 budget.

Ms. Randle stated that the CPI used in the preparation of the 2016 budget was 1.1%.

Mr. Cleworth asked Ms. Randle to make sure that the CPI is the most current rate; Ms. Randle stated that she would verify the rate.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6003 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Walley, Matherly, Gatewood, Pruhs, Cleworth, Huntington

NAYS: None

Mayor Eberhart declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- f) Ordinance No. 6004 – An Ordinance Ratifying a Labor Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and IBEW Local 1547. Introduced by Council Member Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- g) Ordinance No. 6005 – An Ordinance Establishing an Incentive Bonus Program with Fairbanks Police Department for Recruitment, Hiring and Retention. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6005.

Mr. Gatewood requested a staff report. He asked for clarification on the third whereas of Ordinance No. 6005, commenting that the community partnership language does not seem to fit with the rest of the ordinance.

Chief Aragon spoke to the national recommendation for community policing by the President of the United States. He stated that FPD wants officers to accept the community policing partnership and one of the incentives is a signing and retention bonus. He stated the department is currently short staffed by four officer positions and that in the coming week another officer is leaving the department. Chief Aragon stated that being creative and thinking outside the box is the reason for the bonus because the department is already 13% short staffed. He spoke to the importance of signing veteran officers that do not need to go through 13 weeks of training.

Mr. Gatewood stated he was in favor of community policing and asked what else was being done recruitment-wise to bring in more officers.

Chief Aragon stated that officers held a clinic at the University of Alaska in hopes of recruiting new officers. He stated that the State Troopers are also having issues recruiting and retaining officers and that they are trying to recruit from out of state.

Mr. Gatewood asked about the section of the ordinance that offers the recruiting employee an administrative week off after a lateral hire passes field training, orientation, and all probationary requirements.

Deputy Chief Jewkes spoke to the benefits of a lateral hire versus hiring someone brand new to law enforcement. He stated that the department wants to give FPD officers an incentive to help in recruitment efforts. He stated that a lateral transfer does not need the extensive training that a new hire would and spoke to the amount of training a new hire has to go through.

Mr. Gatewood asked how long an officer would have to stay in order to receive the \$5,000 sign-on bonus.

Chief Aragon stated that FPD is working with Human Resources (HR) to come up with a timeline for how long an officer would have to stay in order to receive and keep the \$5,000 bonus. He stated that the timeline would have to be negotiated. He explained that FPD is not competitive with other cities around the state when it comes to salary and that he would really like to retain the officers he currently has.

Mr. Gatewood stated the bonuses seem to be predicated on the savings from the vacancies within the department; he asked if FPD could use funds from other departments if they ran out of incentive bonus funds.

Mayor Eberhart stated that it would take a Council-approved budget amendment to take funds from another City department.

Chief Aragon stated that it is not FPD's intention to use other departments' funds. Deputy Chief Jewkes stated that there is a sense of urgency to retain officers because the department is so short staffed.

Chief of Staff Jeff Jacobson stated that the third whereas should not be included in Ordinance No. 6005; he stated that the language did not get updated in the ordinance placed in the Council packet. Mr. Jacobson apologized for any confusion it may have caused and stated he would update the ordinance and distribute a new draft the following day.

Mr. Gatewood stated that he thought the entire department was adopting the community policing philosophy.

Chief Aragon stated that it is his goal for all officers to participate in the community policing program but that at this time there are only four officers actively working on community policing. He explained how much training is involved in community policing and that he does not have enough manpower to get everyone trained simultaneously.

Mr. Gatewood stated that he understands change is slow. He expressed his belief that officers should perform community policing because they believe in the idea, not just because they are getting paid to do it.

Chief Aragon stated that when a person graduates from the police academy they know how to make arrests write tickets, but they do not come out of the academy with community policing skills. He stated that there are currently four FPD officers trained in community policing and that in the next year he hopes to get two more officers trained. He stated that not all officers want to become trained in community policing and that he cannot force the training upon them.

Mayor Eberhart stated that community policing was President Obama's Twenty-First Century Task Force recommended plan.

Chief Aragon stated that President Obama called for law enforcement to quit using reactive policing and start training for proactive policing.

Mr. Cleworth stated there needs to be some clarification to the ordinance that defines how long someone receiving a bonus would have to stay at FPD and what the penalty for leaving early would be. He stated that before the second reading there also needs to be a sunset clause added to determine how long the bonus program will stay in affect. **Mr. Cleworth** asked Chief Aragon if a lateral hire would be equivalent to an officer who just graduated from the police academy.

Chief Aragon stated that a veteran officer would be considered a lateral hire. Deputy Chief Jewkes clarified that a lateral hire would be someone who is already working as a certified law enforcement officer.

Ms. Huntington acknowledged the crisis that FPD is in and agreed that something needs to be done about it. She expressed concern that the whole department would start fishing for applicants simply to get a bonus.

Deputy Chief Jewkes stated that it is difficult to become a police officer and that recruiting is extremely hard. He stated that there are written tests, physical tests, oral boards, comprehensive background checks, polygraph examinations, psychological tests, and medical and drug tests that an applicant must go through. He stated that becoming a police officer is time intensive and that he does not believe there would be a problem with officers trying to cheat the system just to get a bonus.

HR Director Angela Foster-Snow spoke to the integrity of the City's law enforcement officers.

Chief Financial Officer Carmen Randle shared her concern with extending the bonus time period outside of the current fiscal year.

Mr. Cleworth agreed with Ms. Randle's concern and commented that bonuses should not be paid out over a three-year period.

Deputy Chief Jewkes stated that the bonus could be paid in full up front with a signed contract stating that the bonus will be paid back if the officer leaves employment within three years.

Mr. Walley stated that the bonus would have to be done in the same fiscal year. He asked how a department would recruit from out of state when moving costs are so monumental. He agreed with Mr. Cleworth that a condition needs to be included in the bonus system to ensure officers stay with City for a certain time period after earning a bonus. **Mr. Walley** shared that in his business, he paid to relocate an employee and that he made them sign a contract agreeing that if they moved away within three years the moving costs would have to be paid back.

Chief Aragon stated that the Alaska State Troopers pay for moving costs but that the City has not approved moving costs because it could be very expensive.

Ms. Foster-Snow spoke to out-of-state recruitment City-wide and shared that they have all been dealt with on a case-by-case basis as long as they fit within the department's budget.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6005 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Pruhs, Gatewood, Huntington, Cleworth, Matherly, Walley
NAYS: None
Mayor Eberhart declared the motion to advance Ordinance No. 6005 advanced.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FMATS Policy Committee – **Mr. Walley** stated that FMATS met and spoke about the City's resolution regarding Fairbanks' separation from the particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) non-attainment area. He stated that he thinks it would be a good thing to divide the area because it would focus more money on the areas that have a greater need. He stated that FMATS approved an additional \$40,000.00 for the South Cushman project. **Mr. Walley** stated that the State has a new accounting system that is not working well and is causing payments to be sent out late. He stated that it is not clear whether the problems with the accounting system have been solved but indicated that the issues are being worked on. **Mr. Walley** shared that there will be an open house on the Steese Highway/Chena Hot Springs Road roundabouts on January 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Weller Elementary School. He stated that there are many concerns about the intersection.

Mr. Cleworth asked whether the Borough Mayor would be bringing the PM_{2.5} issue before the Borough Assembly.

Mr. Walley stated that Mayor Kassel was in favor of dividing the PM 2.5 non-attainment area and that he intends to bring the issue before the Borough Assembly. He stated that North Pole Mayor Ward could not support it at this time but that he may change his mind after he receives more information.

Mr. Cleworth asked when the Steese Highway/Chena Hot Springs Road and Danby Street projects would begin.

Mr. Walley stated that he did not know the dates offhand, but that he could find the information for Mr. Cleworth.

Public Safety Commission – **Ms. Huntington** stated that she participated in the last meeting via telephone and that her connection was not very good. She stated that the Commission discussed 9-1-1 calls being routed to the Fairbanks Dispatch Center that should not be.

Permanent Fund Review Board – **Mr. Gatewood** stated that the Board met earlier that day. He referenced two of the Work Session handouts stating the current value of the Fund is \$116,500,000. He stated there is a lot of volatility in the market and that, as of recently, the fund has dipped. **Mr. Gatewood** stated that the Board discussed preparing an RFP for fund management services. He stated that it is a good thing to put the services out to bid every now and then to ensure that the City is getting the best deal available.

Polaris Building Work Group – **Mr. Pruhs** thanked Grants Administrator Margarita Bell for getting the Brownfield application for the environmental issues of the Polaris Building. He stated he would be meeting with Development Manager Pat Smith to discuss how much the owner would want for the note on the building.

Mayor Eberhart stated that he ran into Deb Hikcock at the Chamber lunch and that she thanked Mr. Pruhs for his efforts in regard to the Polaris Building.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2015

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- b) Memo to Approve “Guidelines for Citizen Participation” Pamphlet

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Gatewood requested to be EXCUSED from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 22, 2016.

Mayor Eberhart called for objection to Mr. Gatewood’s request to be EXCUSED for the February 22, 2016 meeting and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mr. Walley shared the news-worthy story about the 7.1 magnitude earthquake that hit near Anchorage; he stated that everyone seems to be okay but that it was a large and scary earthquake. He stated that Alaska has thousands of earthquakes every single day and mentioned the large earthquake that hit Fairbanks in 2002. **Mr. Walley** spoke to the bleak financial outlook for the State and questioned how taxes will be affected by it. He shared his concern for how the State budget crisis is going to affect the City of Fairbanks. He thanked fellow Council Members for their service.

Ms. Huntington stated that Mr. Jacobson has been serving for a few weeks and noted how gracefully City employees handle change. She stated that it is a pleasure to work with City staff and thanked the Mayor and staff for creating a positive work environment.

Mr. Matherly stated that he spoke with Mr. Marc Marlow about the Polaris Building and that his application for allocation from the National Community Trust is still in the works. He echoed Mr. Cleworth's condolences to Mr. Turney for the recent loss of his mother. He stated that Don Hoover also passed away and encouraged everyone to go to the Pioneer Home to visit the elderly residents. **Mr. Matherly** welcomed Mr. Jacobson to the City and apologized for not welcoming him at the last Regular Council Meeting. He spoke to the importance of having Mr. Jacobson's institutional knowledge from the Borough at the City. He stated he would like to see a Borough Assembly Member attend City Council meetings and asked Mr. Jacobson to extend that invitation. **Mr. Matherly** stated that it would be nice for the Council to have regular updates from the Borough. He stated it is an honor to serve on the City Council.

Mr. Cleworth asked Council Members if they received the spreadsheet listing all deposits into the Permanent Fund dating back to its inception. He gave a breakdown of the information that was contained in the document and explained why the Permanent Fund is protected by City Code. **Mr. Cleworth** spoke to the earthquake in South Central Alaska and stated that he heard some homes were lost due to breaks in gas lines. He stated that with gas comes an array of interesting things that can occur and shared that it is something everyone should be aware of. He spoke to the handout that was given to the Council by City Clerk Snider relating to liquor licenses and asked her to explain the table she provided. Clerk Snider provided clarification on the liquor license numbers provided in the memo. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that there has never been a good solution for providing public restrooms in Downtown Fairbanks. He stated that years ago he was part of the Interior Girls Softball Association and that neighborhood kids burned two porta-potties to the ground. He stated that restrooms made from something other than plastic may be more durable and less susceptible to vandalism. **Mr. Cleworth** shared his concern with the City's liability in regard to activities that could occur in public restrooms. He stated that maintenance to prevent vandalism is another huge concern for the City. He stated that he did not have a practical answer as to how to get Sani-cans in the park downtown on a year-round basis.

Mr. Pruhs stated that he would be on the radio the following morning and invited anyone with questions to call into the show. He asked Ms. Randle to provide a list of salaries of all City employees at the next Finance Committee Meeting. He thanked Mr. Gatewood for the information he shared in the Permanent Fund report. **Mr. Pruhs** stated that he is a realtor and that he received a phone call from a gentleman last year looking for potential locations to have a marijuana business. **Mr. Pruhs** stated that he gave the gentleman a few ideas but that at that time the marijuana zoning regulations had not yet been released by the Borough. He explained the situation surrounding Mr. Turney's allegations against him regarding The Higher Calling. He stated that sometimes he has to chuckle at some of the things that are said about him.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Paul Ewers advised that there is no need for the Executive Sessions on the Agenda because there is nothing to discuss.

Mr. Gatewood, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to REMOVE all Executive Session items from the Agenda.

Mayor Eberhart called for objection to REMOVING all Executive Session items from the Agenda.

Mr. Cleworth objected; he stated he feels the Council should discuss IBEW Labor Negotiations.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Pruhs**, moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing IBEW Labor Negotiations.

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

Mayor Eberhart called for a ten minute recess.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) IBEW Labor Contract Negotiations

The City Council met in Executive Session to discuss IBEW Labor Negotiations. Direction was given to staff and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Matherly, seconded by **Ms. Huntington**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

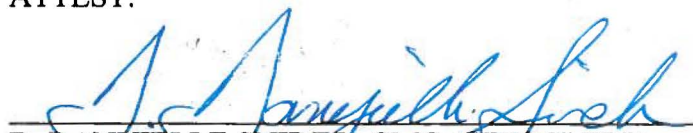
Mayor Eberhart called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Eberhart declared the meeting adjourned at 9.17 p.m.



JOHN EBERHART, MAYOR

ATTEST:



D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, CMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: EB