



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2014-14
REGULAR MEETING JULY 21, 2014
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION
3. FLAG SALUTATION
4. CITIZENS COMMENTS, oral communications to Council on any item not up for Public Hearing. Testimony is limited to five (5) minutes. Any person wishing to speak needs to complete the register located in the hallway. Normal 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, kindly silence all cell phone, electronic and messaging devices.
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

(Approval of Consent Agenda passes all routine items indicated by an asterisk (*). Consent Agenda items are not considered separately unless a Council Member so requests. In the event of such a request, the item is returned to the General Agenda).
6. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7. SPECIAL ORDERS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council, Sitting as a Committee of the Whole, will hear interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Ownership and Name Change. Public Testimony will be taken and limited to five (5) minutes.

Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #4547

To: **Lavelle's Bistro** / Franklin Eagle and Kathleen Lavelle
No Premises

From: Chili's Grill & Bar / Duke Investments Inc.
No Premises (formerly 506 Merhar Ave)

- b) The Fairbanks City Council, Sitting as a Committee of the Whole, will hear interested citizens concerned with the following Liquor License Application for Transfer of Location and Name Change. Public Testimony will be taken and limited to five (5) minutes.

Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #2847

To: **Bojangles** / Scruff N Pork's Inc.
1351 Cushman Street, Fairbanks

From: No DBA / Scruff N Pork's Inc.
No Premises

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- *a) Ordinance No. 5952 – An Ordinance Amending the 2014 Operating Budget to Fund the Firefighters Local No. 1324 vs City Healthcare Arbitration Award. Introduced by Mayor Eberhart.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS (INFORMATION AND REPORT)

- a) Committee Reports

12. COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

- a) Request from City Attorney Re: Reappointment to the AML/JIA Board
- *b) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2014
- *c) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2014
- *d) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2014
- *e) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2014
- *f) Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2014
- *g) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2014
- *h) Reappointment to the Clay Street Cemetery Commission
- *i) Appointment and Reappointment to the Board of Plumber Examiners

13. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

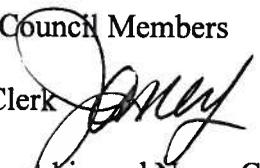
16. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Labor Negotiations: PSEA

17. ADJOURNMENT

MEMORANDUM

City of Fairbanks Clerk's Office

Janey Hovenden, MMC,
City Clerk

TO: Mayor John Eberhart and City Council Members
FROM: Janey Hovenden, MMC, City Clerk 
SUBJECT: Transfer of Liquor License Ownership and Name Change
DATE: July 16, 2014

An application has been received from the State Alcohol Beverage Control Board for transfer of ownership and name change for the following liquor license:

Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #4547
To: Lavelle's Bistro / Franklin Eagle and Kathleen Lavelle
No Premises
From: Chili's Grill & Bar / Duke Investments, Inc.
No Premises (formerly 506 Merhar)

Pursuant to FCG Sec. 14-178 the Council must determine whether or not to protest the liquor license action after holding a public hearing.

Please note there are no Departmental protests for this transfer.

MEMORANDUM

City of Fairbanks Clerk's Office

Janey Hovenden, City Clerk

TO: Mayor John Eberhart
City Council Members

FROM: Janey Hovenden, MMC, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Application for Liquor License Transfer

DATE: July 16, 2014

An application has been received by the State Alcohol Beverage Control Board for transfer of location and name change for the following liquor license applicant:

License Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #2847
DBA: **Bojangle**
Licensee/Applicant: Scruff N Porks, Inc.
Physical Location: 1351 Cushman Street, Fairbanks AK

From: No DBA / Scruff N Porks, Inc.
No Premises

Pursuant to FCG Sec. 14-178, the Council must determine whether or not to protest the liquor license action after holding a public hearing.

FGC Section 14-168 (New Locations) requires advertising in the newspaper and mailing notice of the date, time and place of public hearing to all owners of record of land within 500 feet of the place where alcoholic beverages will be sold. The City Clerk has complied with these provisions.

There are no departmental objections to the transfer of this license.

ORDINANCE NO. 5952

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 OPERATING BUDGET
TO FUND THE FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL NO. 1324 VS CITY
HEALTHCARE ARBITRATION AWARD**

WHEREAS, the current collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the City and the Fairbanks Firefighters IAFF Local 1324 specified that the contract would be reopened in 2013 for negotiations on healthcare benefits for 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, the parties were unable to negotiate new healthcare terms, so the matter was submitted to arbitration; and

WHEREAS, an arbitration hearing was held in March of 2014, and the arbitrator's decision was issued on July 11, 2014 (copy attached); and

WHEREAS, the arbitrator's decision awarded an increase to the City's share of the healthcare premium whereby the City would pay 80% of the cost of the premium effective January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance amends the 2014 operating budget to fund the increases awarded by the arbitrator;

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the 2014 General Fund budget 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 January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 (see page 2):

REVENUE	APPROVED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
Taxes, (all sources)	\$ 20,060,196	\$ -	\$ 20,060,196
Charges for Services	4,372,020	-	4,372,020
Intergovernmental Revenues	4,541,084	-	4,541,084
Licenses & Permits	1,444,914	-	1,444,914
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	1,022,185	-	1,022,185
Interest & Penalties	130,500	-	130,500
Rental & Lease Income	158,744	-	158,744
Other Revenues	215,000	-	215,000
Other Financing Sources	(700,543)	-	(700,543)
Total revenue appropriation	\$ 31,244,100	\$ -	\$ 31,244,100
EXPENDITURES			
Mayor and Council	\$ 507,865	\$ -	\$ 507,865
Office of the City Attorney	178,104	-	178,104
Office of the City Clerk	348,914	-	348,914
Finance Department	923,640	-	923,640
Information Technology	1,420,382	-	1,420,382
General Account	5,725,431	-	5,725,431
Risk Management	1,040,819	-	1,040,819
Police Department	7,200,352	-	7,200,352
Dispatch Center	2,051,459	-	2,051,459
Fire Department	6,357,074	60,500	6,417,574
Public Works Department	7,534,588	-	7,534,588
Engineering Department	518,231	-	518,231
Building Department	670,308	-	670,308
Total expenditure appropriation	\$ 34,477,167	\$ 60,500	\$ 34,537,667
12/31/13 general fund balance	\$ 13,270,040		\$ 13,270,040
Decrease to fund balance	(3,233,067)	(60,500)	(3,293,567)
Nonspendable	(424,514)	-	(424,514)
Committed for snow removal	(250,000)	-	(250,000)
Assigned self insurance	(785,248)	-	(785,248)
12/31/14 Unassigned balance	<u>\$ 8,577,211</u>	<u>\$ (60,500)</u>	<u>\$ 8,516,711</u>

Minimum unassigned fund balance requirement is 20% of budgeted annual expenditures but not less than \$4,000,000.

\$ 6,907,533

SECTION 2. 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 January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014.

SECTION 3. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the _____ day of _____ 2014.

JOHN EBERHART, MAYOR

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Janey Hovenden, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE

ORDINANCE 5952, AMENDING THE 2014 OPERATING BUDGET TO FUND THE FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL NO. 1324 VS CITY HEALTHCARE ARBITRATION AWARD

ESTIMATED REVENUES and OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

NO CHANGE

1. Taxes – No Change
2. Charges for Services – No Change
3. Intergovernmental Revenues – No Change
4. Licenses & Permits – No Change
5. Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties – No Change
6. Interest & Penalties – No Change
7. Rental & Lease Income – No Change
8. Other Revenues – No Change
9. Other Financing Sources & (Uses) – No Change

FISCAL NOTE CONTINUED
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

\$60,500 INCREASE

1. Mayor & Council – No Change
2. City Attorney's Office – No Change
3. City Clerk's Office – No Change
4. Finance Department – No Change
5. Information Technology – No Change
6. General Account – No Change
7. Risk Management – No Change
8. Police Department – No Change
9. Dispatch – No Change
10. Fire Department – \$60,500 Increase
 - \$60,500 Increase to Benefits (FFA LOCAL 1324 Healthcare Arbitration Award)
11. Public Works – No Change
12. Engineering – No Change
13. Building Department – No Change

BEFORE THE ARBITRATOR

In the matter of the Interest Arbitration
between:

CITY OF FAIRBANKS

and

FAIRBANKS FIREFIGHTERS UNION

ARBITRATION AWARD

FMCS No. 13-59010-8

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney, appeared on behalf of the Employer.

Cook, Schuhmann and Groseclose by **Robert B. Groseclose**, Attorney at Law,
appeared on behalf of the Union.

The City of Fairbanks (Employer) and the Fairbanks Firefighters Union (Union) selected the undersigned Arbitrator to determine a dispute arising from terms of a collective bargaining agreement in effect from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2015. The collective bargaining agreement specified that the contract would be reopened on January 1, 2014 to negotiate changes in health insurance. The agreement was reopened, but the parties were unable to finalize new health care terms. Accordingly, the dispute was submitted to arbitration for resolution. A hearing was conducted in Fairbanks, Alaska on March 11 and 12, 2014. During the course of the hearing, both parties presented testimony and exhibits and had the opportunity to examine and cross-examine witnesses. The parties submitted closing briefs on April 18, 2014.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The City of Fairbanks is located in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, approximately 350 miles north of Anchorage, Alaska. Operating through a "Council-Mayor" form of government, policy and legislative authority is reserved to the City Council. The City

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Council is composed of six elected Commissioners and the elected Mayor. At the time of hearing, the city and its surrounding area had a population of approximately 100,000.

The City Council adopts a general fund and a capital fund budget annually. The Council must ensure that the general budget is balanced, where current revenues cover current expenses. The Council's budget work is constrained by several tax limitations that inhibit the amount of revenue that can be raised. A "tax cap" specifies that the amount of municipal taxes that can be levied during a particular fiscal year may not exceed the total amount approved by the City Council for the preceding year by more than a fixed percentage. The percentage amount is determined by the percentage increase in the federal Consumer Price Index for Anchorage from the preceding fiscal year. In addition, property tax revenues are limited to a maximum of 4.9 mills.

The City of Fairbanks employs approximately 200 full-time employees. The Employer has collective bargaining relationships with four bargaining units:

- Fairbanks Firefighters Union (FFU)
- Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA) (police department and emergency communications employees),
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) (administrative and supervisory employees) and
- AFL-CIO Crafts Council (several trade unions covered by a single collective bargaining agreement).

The Employer's workforce has been reduced, and that reduction has a direct bearing on the instant dispute. In 1997, the City of Fairbanks sold its local public utility, the Fairbanks Municipal Utilities System. The sale, which had to be approved by a city-wide vote, meant that the City of Fairbanks would no longer receive revenue from electrical, water, sewer, telephone, steam and hot water heat services. With the citizens' approval, the utility was sold, and the Employer's workforce was reduced accordingly.

Prior to the utility sale, the City of Fairbanks was self-insured for health insurance. After the sale, the Employer's "pool" of eligible employees for insurance purposes was reduced to the point that it no longer made economic sense to maintain a self-insured position. The Employer then negotiated with its various collective bargaining units to have their members join other insurance plans. At the time of hearing, a number of city employees were covered by the IBEW and AFL-CIO insurance plans. In addition, police department and emergency communications employees were covered by the PSEA Healthcare Trust insurance plan, and Fairbanks firefighters participated in the Northwest Fire Fighters Trust healthcare insurance plan. It must be noted, that the firefighters had been covered under the PSEA health insurance plan until 2012, when the PSEA union exercised its option to drop the firefighters from coverage under the PSEA plan. The Fairbanks firefighters then looked for other insurance plans to provide health care coverage, finally deciding on the Northwest Fire Fighters Trust.

The Employer is subject to the provisions of AS 23.40.070 *et seq.*, the Public Employment Relations Act (PERA). The statute specifies that an impasse in negotiations between an employer and "fire protection employees" must be submitted to arbitration. Arbitration proceedings are to be carried out under terms of AS 09.43.030 or 09.43.480, to the extent allowed by AS 09.43.010 and 09.43.300. The arbitration process is set forth in AS 09.43.420 in the following terms:

- (a) An arbitrator may conduct an arbitration in the manner the arbitrator considers appropriate for a fair and expeditious disposition of the proceeding. The authority conferred upon the arbitrator includes the power to hold conferences with the parties to the arbitration proceeding before the hearing and, among other matters, determine the admissibility, relevance, materiality, and weight of any evidence.
- (b) An arbitrator may decide a request for summary disposition of a claim or particular issue
 - (1) if all interested parties agree; or

- (2) on request of one party to the arbitration proceeding if that party gives notice to all other parties to the proceeding and the other parties have reasonable opportunity to respond.
- (c) In an arbitrator orders a hearing, the arbitrator shall set a time and place and give notice of the hearing not less than five days before the hearing begins. Unless a party to the arbitration proceeding makes an objection to lack or insufficiency of notice not later than the beginning of the hearing, the party's appearance at the hearing waives the objection. On request of a party to the arbitration proceeding and for good cause shown, or on the arbitrator's own initiative, the arbitrator may adjourn the hearing from time to time as necessary but may not postpone the hearing to a time later than that fixed by the agreement to arbitrate for making the award unless the parties to the arbitration proceeding consent to a later date. The arbitrator may hear and decide the controversy on the evidence produced although a party who was notified of the arbitration proceeding did not appear. The court, on request, may direct the arbitrator to conduct the hearing promptly and render a timely decision.
- (d) At a hearing under (c) of this section, a party to the arbitration proceeding has a right to be heard, to present evidence material to the controversy, and to cross-examine witnesses appearing at hearing.
- (e) If an arbitrator ceases acting or is unable to act during the arbitration proceeding, a replacement arbitrator shall be appointed under AS 09.43.380 to continue the proceeding and to resolve the controversy.

In this case, the parties negotiated a collective bargaining agreement effective from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2015. As part of that agreement, the parties included a contract re-opener to negotiate concerning health insurance effective January 1, 2014 through the remainder of the collective bargaining agreement's term. The parties were unable to reach agreement on the insurance issue, and the dispute was referred to arbitration for resolution.

THE HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUE

There is no dispute that the parties agree that medical insurance must be provided to bargaining unit employees. The question is how much the Employer and bargaining unit employees must pay for that insurance. As the Employer noted in its closing brief, the parties have a very different view of the situation. The Union asked to compare health insurance premium rates with certain other cities in Alaska and in Washington State. The Employer argued that such a comparison is not relevant to this dispute, and that the primary comparison must be with other city employee groups. It is appropriate to examine both lines of argument to determine the proper approach for resolving this dispute.

The Union's Argument

The Union analyzed the health insurance issue in light of its need to find a new insurance plan. As noted above, firefighters were traditionally covered by the PSEA health insurance policy, but the PSEA exercised its right to drop the firefighters from coverage in 2012. The Union and the Employer signed a letter of agreement in December 2012, recognizing that the firefighters were moving to the Northwest Fire Fighters Trust (NWFFT). By moving to the NWFFT, the firefighters' monthly insurance premium was reduced by \$250 to \$350 dollars per month. According to the Union's analysis, the NWFFT health plan cost \$1,443 a month, with the Employer paying \$1040 for the insurance plan. The bargaining unit employees were responsible for the difference of \$443. The Union contended that this "split" in payments meant that the Employer paid approximately 70% of the insurance premium cost and the Union employees paid approximately 30% of the premium cost.

The Union argued that the cost for medical coverage in Fairbanks, Alaska is very high, and is as much as 44% ahead of other cities of similar size. The Union noted that health care costs were still rising, with little evidence of any moderation in costs. The Union further argued that bargaining unit members have additional health care costs related to high deductibles and co-pays. At the time of hearing, each bargaining unit member had a \$1,500 annual deductible along with a 20% co-pay on medical services received.

While acknowledging that Fairbanks is in a unique position, the Union argued that it found comparable jurisdictions in Alaska and Washington State that support its contention regarding an appropriate level of insurance contribution. The Union contended that the information gained from its set of comparables showed that the Employer did not meet its obligation to provide health insurance at reasonable rates for bargaining unit employees.

Finally, the Union maintained that the Employer's attempts to focus its economic analysis on purely internal comparisons should be discounted. The Union reminded the Employer that it can only bargain for its members, and that each of the Employer's other bargaining units must be responsible for their own health insurance coverages and payments. The Union argued that each bargaining unit had its own unique set of needs and must be treated individually. If one bargaining unit wanted a higher deductible, with money to be used for other wage related improvements, it would be unfair to impose the same constraints on the other bargaining units which may have very different needs for insurance coverage. The Union concluded by arguing that the Arbitrator should award a medical premium of at least 80% employer contribution and 20% employee contribution.

The Employer's Argument

The Employer argued that it was paying an appropriate amount for medical insurance premiums, and that the amount of its contribution should not be increased. The Employer acknowledged that the Union's NWFFT plan saved money over the amount paid under the PSEA plan, but contended that those savings should not automatically lead to an increase in premium payments now.

The Employer maintained that the Union did not set forth the entire amount of money paid by the City of Fairbanks each month for bargaining unit members. In addition to the \$1040 monthly premium amount, the Employer also paid another \$100 a month into a Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan associated with the health insurance coverage. According to the Employer's calculations, bargaining unit employees paid \$302.44 per month for their

portion of the insurance premium. Following the Employer's reasoning and calculations, the City of Fairbanks provided 79% of medical insurance premium costs while bargaining unit members were responsible for 21% of premium costs.

The Employer maintained that the Union's effort to compare the situation in Fairbanks with other jurisdictions is not instructive for the instant dispute. While acknowledging that it had to be aware of what other jurisdictions do, the Employer argued that the most important comparison in this case is how the Union's employees match up with the rest of the Employer's workforce. Using this analysis, the Employer contended that the Union's bargaining unit was well-compensated and that it should not receive additional compensation in the form of higher health insurance premium coverage. The Employer contended that it would be unfair to the rest of its workforce if such a result occurred. Accordingly, the Employer asked to maintain the existing medical insurance rate for the remainder of the current collective bargaining agreement.

Analysis of the Issue Presented

The parties have a fundamental disagreement over the appropriate amount of money that the Employer should pay toward medical insurance premiums. In a sense, I must serve as an "interest arbitrator" in making the determination of an appropriate premium amount. In other words, I will be setting the parties' future interests in the collective bargaining agreement rather than deciding a grievance over a set of discrete events that have already taken place.

As the Employer properly notes in its closing brief, interest arbitration must be considered to be an extension of the collective bargaining process. I agree with Arbitrator Carlton Snow who set forth a controlling principle for interest arbitration decisions in *City of Seattle*, PERC Case No. 6502-1-86-148 (Snow, 1988):

[A] goal of interest arbitration is to induce a final decision that will, as nearly as possible, approximate what the parties themselves would have reached had they continued to bargain with determination and good faith.

A number of other arbitrators have expressed the same goal for interest arbitration. *See Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 7*, PERC Case No. 15012-1-00-333 (Krebs, 2000); and *City of Centralia*, PERC Case No. 11866-1-95-253 (Lumbley, 1997). Arbitrator Snow's observation serves to provide a general framework for analyzing specific language and wage proposals. Arbitrator Timothy Williams stated this principle in the following terms:

[T]he panel is mindful that the basic function of interest arbitration is to provide what should have been achieved at the bargaining table.

Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area v. Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 757, PERC Case No. 24063-1-11-570 (2011).

Having established that interest arbitration must be considered as an extension of the collective bargaining process, several other principles have also been developed to refine the use of arbitration to conclude bargaining. For example, it must be remembered that interest arbitration is conducted in the context of an existing collective bargaining relationship. The arbitrator must be aware of the parties' bargaining history to provide an appropriate context for an award that will set their future rights and obligations. *See City of Seattle*, PERC Case No. 6576-1-86-150 (Beck, 1988). As noted in Elkouri and Elkouri, *How Arbitration Works*, Sixth Edition (BNA, 2003):

[I]nterest arbitration is more nearly legislative than judicial . . . our task here is to search for what would be, in the light of all the relevant factors and circumstances, a fair and equitable answer to a problem which the parties have not been able to resolve by themselves.

The parties' bargaining history is instructive because it shows that the Employer has set different wage rates for the firefighters as compared to the other bargaining units. The Union employees received a wage increase of 4.75% in the first year of the agreement, with no further wage increase for the remainder of the contract. In addition to the wage increase, the Employer provided a corresponding 4.75% increase in pension contributions for the bargaining unit.

The Employer and the AFL-CIO craft unions concluded negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement in effect for the 2014 – 2016 time period. It should be noted that under terms of the AFL-CIO agreement, each participating union has its own insurance plan with correspondingly different payment requirements. At the time of hearing, the AFL-CIO contract covered 13 employees in the Laborers Union, 20 employees represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers, one employee represented by the Carpenters Union, one employee represented by the Plumbers Union, and three employees represented by the Teamsters Union. The contract also covers the Painters Union, but there were no employees represented by that union at the time the contract was executed.

Under terms of the AFL-CIO contract, employees were granted a 1.5% increase in the “package rate” on January 1, 2014, with an additional one-time “signing bonus” equal to 1% of the package rate. The contract called for reopeners in 2015 and 2016 for wage and benefit negotiations. The “package rate” refers to the cost of providing a wage increase and an increase in medical premium benefits. The collective bargaining agreement specified that the unions involved in the AFL-CIO contract had the latitude to decide how much of the 1.5% increase would be applied to wage increases and how much would be applied to medical insurance premiums.

Each union in the AFL-CIO contract had its own health insurance plan to deal with, and the contract set differing amounts of Employer contribution for each group. The following charts express monthly insurance premium costs:

	<u>Total Premium</u>	<u>Employer Pays</u>	<u>Employee Pays</u>	
Laborers Union		\$ 1126.28	\$ 1126.28	0
Operating Engineers		\$ 1256.68	\$ 1256.68	0
Carpenters		\$ 1482.00	\$ 1482.00	0
Plumbers		\$ 1,130.00	\$ 1130.00	0

Teamsters			
(employee only)	\$ 1102.40	\$ 1102.40	0
(employee + 1 or 2)	\$ 1275.00	\$1102.40	\$ 172. 60
Painters	\$ 1138.80	\$1138.80	0

The 2014 through 2016 IBEW collective bargaining agreement covered 42 employees and was settled on different economic terms. In that contract, the parties agreed to a 2.5% increase in the “package rate” for 2014, with a 2% increase in 2015 and a 2% increase in 2016, applied to the “package rate” each year. The IBEW contract called for health insurance premium payments of:

<u>Total Premium</u>	<u>Employer Pays</u>	<u>Employee Pays</u>
\$ 1590.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 740.00

The Employer has not used the “package rate” approach for the PSEA or the Fairbanks Firefighter Union contracts because the Employer’s pension obligation is set by the Alaska State Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). The PERS contribution amount is set by the State of Alaska and cannot be modified by the parties in bargaining. The PSEA contract sets medical insurance premiums as:

	<u>Total Premium</u>	<u>Employer Pays</u>	<u>Employee Pays</u>
“Heritage Plan” (54 employees)	\$ 1707.00	\$ 1040.00	\$ 667.00
“Catastrophic Plan” (14 employees)	\$ 1128.00	\$ 1040.00	\$ 88.00

For the Fairbanks Firefighters Union, two insurance plans are offered. For the “500 Plan” (covering 2 employees), the total premium cost is \$ 1,641.00, with the Employer paying \$1040.00. Employees pay \$601.40. For the “1500 Plan” (covering 40 employees), the total

premium cost is \$1,442.44, with the Employer paying \$ 1040.00. Employees must pay \$402.44 as their share of the monthly insurance premium amount.

In its closing brief, the Employer argued that it had to be mindful of providing reasonable medical insurance premium compensation for all of its employee groups. The record shows that the Employer has attempted to address specific insurance premium issues with each of its bargaining units, with little similarity in approach among the different groups. While the IBEW group pays almost 50% of its premium costs, at least five other bargaining units do not pay anything toward insurance premium payments. Those differences came about because of collective bargaining that led to a number of different results. Each bargaining unit had different interests, and it is clear that the Employer attempted to meet those interests by allowing such a variety of insurance premium results.

The Employer finds itself in a difficult position. In many cities, single city-wide insurance plans are offered, with the same rates paid by all city employees. While this approach provides predictability and uniformity, it removes the flexibility to address issues within the numerous bargaining units.

Turning to the instant matter, I have carefully examined the evidence presented by the parties and their respective arguments concerning the appropriate medical insurance premium amount. I must conclude that the Employer should pay 80% of the monthly insurance premium, with employees being responsible for 20% of the premium. This is not an arbitrary decision. It is based on several factors. First, it is very unusual for firefighters to pay more than 20% for their insurance premium costs.

I recognize that the City of Fairbanks is somewhat remote from other jurisdictions, but it would be unrealistic to isolate the firefighters so completely. The Employer has already shown a great deal of flexibility in reaching a number of agreements concerning medical insurance premiums, and I recognize that the Employer has invested a good deal of its budget

to meet its commitments. I must also find that the Union has presented a compelling argument supporting its position, and the "80/20" split in payment is logical and appropriate.

I recognize that several months have passed since the January 1, 2014 reopener date. It would be impossible to reconstruct the actual usage of medical premiums during that time, but it is certainly possible to calculate the difference that the Employer was paying at that time as compared to the amount owed under the 80/20 formula. Accordingly, the Employer will be directed to compensate each bargaining unit member for the difference. The payment will be made as a separate check for those months that have passed, and will continue as a separate payment until such time as the Employer is able to start paying the 80% amount toward medical insurance premiums.

As part of its proposed award, the Union asks that I order the Employer to pay for the Union's costs and fees for the presentation of its case. I have considered the Union's request, and will not make such an order here. I believe that the imposition of attorneys' fees should be reserved to those situations where a party has acted in some kind of bad faith or has otherwise been obstructive to the litigation. I cannot make such a determination here. Both parties presented their positions in good faith, and, apart from a disagreement on the way to resolve their dispute, showed a willingness to work together in the collective bargaining process.

AWARD

Based on the foregoing and the record as a whole, effective January 1, 2014, the City of Fairbanks is directed to pay an amount equal to 80% of the medical insurance premium payment for the Northwest Fire Fighters Trust (NWWFT) plan in effect.

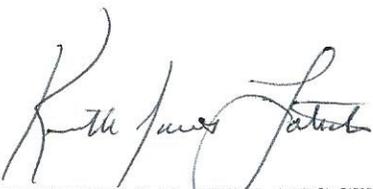
Employees represented by the Fairbanks Firefighters Union shall be responsible for 20% of the premium payments.

Until the City of Fairbanks is able to start paying the insurance premium to the NWWFT at the 80% amount, the Employer will pay bargaining unit members for the difference between the amount that the City of Fairbanks was paying and the amount to be paid at the 80% level.

The payments shall be made in a separate check, and not made part of the employees' base wages.

I retain jurisdiction in this matter for a period of 60 days to deal with any questions or difficulties in the implementation of this Award.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, this 11th day of July, 2014.



KENNETH JAMES LATSCH
Arbitrator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Eberhart and Councilmembers
FROM: Paul Ewers, City Attorney 
SUBJECT: AMLJIA Board of Trustees - reappointment
DATE: July 16, 2014

At the beginning of this year, I was appointed to the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association (AMLJIA) Board of Trustees to serve out Patrick Cole's remaining term. Patrick had been the Chair of the Board before his death. Patrick's term expires this fall, and I have again submitted a Declaration of Interest form to the AMLJIA.

The AMLJIA is a not-for-profit corporation formed in July of 1988 by the Alaska Municipal League under Alaska Statute 21.76 to provide insurance and risk management services to AML member municipalities and school districts. The City of Fairbanks is a member and participant. The Board of Trustees directs the professional staff and sets the policy for the organization. The Board meets at least four times a year. Members are reimbursed for approved travel and related expenses.

I reapplied for a position on the Board because I believe the City of Fairbanks should be represented. In addition, a Fairbanks member brings an Interior Alaska perspective to the Board, which I feel is important.

Because serving on the Board requires a commitment of time for out-of-town travel and meeting preparation, I would not accept the reappointment without the consent of the Council by way of a motion to support my appointment to the AMLJIA Board of Trustees.



CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 4, 2014
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The **Clay Street Cemetery Commission** convened at 5:00 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Chair Bill Robertson presiding and with the following members in attendance:

Members Present: Dave Erickson, Seat A
 David Pruhs, Seat B
 Anne Castle, Seat C
 Frank Turney, Seat D

Absent: None

Also Present: D. Danyielle Snider, Deputy City Clerk
 Phil Sanders, City Facilities Manager (for Mike Schmetzer, Ex-officio Member)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2014.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Castle**, moved to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2014.

Chair Robertson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Castle pointed out that “Minutes of February” should be corrected to read “Minutes of May.”

No members objected to the correction or to the approval of the Agenda, as Amended.

COMMUNICATIONS

a) Announcement of new Commission Member – Confirmed by Council June 9, 2014

Chair Robertson stated that new member, Kate Ripley, is currently out of town and may also be out of town at the next regular meeting. He stated that Ms. Ripley is head of Public Relations at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and indicated that she will be a great addition to the Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) 2013 Marker Placement

Mr. Pruhs distributed procedures and a list of tools and materials needed for placing concrete bases and markers at the Clay Street Cemetery.

Members discussed the precise measurements of the holes to be dug for each marker and the exact amounts of sand that should be used to prepare each site for placement. They discussed the logistics of where the markers, bases and materials would be delivered at the cemetery.

Mr. Turney stated that there are some concerns about the path inside the cemetery that is only half paved.

Mr. Sanders stated that the repair of the pathway should be submitted as a capital request. He stated that it would be helpful to have an estimated cost for the project prior to the request. He stated that the sand and the topsoil for the current project will be provided by the City.

Chair Robertson stated that the 40 headstones will be delivered to the cemetery the following day. He stated that the stones weigh about 40 pounds each. He stated that the 50 bases will be delivered in the middle of June.

Mr. Turney stated that there is currently enough room in the storage shed for 26 headstones.

Mr. Pruhs stated that Chair Robertson will be in charge of the project involving the Eagle Scouts the following day.

Mr. Turney suggested that Mr. Erickson be appointed to supervise the placement of the markers that will take place later in the month.

Chair Robertson stated that the placement of the concrete bases is the more difficult job in placing new headstones and that the last time markers were placed, some were set too deeply.

Mr. Erickson gave pointers on how to adhere headstones to bases. He recommended the use of liquid nails and stated that the caulking cannot be done until the adhesive dries.

Chair Robertson stated that he will cut five patterns for marker placement, one for each team. He discussed the workflow involved in marker placement and the various tools that may need to be purchased to perform the work. He asked Deputy Clerk Snider if the Commission could use Hotel/Motel Discretionary Fund dollars to purchase tools to place the headstones.

Mr. Pruhs offered to make a list of supplies and tools that will be needed for the placement. He stated that they can make some inquiries to see if some of the tools that could be borrowed.

Mr. Turney pointed out that there may be some useful tools in the storage shed at the cemetery.

Deputy Clerk Snider, in response to Chair Robertson's earlier question about expending bed tax funds, stated that it would be best to check with Margarita Bell, City Grants Administrator, to ensure that the purchases would be appropriate to make with City grant dollars.

Ms. Castle, seconded by **Mr. Turney**, moved that the Commission expend no more than \$300 for tools and supplies needed to install the markers and bases at the cemetery.

Chair Robertson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Members discussed the best type of adhesive to purchase for the placement.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Mr. Erickson**, moved to spend no more than \$100 to purchase caulk, caulking guns and adhesives for the placement of the headstones.

No members objected.

Ms. Castle shared that former member Joanie Skilbred has offered to mark the graves with numbers and flags. She stated that immediately prior to placement of the new headstones, the Commission should double-check to ensure that the flags have not been moved.

b) 2014 Granite Marker Order

Mr. Erickson stated that the monument company has requested a photograph of the Fred Jackson marker so that they can see what the replacement should look like.

Chair Robertson provided Mr. Erickson with a photograph.

Mr. Turney spoke to the need for repair of the heart-shaped “Mother” stone and another damaged gravesite beside it. He stated that the two sites are very visible. He asked if he should leave the busted stone there or put it in the shed so that it is not vandalized any further.

Chair Robertson directed **Mr. Turney** to place the broken pieces in the storage shed. He stated that some of the bases are very loose and need to be repaired. He distributed photographs. He stated that the new bases will be 12x20x4 inches and the granite markers will be 8x16x3 inches.

Ms. Castle distributed the 2014 granite marker order proof. She stated that she has reviewed the proof and has edited the order to replace all the “c” periods with “abt” periods if the exact dates of birth or death are unknown.

Members discussed the font and spacing on the granite markers to be ordered. They directed Ms. Castle to increase the font size of the individuals’ names to fill up more space on the marker faces. Members agreed that the proof should be edited to also include “born” above the date of birth and “died” above the date of death.

Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Castle**, moved to approve the 2014 granite marker order proof including Ms. Castle’s handwritten changes and the additional direction given by the members.

Chair Robertson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

c) Fred Jackson Plaque Repair

Members discussed the repair under agenda item (b).

Chair Robertson brought up the issue of language on the historic sign that is to be placed in the cemetery. He indicated that he would like to see a portion of the language changed. He stated that his concern is with the language that speaks to the number of marked graves within the cemetery.

Deputy Clerk Snider stated that the contract and language was already approved by the Commission and that it is awaiting signature by the City Mayor. She suggested that Chair Robertson contact the Mayor's Office directly if there is a change that should be made.

Mr. Pruhs stated that he would contact Melissa at the Borough and take care of the language of the sign.

d) New Member Application Review & Recommendation to Mayor

Mr. Pruhs stated that Diane Fleeks has expressed interest in serving on the Commission. He stated that he would direct Ms. Fleeks to apply.

Chair Robertson expressed concern in selecting a new member for recommendation to the Mayor because of the need to find someone with specific talents or experience that would benefit the Commission.

Mr. Turney stated that he believes Mr. Greer also picked up an application but may not have turned it in yet.

Ms. Castle reminded Commissioners that they still have Mr. Matthew Carrick's application on file.

Deputy Clerk Snider stated that the Mayor may select an individual for appointment prior to the next Clay Street Cemetery Commission meeting.

Mr. Pruhs stated that the Commission has had ample time to seek out possible applicants for recommendation.

e) Commission Rules of Procedure (Postponed to the next regular meeting).

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Pruhs invited everyone to attend a BBQ at his home at 324 Brandt Street on Saturday, June 7 from 4 – 7 P.M.

Ms. Castle asked if there would be a written report from the Eagle Scouts to put in the Clay Street Cemetery Commission file.

Mr. Pruhs replied that the Eagle Scouts will provide the Commission with a final, written report on the project.

NEXT MEETING DATE

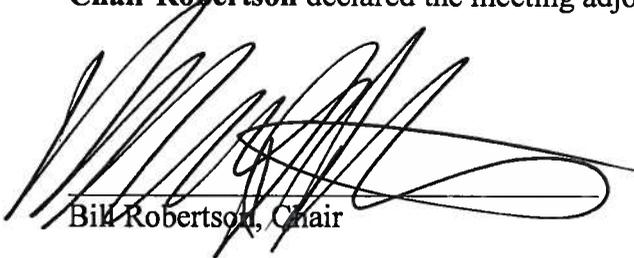
The next Regular Meeting of the Clay Street Cemetery Commission is scheduled for July 2, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

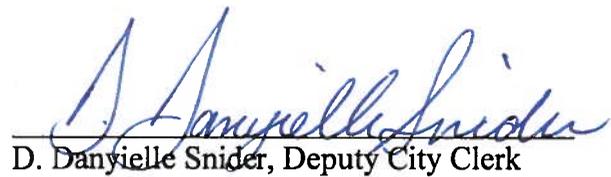
Mr. Pruhs, seconded by **Ms. Castle**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

Chair Robertson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Chair Robertson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.



Bill Robertson, Chair



D. Danyelle Snider, Deputy City Clerk

Transcribed by: DS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

**February 11, 2014
11:30 AM
Fairbanks Police Department (hosted by FECC)**

PSC Members:	Renee Staley (Seat A - 2014)	Robert Fox (Seat E - 2015)
	Tom Temple (Seat B - 2015)	Robert Kinnard (Seat F - 2016)
	Peter Stern, (Seat C - 2016) : Chairman	Carl Cox (Seat G - 2014)
	Buzzy Chiu (Seat D - 2014)	Thomas Carter (Seat H - 2014)

Special Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 11:31

ATTENDANCE: Tom Temple, Peter Stern, Buzzy Chiu, Robert Kinnard Excused: Renee Staley and Thomas Carter. Absent: Robert Fox and Carl Cox.

ADOPT AGENDA: The agenda was amended to move the Housing First presentation to the first item of business, table the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital report to the next meeting as their representative was not able to attend, and lastly, to add the FNSB Ordinance 2013-20-1Y to the discussion regarding COF Resolution 4606. The amended agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Several typographical and grammar corrections were made. The minutes for the regular meeting of October 29, 2013, special meeting of December 17, 2013 and the regular meeting of January 14, 2014 were approved with those corrections.

BUSINESS

Housing First – Shirley Lee, the Executive Director from Housing First, along with caseworkers Darlene Christiansen and Joyce Sommer, a Housing First tenant, shared the mission of the program and its positive impact on the people it serves. Benefits of the program reach far beyond the humanitarian act of providing shelter, but have a significant impact on the public safety and healthcare system by reducing services needed by the residents. The cost savings is significant and also reduces the burden on systems that are already overtaxed.

CSP Ordinances – The City of Fairbanks amended its State Capital Budget priorities to add a request for funding for CSP to the top of the list under COF Resolution #4606. The FNSB Assembly will be voting on funding a \$25K match grant to CSP. PSC Resolution 14-01 urging the Borough Assembly to pass the ordinance passed unanimously and Chairman Stern will present it to the Assembly.

Next Meeting: Special Meeting to be hosted by Fairbanks Police Department – March 11, 2014. Agenda items for that meeting will be presentations from Clint Brooks of Fairbanks Memorial Hospital to discuss the impact of chronic inebriants to their agency, and Lorna Illingworth will be invited to speak to the commission regarding the local Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program. No department reports will be on the agenda.

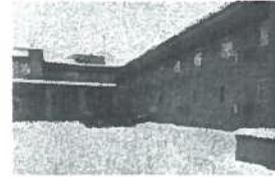
Meeting adjourned: 12:48

Approved (4/8/14)

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TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE HOUSING FIRST



The Tanana Chiefs Conference Housing First program serves the chronic homeless alcoholic population of Fairbanks

Housing First Solution

"Housing First" is a supportive housing model that provides housing regardless of an individual's substance abuse problems. Housing First programs throughout the nation have demonstrated that it is much easier to work on substance abuse/mental health issues when tenants have stable housing. Housing First programs have also shown reductions in public costs for crisis emergency services and reduced drinking among participants both short and long term.

Housing First Model in Fairbanks

The Housing First facility has 39 efficiency apartments and 8 one-bedroom apartments. The facility also includes individual and group meeting spaces, a commercial kitchen and dining room, and an outside smoking area. There is also a commercial laundry onsite.

Tenants are allowed to drink in the privacy of their own apartment, but not in the common areas. Illegal drugs are not allowed. Tenants must also abide by a Tenant Code of Conduct.

Program policies and procedures were adopted and address operations and safety of tenants and staff. Supportive services available include:

- Case Management & Counseling
- Recreational & Social Opportunities
- 24 Hour staffing
- Meals
- Camera Monitoring of All Common Areas
- On-site Doctor and Nurse
- Craft Room



Vocational Training Opportunities

With the commercial kitchen and laundry onsite, future plans include making vocational training available to tenants in those areas. Catering and laundry service may also be developed for general public purchase.

Patient Medical Hotel

The facility for Housing First was a former hotel and the building too big to operate just the program. So the facility was legally and physically separated into two units - one for Housing First and one for a Patient Medical Hotel. The hotel has 37 rooms and suites, which can provide longer-stay accommodations for individuals in Fairbanks for medical care and their chaperones or family. The hotel will be open to both TCC Health beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries. Profit from the hotel operation will subsidize the operation of Housing First and the upkeep of the entire facility.

Generous Program Contributions & Awards made by: Fountainhead Development, The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Rasmussen Foundation and TCC Family Services

Donations are accepted at Housing First. Interested in volunteering or completing an internship? Contact Housing First to get more information on the application process.

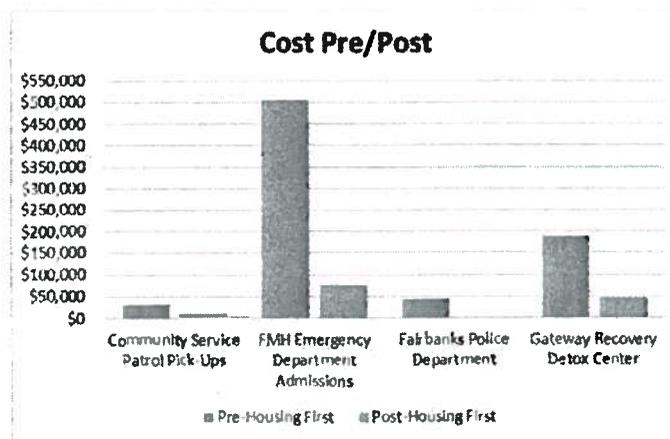
For more information contact: Shirley Lee, Housing First Director at 907-452-8251, ext. 5502

Tanana Chiefs Conference Housing First Year One Outcomes

The preliminary evaluation of Housing First assessed the pre/post usage and cost of the first ten Housing First residents' community crisis services, including emergency medical care, detoxification services, Community Service Patrol, and police services.

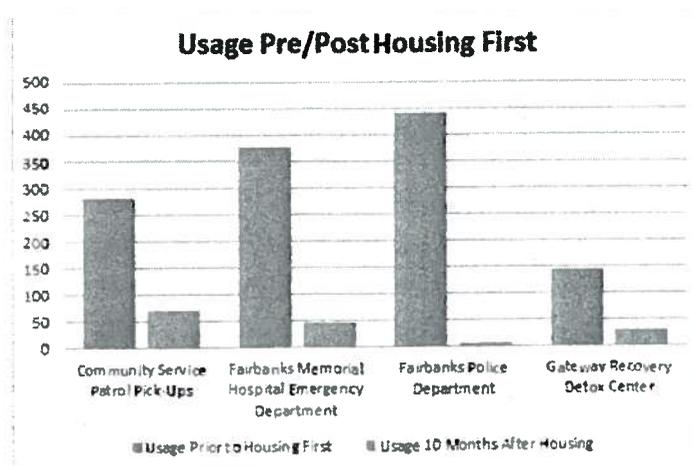
In its first year of operation, the Housing First Program has saved the community \$634,311 in community crisis services.

- From May 2011 to April 2012, the first 10 residents' usage of community crisis services cost \$767,818 – an average of \$76,782 each.
- From May 2012 to April 2013, these residents cost the community \$133,507 in community crisis services—an average of \$21,651 per resident, which includes apartment rent, three meals a day, and supportive services.



The reduced community crisis services usage is dramatically for the Community Service Patrol, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Emergency Department, Fairbanks Police Department, and Detox Center.

- Community Service Patrols decreased by 211 pick-ups— a 12-month cost savings of \$22,064.
- Admissions to the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Emergency Department decreased by 330 admissions— a savings of \$428,375.
- Fairbanks Police Department encounters decreased by 436 encounters — a savings of \$43,480.
- Detox Center Admissions decreased by 115 admissions—a savings of \$140,392.



Introduced by: Mayor Eberhart
Introduced: January 20, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 4606, AS AMENDED

**A RESOLUTION ADDING A CAPITAL REQUEST PROJECT TO THE
CITY'S PRIORITIES FOR THE STATE 2014-15 FISCAL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the City's focus is on public safety, and an emergency service patrol is an essential component in providing safe transportation services to incapacitated persons and/or chronic inebriates; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by the emergency service patrol frees police officer resources and increases the City's ability to be responsive to public safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified, as an additional priority, the need to expand the emergency service patrol service beyond the City core area to include areas noted as being high response zones, and the public had the opportunity to speak to this Resolution at the January 20, 2014, City Council meeting,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

The legislative priorities of the City of Fairbanks are stated on the below list, in order of priority, with the following additional legislative capital request:

Emergency Service Patrol Funding \$250,000

Projects previously voted on and approved by City Council under Resolution No. 4597, As Amended, are also on the below list. The emergency service patrol funding request is hereby ranked as Number 1 on the priority list.

- (1) Emergency Service Patrol Funding \$250,000
- (2) Ambulance Replacement to Include Cardiac Emergency Equipment Upgrades \$269,000
- (3) Microwave Communications: Police-Fire-Public Works Departments \$195,000
- (4) Heavy Duty Dump Trucks \$275,000
- (5) Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) \$600,000
- (6) Continuity of Operations (COOP): Data Back-Up and Server Room \$1,400,000
- (7) Rickert Subdivision Street Reconstruction \$3,570,750
- (8) Downtown Parking Garage Repairs \$675,900

Project requests total: \$7,235,650



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 14-01**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY PASSING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.
2013-20-1Y "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2013-14 BUDGET
BY REAPPROPRIATING \$25,000 OF GENERAL FUND NON-
DEPARTMENTAL FUNDING TO THE MULTI-YEAR GENERAL
SUBFUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF AWARDING LOCAL FUNDING TO
THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PATROL"**

WHEREAS, the COF Public Safety Commission's focus is on public safety, and an emergency service patrol is an essential component in providing safe transportation services to incapacitated persons and/or chronic inebriates; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by the emergency service patrol frees police officer and fire/ambulance personnel resources and increases the City's ability to be responsive to public safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Commission has identified the need to expand the emergency service patrol service beyond the City core area to include areas noted as being high response zones, and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks City Council recently appropriated a \$75,000 matching grant conditioned on the receipt by the emergency service patrol organization of matching funds up to \$75,000 from another governmental agency, and passage of Ordinance No. 2013-20-1Y by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly would provide \$25,000 of the matching funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Public Safety Commission urges the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly Members, in the interest of public safety to pass this ordinance.

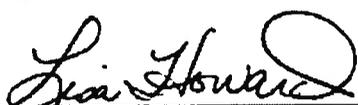
Passed and Approved this 11th day of February 2014.



Peter Stern, PSC Chair

ADOPTED: February 11, 2014

ATTEST:



Lisa Howard, PSC Secretary

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

March 11, 2014
11:30 AM
Fairbanks Police Department

PSC Members:

Renee Staley (Seat A - 2014)

Tom Temple (Seat B - 2015)

Peter Stern, (Seat C - 2016) : Chairman

Buzzy Chiu (Seat D - 2014)

Robert Fox (Seat E - 2015)

Robert Kinnard (Seat F - 2016)

Carl Cox (Seat G - 2014)

Thomas Carter (Seat H - 2014)

Special Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 11:38

ATTENDANCE: Renee Staley, Tom Temple, Peter Stern, Buzzy Chiu, Robert Fox, Robert Kennard and Tom Carter. Absent – Carl Cox.

ADOPT AGENDA: The agenda was approved without modification

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Fox stated he observed a lot of red lights being run on a daily basis. He has also observed texting while driving. He specifically mentioned problem areas being Airport Road, downtown and Illinois Avenue.

BUSINESS

FMH – Clint Brooks provided a high overview of the impact of chronic inebriates (CI) on FMH. He will return with a detailed presentation at a future date. Generally the impact is summarized as:

- Costs – uses Emergency Department (ED) resources
- Services – these resources are being used to care for CI instead of ED patients
- CI do not technically require “emergency care” so the ED provides more of a “keeping safe” role until they can be transferred to sleep off or can sober up.
- Security risks – assaults on staff and property damage. Not to mention the major disruption to the sick & injured or their families during a high stress time.

General discussion followed with a variety of questions asked/answered, summarized as:

- Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center is not equipped to deal with inebriates.
- This is a community issue not just a medical issue.
- Providence Hospital in Anchorage has a special ED for individuals with drug, mental health and alcohol intoxication issues. Unknown funding source for this.
- FMH has positive experiences with CSP and they are good resource when available.
- Sleep Off will not take individuals with too high of blood alcohol levels.

VIPS – Lorna Illingworth, the Executive Director for Volunteers in Policing gave a brief history of the organization and video presentation of area activities. In summary:

- VIPS is a non-profit agency that is housed at the Fairbanks Police Department but not part of their operations or funded under the Police Department.

Approved (4/8/14)

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- Has been in existence since 1994 with various levels of funding from various agencies, which impacts the programs that can be operated. Danger to some specific grant funding is then activities have to be limited to that mission.
- The program is a mechanism to support community policing by bringing volunteers into the delivery of police services where appropriate. It also serves as a mechanism to reach young people to develop citizenship, and potentially even future careers in law enforcement.
- VIPS have programs for kids at several age groups – “Crimebusters” reaches elementary school aged children and “VIP Explorers” is for 14-20 year olds. As the Board looks at the future of the program, it is felt that reaching kids has the biggest impact.
- Adult programs include patrol teams, Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Teams, graffiti abatement teams, and highway safety teams. These programs assist local law enforcement perform functions and activities that would otherwise draw on their resources.
- Chief Zager supported the value of the VIP program and its contribution to the department and community. The FPD is able to support with in-kind services, providing office space for example, but it is not part of their line item budget.
- Ms. Illingworth was looking to the PSC for support in securing funding for her program and outlined several levels of performance the organization could function at, depending on the funding level achieved.
- The mother of several children involved in the VIP program shared her family story. It has been a positive influence on all her children, developing confidence and self-esteem, teaching good decision making, and has been something worthwhile that the whole family could participate in.

General discussion followed with a variety of questions asked/answered, summarized as:

- Mayor Eberhart suggested Ms. Illingworth work with the City’s grant administrator, Margarita Bell to pursue grant funding options.
- Since VIPS is not a City of Fairbanks service, but for kids and adults throughout the Fairbanks North Star Borough area, Borough and State funding sources should also be considered.
- Recommended that local service organizations such as Rotary, Lions, etc be contacted
- Current board has multiple vacancies. Suggested board should be brought up to full strength and could have a committee to develop community support. There are many businesses out there that support activities for kids especially.
- Ms. Illingworth will be back at the next meeting to follow up with the commission regarding the Arctic Winter Games/Alaska Shield Exercises and the VIPS’ role in them.

Next Meeting: The April 8, 2014 meeting will be a regular quarterly meeting, held at Fairbanks Fire Department. There will be department reports from not only the three public safety agencies, but also Public Works.

Meeting adjourned: 13:08

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

**April 8, 2014
11:30 AM
Fairbanks Police Department**

PSC Members:	Renee Staley (Seat A - 2014)	Robert Fox (Seat E - 2015)
	Tom Temple (Seat B - 2015)	Robert Kinnard (Seat F - 2016)
	Peter Stern, (Seat C - 2016) : Chairman	Carl Cox (Seat G - 2014)
	Buzzy Chiu (Seat D - 2014)	Thomas Carter (Seat H - 2014)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 11:32

ATTENDANCE: Renee Staley, Tom Temple, Peter Stern, Buzzy Chiu, Robert Kennard and Tom Carter. Absent – Robert Fox and Carl Cox.

ADOPT AGENDA: The agenda was approved without modification

APPROVE MINUTES: The minutes from the February 11th and March 11th Special Meetings were approved as published.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Eberhart reported that the CSP program was expanded effective April 1st. The agreement has been expanded to cover the entire city, from 8am to 2am, 7 days/week. It is hoped that the number of incidents handled by CSP will increase and the amount of responses required by FPD and FFD will be significantly decreased. He also indicated that funding for CSP is the City's #1 priority in the current State Capital budget, although the first draft of the budget is out in the Senate and it currently has limited funding in the interior, and nothing for the City of Fairbanks in it.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works – Mike Smetzer, Director of COF PW gave a summary of the department. Things of note:

- Large State funded road construction projects for the year are Airport Way and Johansen
- City projects will include 2nd & 3rd Avenues, South Cushman to Mitchell, and Lemeta subdivision
- With the closing of the Flint Hills refinery, there is concern about where the asphalt will come from and increased costs. The various agencies and companies with road projects are going to work together to come up with a plan.
- The ice storm in January was problematic for PW, and was an large and unexpected drain on the budget.
- The city has 52 miles of sidewalk, and it takes approximately 2 weeks to do a complete circuit
- With the loss of the Fairbanks Clean Team, PW started downtown services at the request of the mayor, in an attempt to keep it clean and clear. It worked well through the winter, and for the summer they will probably move to a Sunday night sweep.
- The new Chena River Walk is being designed from Peger to Barnette, and will be a low maintenance, grated walkway.
- The new road construction for Illinois and Bentley/Herb Miller area created an increase of 11.5 mile of road to be maintained by the City.

FECC – Bonnie Nolan, Shift Lead Dispatcher reported they are on their new radio system, and will be moving into the new dispatch center the end of the month.

- The new 911 system should be going into service in late May.
- Staffing - they currently have four people in training and have 2 unfilled positions. They have another vacancy effective late May. Summer is by far their busiest time of year. The experiment with temporary call takers had been successful. These are former dispatchers who are already trained. There has been discussion regarding a dispatch academy through UAF which would have the added benefit of reducing training time and weeding out people who are not suited and wash out during the training process. This may be an online program.
- Requests for service for CSP are being routed through the center for tracking purposes. So far the impact of the expanded hours is promising. As of 7pm last night, there had been 68 calls for service in April and only 24 of them required an officer to be involved. Business owners are happy. In addition to picking clients up from an outside location, CSP will go into businesses, but will not go into people's private homes.
- Calls that come into the center are about ¾ cell phone and only ¼ land lines. They receive about 20 calls per MVA – the benefit is that there is often better information.
- A new cue system and routing for emergency and non-emergency calls will be incorporated into the new center.
- All calls within the borough are going to be routed through FECC, with University and AST PSAP's being deactivated. They will continue to forward any AST calls to them.

FPD – Chief Zager reviewed the FPD stats. Other things of note:

- Applauds the City's support of the CSP program – this is a far better way to handle this public safety service to the community.
- FPD is fully staffed currently, and work continues on the development of the Public Safety Aids.
- This summer there will be one officer assigned to a downtown foot patrol.
- Officer Hall reported that his canine unit has recovered about \$750K in drugs in the last 11 months.

FFD – Chief Cummins reviewed the FFD stats. Other things of note:

- Grants – the CDBG grant request to rebuild Platform 1 was not successful. Other grants still pending are for cold weather gear, drivers training, and a temporary position in the Fire Prevention division. They were successful in getting a grant for smoke detectors for Lakeview Trailer Park.
- The investigation related to the Geraghty fire continues and they hope to have a report to release in by the July meeting.
- The Heavy Rescue vehicle is expected to be delivered in late September.
- AC Misewicz showed a short PowerPoint summarizing the Alaska Shield 2014 exercises.

OLD BUSINESS:

VIPS – Lorna Illingworth was ill and unable to attend. Mayor Eberhart indicated that he has met with VIP's and their current plan is to get their board up to strength.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Antonio Shumate who has been the director for HR/Risk Management/Purchasing will be retiring after over 20 years with the City. A potluck will be held tomorrow at City Hall.

Next Meeting: Special meetings May 13th – presentation from FMH, June 10th – School Resource Officers (tentative). Regular Quarterly Meeting on July 8th to include Geraghty Fire Presentation.

Meeting adjourned: 1252

FAIRBANKS POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERALL DEPARTMENT STATISTICS Mar 2013 - Mar 2014

	MAR 2013	APR 2013	MAY 2013	JUN 2013	JUL 2013	AUG 2013	SEP 2013	OCT 2013	NOV 2013	DEC 2013	JAN 2014	FEB 2014	MAR 2014
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	2878	2549	2937	3014	3045	2764	2542	2434	1950	2288	2379	1984	2344
AVG # OF OFFICERS	34.06	33.39	30.07	29.24	28.98	29.56	29.55	30.33	31.83	29.65	33.89	35.03	36.03
CALLS PER OFFICER	84.50	76.34	97.67	103.08	105.07	93.50	86.02	80.25	61.26	77.17	70.19	56.63	65.06
SELF INITIATED	1472	1234	1372	1442	1341	1126	1086	1024	747	897	1043	732	915
TRAFFIC STOPS	1134	937	982	963	862	685	746	683	462	590	710	477	641
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	299	179	203	233	227	157	152	176	130	187	203	147	176
Moving	123	79	100	102	79	52	56	83	68	60	76	58	74
Non-Moving	143	92	80	111	109	87	73	74	48	99	103	80	83
Equipment	33	8	23	20	39	18	23	19	14	28	24	9	19
Citations/Ofc	8.78	5.36	6.75	7.97	7.83	5.31	5.14	5.80	4.08	6.31	5.99	4.19	4.88
ALL OTHERS	338	297	390	479	479	441	340	341	285	307	333	255	274
TOTAL PART ONE	160	142	187	184	170	174	169	184	139	169	153	100	117
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	3	8	4	4	1	4	4	2	2	3	2	1
Robbery	1	4	5	1	3	5	2	2	2	5	9	6	2
Assault	57	46	75	66	56	60	63	57	54	52	47	35	31
Burglary	10	10	7	14	16	8	11	13	5	8	10	6	6
Larceny	84	74	84	91	82	95	80	99	70	84	75	49	71
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	5	8	8	9	5	9	9	6	18	9	2	6
TOTAL PART TWO	229	166	218	223	255	235	208	241	187	189	221	190	198
TOTAL ARRESTS	154	114	151	131	158	153	142	127	108	112	108	94	111
CITY PAID FCC	0	2	4	1	39	49	24	0	0	3	0	1	

SPECIAL INTEREST CATEGORIES

	JAN 2014		FEB 2014		MAR 2014		APR 2014		MAY 2014		JUN 2014	
	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR
ALL ASSAULTS	83	18	89	17	88	15						
DV RELATED	73	13	70	14	65	7						
DUI	48	21	30	22	42	24						

	JUL 2014		AUG 2014		SEP 2014		OCT 2014		NOV 2014		DEC 2014	
	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR	CALLS	ARR
ALL ASSAULTS												
DV RELATED												
DUI												

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FAIRBANKS POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERALL DEPARTMENT STATISTICS Mar 2013 - Mar 2014

Calls for service: The total calls for service is all calls that the police department handles.
Avg # of Officers: The total number of patrol officers currently employed minus the total number of patrol leave.
Calls per Officer: Calls for service divided by Avg # of Officers.
Self Initiated: The total calls that an officer initiates.
of Traffic Stops: Total number of traffic stops done which is included in the total calls for service.
Traffic Citations: The total number of citations an officer has written.
Moving: Any traffic violation that is committed while a vehicle is in motion, such as speeding.
Non Moving: Any traffic violation that is not related to driving performance, such as parking opposing traffic, pedestrian crossing against the crosswalk.
Equipment: Equipment that is improperly installed, missing or not authorized by Alaska Statutes.
Citations per Officer: Total number of citations divided by the Avg # of Officers.
Part One: Part One offenses are serious crimes that occur with regularity in all areas of the country and they are likely to be reported to police.
Part Two: Part Two crimes offenses are all crime classifications other than those defined as Part One.
Total Arrests: The total number of arrests in the time period.
City paid FCC Charges: Total number of days the City pays for a prisoner to be incarcerated when booked on a City only charge.
All Assaults (Calls): The total number of calls that were initially reported as an assault.
All Assaults (Arrests): The total number of assault arrests.
DV Related (Calls): The total number of calls that were initially reported as an assault and domestic violence related.
DV Related (Arrests) : The total number of domestic violence related assaults.
DUI (Calls): The total number of calls that were initially reported as an DUI.
DUI (Arrests): The total number of DUI arrests.

Fairbanks Fire Depart
Activity Summary 2014

	2014 Total	2014												Total	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Total Fire Calls	938	71	60	75											206
Exposures	3	2	0	0											2
Actual Fires	173	13	9	7											29
Property at Risk	\$ 62,996,210	\$69,501,622	\$799,000	\$940,250											\$71,240,872
Dollar Loss	\$ 620,239	\$1,555,222	\$68,500	\$94,310											\$1,718,032
Property Saved	\$ 62,375,971	\$67,946,400	\$730,500	\$845,940											\$69,522,840
Percent Saved	99.02%	97.76%	91.43%	89.97%											97.59%
Ambulance Calls	3264	271	259	262											792
Transports	2376	230	223	241											694
Multiple Amb Calls	527	44	52	46											142
Total Emergency Calls	4202	342	319	337											998
Average Calls/day	11.48	11.0	11.4	10.9											11.1
Mutual Aid Given	72	2	4	2											8
Mutual Aid Received	95	10	8	8											26
Injuries Civilian	0	7	0	0											7
Injuries Fire	2	3	1	0											4
Fatalities Civilian	3	2	0	0											2
Fatalities Fire	0	0	0	0											0
Avg. Response Time	0:04:29	0:04:48	0:04:56	0:04:29											04:44
Avg. Time on Call	0:31:23	2:58:10	0:36:20	0:37:12											23:54

MAJOR FIRES:

Date: 1/29/2014
 Type/Injuries: Store / Apt Fire (2 Fatalities 7 Injuries)
 Address: 3550 Geraghty Ave
 Cause: Under Investigation
 Value: \$1.19 million Loss: \$1.19 million

Date: 2/11/2014
 Type: House Fire
 Address: 1211 Warren St
 Cause: Heating System / Chimney Break
 Value: \$195,000 Loss: \$30,000

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

**June 10, 2014
11:30 AM
Fairbanks Police Department**

PSC Members:	Renee Staley (Seat A - 2014)	Robert Fox (Seat E - 2015)
	Tom Temple (Seat B - 2015)	Robert Kinnard (Seat F - 2016)
	Peter Stern, (Seat C - 2016) : Chairman	Carl Cox (Seat G - 2014)
	Buzzy Chiu (Seat D - 2014)	Thomas Carter (Seat H - 2014)

Special Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 11:34

ATTENDANCE: Renee Staley, Tom Temple (late), Peter Stern, Buzzy Chiu, Robert Fox, and Tom Carter. Absent – Robert Kennard (excused) and Carl Cox.

ADOPT AGENDA: The agenda was approved without modification

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Eberhart introduced Barbara Sunday, who is the new HR Director.

BUSINESS

FMH – Steve Rice, Head of Security for FMH discussed the impact of Inebriates at FMH. This is a community issue and there are some suggested recommendations to be explored.

- Fully Staff Detox – the facility has 16 beds but does not have sufficient staff to operate at full capacity.
- CSP – continue and expand funding - this is the most efficient and effective way to manage transports to care, regardless of where that care is.
- Prosecute crimes – individuals who are violent and assault FMH staff and other individuals assisting them should be prosecuted.
- Support Housing First – a very valuable and effective program. This has had a measurable impact. Their program assists those with the repeat use of services.
- Changes have been made at FMH to deal with this community issue in an attempt to minimize disruption to the other clients of FMH's emergency services, increase security for FMH staff members, and reduce the time spent by FPD/FFD personnel.

General discussion followed with a variety of questions asked/answered, summarized as:

- Partner agencies (FPD/FFD/AST) can expect that a minimum of 20 minutes will be needed to process an individual, and the average is closer to 45 minutes.
- Detox is under-funded, and TCC who manages the program should be invited to the table

School Resource Officers (SRO's) – Chief Zager said the SRO program was funded by a four year grant which has expired, so the current officer completing that role is funded through December. The positive impact on the community is recognized according to Ace Adams the current SRO.

Next Meeting: The July 8, 2014 meeting will be a regular quarterly meeting, held at Fairbanks Fire Department. Discussion regarding the FPD policy on survenlence and procedure for swat team deployment are topics for future meetings. Steve Guinness from Detox will also be invited to speak.

Meeting adjourned: 12:47

Fairbanks North Star Borough / City of Fairbanks
CHENA RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 11, 2014

The Fairbanks North Star Borough/City of Fairbanks Chena Riverfront Commission (CRFC) met on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 with Co-Chair Plager presiding. The following Commission members were in attendance: Kelley Hegarty-Lammers, Co-Chair, Susan Rainey, Carrie McEnteer, Buki Wright, Lee Wood; John Jackovich and Bob Henszey.

Also present were: Jackson Fox, City of Fairbanks; Jewelz Barker, TVWA; Barry Hooper, DOT; Nancy Durham, FNSB Community Planning; Donna Gardino, FMATS; Steve Taylor, FNSB Parks & Recreation; and Laura McLean, FNSB Recording Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Plager called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Rainey, seconded by Wood to approve the Agenda for June 11, 2014. There were no objections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 14, 2014

Hooper commented that a reference in last months' meeting was made to a "CADX" study. It should be spelled "CATEX". Also, on page 4, second line, the word "curved" should be "curb".

A motion was made by Wright, seconded by Henszey to approve the minutes for May 14, 2014 with two minor corrections. There were no objections.

4. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Carlson Johnson addressed the Commission and stated that she would like to present to the Commission her ideas for a project that she has been working on.

When DOT was presenting the new Wendell Street Bridge project, she attended several of their public meetings and thought what a great opportunity for a community project. She stated that when she was in art school in college, she worked on a project with an elementary school. There were 250 children studying marine animals and she worked with them by creating an outdoor project to be installed at the beach Seattle. She feels that this would be a great opportunity to do something similar to this when the new Wendell Street Bridge is installed. She brought several samples of the work that was done in Seattle and feels that this would work well here also. Ms. Johnson offered examples of various mediums that can be used for a project such as this.

Plager asked where the artwork is suggested to be placed. **Johnson** responded that there is the riverwalk on the South portion of the bridge. Pedestrian areas are planned along the shore of the river on the North side and the walls creating these pedestrian areas are to be retaining walls. **Johnson** further commented that she envisions vertical displays along the retaining walls. She also commented that there is an opportunity to display artwork on the bridge itself

and on the support piers. She stated that at the moment she is exploring ideas for applications and partnering with various entities in the community. She added that they have about a two year timeline to get this project rolling.

Rainey commented that many of the retaining walls experience graffiti vandalism and suggested that Johnson make contact with the Volunteers in Policing and get their feedback on how best to address this issue. **Johnson** agreed and added that studies have shown that vandalism is lessened when you have this kind of public art.

Rainey asked if Johnson had a website that people could visit to get additional information regarding this project. **Johnson** commented that she would like to partner with another organization to achieve this. **Barker** added that the TVWA is prepared to carry it in terms of a reference to a community project on their website. She further commented that once the project materializes, they would like to list it under their Community Projects Tab on their website.

Johnson also commented that she spoke with Cindy Shoemaker at the Morris Thompson Visitor Center about having a "Community Night" to inform people in the community about the project and Shoemaker offered to host the event.

Wright asked what the timeframe was on the bridge. **Hooper** responded that the bridge construction should be started in 2016. Wright also suggested that Johnson speak to David vandenBerg at the Downtown Association. He stated that the Downtown Association has also supported the painting of the storm drains and the vent pipes throughout the downtown area.

Hegarty-Lammers suggested that Johnson draft a resolution for the Commissions' consideration and the Commission can look at it at the next meeting. **Plager** commented that Johnson will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Wright added that this Commission has no funding to provide for any projects. **Plager** commented that the Chena Riverfront Commission Plan is part of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan that has gone through an extensive public review process and adoption by the Borough Assembly and the City Council.

Johnson stated that she will provide Plager with her contact information.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Airport Way West Project

Plager commented that the field trip went well and she thanked Hooper for his assistance in putting the field trip together. The field trip was really well attended.

Plager stated that the first part of the field trip was on property that the Commission had permission to go onto. On this property was an abandoned trail along the river. She further stated that the property closer to the envisioned roundabout has a greenspace which allows one to visually see the river as they traverse the roundabout.

Hegarty-Lammers commented that sometimes it feels like a mixed message when you hear that there is no funding for this project but you also hear the sooner we get your input the better. She feels that if the Commission has a specific input relative to a response to the letter

that the Commission received from the DOT project manager, the Commission should get it to DOT sooner rather than later. **Hooper** stated that that would be appreciated.

Plager questioned if this is doable in this larger group setting or should there be a small group meeting about it. The Commission got the DOT letter at the end of the last meeting and have not had a chance to discuss DOT's response to the Commission's letter. **Hegarty-Lammers** suggested that the people who were involved in writing the original letter to DOT be involved in writing a response.

Jackovich questioned how the Commission could make a good evaluation of what they think is proposed in relation to reality. **Plager** stated that she too questions what the changes will look like. She suggested a close-up aerial of the roundabout area of the project. **Hooper** stated that he can talk to the project manager and see if this is possible. **Wood** commented that this would be helpful. **Henszey** suggested taking the pdf file that was provided earlier and zoom in on it for this particular area. **Plager** asked for Hooper to send this to the recording clerk and she will forward it to the Commissioners and Liaisons.

Hooper stated that DOT is in the process of developing right-of-way plans that involve right-of-way research. After this process, they will be developing appraisals and negotiating with property owners. Once this occurs, DOT will be looking at a demolition plan to take down the buildings and other structures on the properties.

Wright asked if, regarding the Barnette Street Bridge project and the triangle greenspace area, these projects were part of the scope of work for DOT in the beginning or if it was an add-on. The Barnette Street Bridge and greenspace area may serve as an example of how the Commission approaches DOT regarding the Airport Way West project.

Hooper replied that funding is an issue. DOT received funding from several different sources. At the time that they were doing that, there was what was called "Transportation Enhancement Funds," so there was money available. This funding is no longer available. It has been wrapped into a more general funding source and what that means is that that type of funding now competes with other types of improvements. The improvements for that project took on a life of its own as far as people having different ideas and visions for what should be in the triangle. As a result, FMATS took on the project to develop a committee to look at and make recommendations.

Gardino added that through that process, and a selection process, FMATS selected a large art piece. They also wanted something more literal to depict the history so they received authorization from the FMATS Policy Committee to do the historical plaques. The funding came from the Transportation Enhancement program, but additional funds were secured from FMATS.

Wright asked if FMATS had to go back to DOT to get their approval to do this even though they were receiving money elsewhere. **Gardino** replied that it is DOT right-of-way so whatever happens in that space requires permitting. DOT will have the final say in what is allowable in their right-of-way.

Plager added that it is her impression that there was a certain amount of funding for the Transportation Enhancement Fund in the original Illinois Street Project that had been designed one way and then got redesigned, so that money was redirected to the current design. **Gardino** added that the FMATS Policy Committee actually provided more money than was requested.

Plager reiterated that there is no Transportation Enhancement money specifically for the Airport Way West Project. Not that there couldn't be, it is just a competitive process.

Hegarty-Lammers asked if FMATS, because of its umbrella authority, has eligibility for more funding than DOT in the new allocation of funds. **Gardino** replied that FMATS actually realized a 29% cut as a result of the new highway bill.

Plager asked if FMATS would be more eligible or less eligible than DOT to apply as an entity for funding for a project like Ms. Johnson's or the enhancement at the Airport Way West Project. **Gardino** responded that FMATS can write the grants. **Hegarty-Lammers** then inquired if it would be easier for DOT if FMATS did that rather than DOT. **Hooper** added that if money became available for a purpose of the Airport Way West Project, they would certainly look at it. Fundamentally, DOT would be looking at the question of would it be part of the project or would it be an activity that occurs simultaneously to the project or will it be something that occurs afterward.

McEnteer asked if there is some guidance that Hooper and Gardino can give that can make this project more competitive than another. **Hooper** responded that these are surface transportation funds and that those compete with projects throughout the state. Priorities are based on need.

Plager commented that it sounds as if this project is not a good candidate for these funds. **Wright** agreed. **Hooper** reiterated that this project has no funding allocation. **Wright** asked what the reason was for this project anyhow. **Hooper** responded that it is based on safety.

Plager asked who would like to continue this discussion in a committee format. She further stated that the CRFC is going to write a letter to DOT stating where the CRFC would like to go next.

Plager asked if there was anyone who would like to work with her to figure where the CRFC goes next regarding this project. **Jackovich** responded that he is already signed up. **Wright** volunteered to assist.

Gardino added that one of the fundamental differences with this project is that it is not an FMATS funded project because it is on the National Highway System. FMATS does not have the same kind of buy-in. If DOT wanted FMATS to do something, they could ask but otherwise, FMATS doesn't have any authority.

Hooper added that DOT has a beautification permit process that private entities can apply for, for enhancements within DOT rights-of-way. **Plager** asked what the process is for enhancement funds. **Hooper** responded that he would have to get with the DOT Planning section to see what is available. **Plager** asked if he could do this and report back.

Gardino added that at this point there really is not any particular criteria for applying for some of these various funding sources.

B. Future process for future projects with DOT

Hooper addressed the CRFC and handed out two different aerial maps and a handout of DOT General Project Activities. This list depicts different areas of involvement and he has placed an asterisk next to the areas that DOT would typically like to have public comment on. Also, at the bottom of this list is a listing of projects that he is aware of in the next three to four years which fall within the corridor of the river. **Plager** asked Hooper to come to the meeting next month with a list of projects and the timing that he envisions.

C. Chena Summit debriefing

Barker addressed the CRFC and enlightened them as to how the Chena River Summit was conceived. She commented that the Summit was well received again this year.

Plager asked about the “Education Fair” at the Summit. **Barker** stated that it was also well received. **Johnson** added that she enjoyed the art display and the discussions by folks who have had events on the river. **Barker** continued by stating that everyone who attends the Summit thinks it is great. However, if it so great, why are more people not attending. Moving forward, there is not going to be a steering committee that meets once a month for four months. With the new funding source, they are going to have a number of community workshops throughout the year that are touching on all of the various topics that are presented at the Summit.

Barker added that the presentations from this year’s Summit are available on the TVWA website.

Barker also stated that one outcome of the Summit is the recognition of the value of the Salcha River as a larger feeder of Chinook salmon in the Yukon run. She added that there is money out there that is seriously concerned about the Federal Disaster of the Yukon River runs. The Chena and the Salcha Rivers are the two largest feeders on the U.S. side into the Yukon run. There is international attention right now into these two rivers.

Barker added that McEnteer had taken the book that TVWA created back to the Base Garrison Commander and he is interested in taking on their own run of printing the book to share with all of the Ft. Wainwright residents. **McEnteer** added that the Chena River is in the backyard of most of the residents on post. The idea is to provide a copy of the book to each residence, particularly each new resident. They are still investigating the funding and will report back later.

Barker also commented that TVWA is sending out a letter to approximately 600 residents who reside along the Chena River. This letter will inform them of upcoming workshops and is also a tool to find out what topics these residents would like to have more information on. **Barker** stated that they would like to include the Chena Riverfront Plan with this “survey.” The catch is that it has to be postmarked by June 30th. **Plager** commented that the plan update will not be completed by June 30th, so the mailing will include the existing plan version.

Plager commented that if TVWA were going to mention the Chena Riverfront Plan in their letter perhaps a link to the Plan on TVWA’s website is appropriate. **Wood** questioned if TVWA should mention in their letter that the plan is currently being updated. It was suggested that TVWA have a link to the plan on their website and also a disclaimer that the plan is currently being updated.

Plager announced that the next public meeting for the CRFC Plan Update is scheduled for June 18th at the library. **McLean** commented that having just received the date of the meeting that is planned for the Noel Wein Library this afternoon, it will not meet the Borough’s requirement for public notification and will have to be rescheduled. **Plager** stated that she will contact the library and see what later dates are available and then will notify McLean so that the meeting can be noticed properly. **Henszey** asked what is the latest date that the CRFC can meet for public input. **Hegarty-Lammers** stated that July 30th is the latest to meet in order to make the August Assembly and City Council calendars.

Plager announced the upcoming sessions that the plan update will be presented to various rotary organizations and other groups within the community in the next month. **Durham** reminded the CRFC that if the CRFC goes and speaks to another agency and do a presentation, no notice is required. If the CRFC goes to another agency to get input and feedback, this meeting will need to publicly noticed.

D. Ft. Wainwright Presentation by McEnteer

McEnteer requested that her presentation be postponed until the July 9th meeting.

8. STAFF AND LIASION COMMENTS

Taylor announced that Tanana Lakes will open on Friday, June 13th. They will be holding an Open House from 5 pm – 8 pm that evening.

Barker presented a version of the “Fairbanks Yellow Map, Green Edition”. It will be printed on green paper and it has all of the green infrastructure projects within the boundary. It is being produced in addition to the “Yellow Map”. It will be available at the TVWA Solstice Booth.

Barker also announced that their Riverwalk is to be held on the 14th of June from Noon to 4:00 pm at the Carlson Center.

Fox announced that over the weekend they had a very successful storm drain art project. Pictures of each storm drain that was painted was displayed. He stated that in total there were eleven artists and they painted fifteen storm drains. This event was sponsored in partnership with the Downtown Association and TVWA.

Fox also noted that the Stream Clean-up-Day will be held this Saturday, June 14th on Noyes Slough from 9:00 am - Noon. They are always looking for more volunteers.

Jackovich commented that the farewell celebration for Hernandez was very nice and very well attended. He also commented that the historic plaques have been placed on the pedestals adjacent to where the “Polaris” sculpture will go in the greenspace between the Cushman and Barnette Bridges. These are great pictures with lots of history.

McEnteer stated that she too is excited about the official opening of the Tanana Lakes Recreation Area. She has visited the area several times and finds it to be a comfortable and safe area. She feels that it is a great asset to our community. **Barbara Johnson** added that this recreational area will make the Tanana River accessible where it was not before.

Rainey agreed and stated that it is a huge asset to the community. She also apprised that Commission and its Liaisons that on Sunday, June 15th, there will be a fundraiser at 6:30 pm on the Riverboat Discovery for Stone Soup.

Wright stated that lots of good work is being done by a great group on this Commission.

9. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Plager thanked Hegarty-Lammers for all her hard work on the Plan Update presentations.

10. AGENDA SETTING FOR July 9th, 2014 COMMISSION MEETING

- A. Future process for future projects with DOT
- B. Ft. Wainwright presentation
- C. Chena Riverfront Plan update
- D. Airport Way West project
- E. Wendell Street Bridge art

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Hegarty-Lammers, seconded by Wood, to adjourn. All were in agreement. There were none opposed.

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City of Fairbanks



MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: John Eberhart, City Mayor *JE*
Subj: Request for Concurrence – Clay Street Cemetery Commission
Date: July 15, 2014

The term of Seat A on the Clay Street Cemetery Commission currently filled by Mr. Dave Erickson will expire on August 31, 2014.

Mr. Erickson wishes to continue his service on the Commission and is a valuable member. I hereby request your concurrence to the **re-appointment** of:

Mr. Dave Erickson – Term to Expire: August 31, 2017

Mr. Erickson's application is attached.

Thank you.

DDS/



CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION

BOARD DETAILS

 **OVERVIEW**

-  **SIZE** 8 Seats
-  **TERM LENGTH** 3 Years
-  **TERM LIMIT** N/A

The Clay Street Cemetery Commission shall advise the City Council and Mayor regarding the restoration, improvement, and maintenance of the Clay Street Cemetery. It shall provide and update a long-term plan for the cemetery.

 **CONTACT**

-  Office of the City Clerk
-  (907) 459-6771
-  cityclerk@ci.fairbanks.ak.us

	ENACTING LEGISLATION	FGC 2-485 through 2-488
DETAILS	ENACTING LEGISLATION WEBSITE	http://bit.ly/1sG9Rfd
	EMAIL THE COMMISSION MEMBERS	claystreetcemeterycommission@ci.fairbanks.ak.us
	BOARD/COMMISSION CHARACTERISTICS	The Clay Street Cemetery Commission shall consist of seven members, three of whom must be residents of the City, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. One member shall be active in the study of Fairbanks history, one member shall have experience or interest in maintaining the cemetery and five members shall represent the community at large (or four members shall be at-large representatives if a Council Member is appointed to the Commission). The City Public Works Director shall be an ex-officio member of the Commission. Appointed members shall serve a three-year term. A chairperson shall be selected from among the Commission's members.
	MEETINGS	The Commission shall conduct regular public meetings, including public hearings required as a condition of receipt of grants. If authorized by the City Council, the Commission may convene into executive session in accordance with state law.
	JOINT COMMISSION DETAILS	N/A

Application Form

Status: For Review

Profile

Please note that profile information may be available to the public .

David
First Name

Erickson
Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

[Redacted]
Street Address

Suite or Apt

Fairbanks
City

AK
State

99701
Postal Code

Mailing Address
Same as above

City Resident

What district do you live in?

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Employer

Parks Caretaker / Mechanic
Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?
Clay Street Cemetery Commission

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? What life experience can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?
Currently on commission. I have 23 years experience in Fairbanks as a mortician and cemetery operations, including marker sales of all types from small to large & installation of those; interments, disinterments, cremations & niche installations; experience with many vendors of cemetery merchandise & equipment. Experience at Northern Lights Memorial Park, where I was manager, as well as marker installations &

disinterments at Birch Hill and Clay Street Cemetery. Additional experience in cemetery equipment & purchase of everything from hand tools to backhoe, front deck mowers and dump trucks. Employment as a location manager in both a small family owned business as well as a large cemetery & funeral service corporation (NYSE: SRV). Corporate experience allowed training at corporate schools and national conventions.

Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume):

US Army Vietnam service 1968-1970 B.S. University of Minnesota Mortuary Science, Mpls, MN 2 Years Law School William Mitchel College of Law, St. Paul, MN National Board Certification in Funeral Service Employed by Alaskan Memorial Parks, Inc from 1983 - 1996 General manager Northern Lights Mortuary & Memorial Park Location manager Chapel of Chimes General manager of Fairbanks operations for Service Corporation International (NYSE: SRV) 1996 - 2006.

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Professional Licenses/Training:

Funeral Service University of Minnesota, College of Health Sciences Mortician license, M136 Alaska Funeral Director license M137 Alaska Formerly licensed in Minnesota prior to first Alaska licensure in 1983

Demographics

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Ethnicity

[REDACTED]

Political Party

Male

Gender

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth

[REDACTED]

Sexual Orientation

City of Fairbanks



MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: John Eberhart, City Mayor *jmc*
Subj: Request for Concurrence – Board of Plumber Examiners
Date: July 15, 2014

The terms of Seat A and Seat D on the Board of Plumber Examiners currently filled by Mr. Mike Desmond and Mr. Mike Sexton, respectively, expired on June 30, 2014.

Mr. Desmond wishes to remain on the Board; however, Mr. Sexton has indicated that he does not wish to continue as a member. Both vacancies have been advertised to the public.

I request your concurrence to the **re-appointment** of:

Mr. Mike Desmond, Seat A – Term to Expire: June 30, 2017

I request your concurrence to the **appointment** of:

Mr. Dan Portwine, Seat D – Term to Expire: June 30, 2017

The applications of each candidate are attached.

Thank you.

DDS/



BOARD OF PLUMBER EXAMINERS

BOARD DETAILS

 **OVERVIEW**

-  **SIZE** 6 Seats
-  **TERM LENGTH** 3 Years
-  **TERM LIMIT** N/A

The Board of Plumber Examiners is empowered to perform the duties as prescribed in Sections 2-306 through 2-309, as well as Sections 14-291 through 14-301 of the Fairbanks General Code (FGC).

 **CONTACT**

-  Office of the City Clerk
-  (907) 459-6771
-  cityclerk@ci.fairbanks.ak.us

	ENACTING LEGISLATION	FGC 2-306 through 2-309
DETAILS	ENACTING LEGISLATION WEBSITE	http://bit.ly/1sG9Rfd
	EMAIL THE COMMISSION MEMBERS	boardofplumberexaminers@ci.fairbanks.ak.us
	BOARD/COMMISSION CHARACTERISTICS	The Board of Plumber Examiners shall consist of five members, at least three members of the board shall be residents of the City, each member shall serve for three-year terms. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. The chairman shall be elected by the Board of Examiners subject to approval by the City Council, and shall serve in this capacity for one year. The City Building Official shall be a non-voting, ex officio member of the board and shall act as secretary.
	MEETINGS	The Board of Plumber Examiners shall meet at least once each quarter and all meetings shall be open to the public. The chairman in his discretion is authorized to call special meetings, or a majority of the members may require a special meeting to be called. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and three affirmative votes shall be necessary to carry any question. Permanent records, or minutes, shall be kept. The minutes shall promptly be filed in the Office of the City Clerk and shall be open to inspection by any person.
	JOINT COMMISSION DETAILS	N/A

Application Form

Status: For Review

Profile

Please note that profile information may be available to the public .

Mike
First Name

Desmond
Last Name

[REDACTED]
Email Address

[REDACTED]
Street Address

Suite or Apt

Fairbanks
City

AK
State

99701
Postal Code

Mailing Address

Non-Resident

What district do you live in? _____

[REDACTED]
Primary Phone

[REDACTED]
Alternate Phone

Western Mechanical, Inc.
Employer

President
Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

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

Chairman, Board of Plumber Examiners, 1999-present. I also help the Building Department review Plumbing and Mechanical Codes when new codes are issued.

Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume):

President - Western Mechanical, Inc. 1992-present.

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Professional Licenses/Training:

B.S. Engineering Technology, Cal Poly SLO (1979); Journeyman Plumber; Mechanical Administrator #77.

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Ethnicity


Political Party

Gender


Date of Birth


Sexual Orientation

Application Form

Status: Eligible

Profile

Please note that profile information may be available to the public .

Dan
First Name

Portwine
Last Name

[REDACTED]
Email Address

[REDACTED]
Street Address

Suite or Apt

Fairbanks
City

AK
State

99709
Postal Code

Mailing Address

Non-Resident

What district do you live in? _____

Primary Phone

[REDACTED]
Alternate Phone

Portwine Plumbing & Heating
Employer

President
Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Plumber Examiners

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

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

Over 40 years in the Fairbanks trade. Would like to see some code changes.

Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume):

Alaska resident for 42 years. In business 40 years. City Masters license since 1975.

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Professional Licenses/Training:

City of Fairbanks Masters License State of Alaska Mechanical Administrators License NITC Medical Gas License

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