

**ORDINANCE NO. 6062, AS AMENDED**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL  
CODE SEC. 2-119 ORDER OF BUSINESS; SEC. 2-121  
SPEAKING, RECOGNITION; AND SEC. 2-122 VOTING**

**WHEREAS**, FGC Sec. 2-119 relating to the order of business for City Council meetings has been amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, the current order, which places citizens' comments and council members' comments at opposite ends of the agenda, has at times proven to hinder the flow of information between the council and citizens attending the meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the official business of council and citizens in attendance to testify regarding that business should be given priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the language of FGC Sec. 2-121 and 2-122 need to be updated.

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

**Section 1.** That FGC Sec. 2-119, Order of business; citizens addressing city council is hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined bold** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 2-119. Order of business; citizens addressing city council.

(a) At every regular meeting of the city council, the order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Roll call.
- (2) Invocation.
- (3) Flag salutation.
- (4) Ceremonial matters (proclamations, introductions, recognitions, and awards)**
- ~~(54)~~ Citizens' comments **on consent agenda items**, oral communication to the city council on any item not up for public hearing (unscheduled; testimony limited to five minutes per topic) **(testimony limited to five minutes)**.
- ~~(65)~~ Approval of agenda and consent agenda. (Approval of consent agenda passes all routine items indicated by asterisk (\*) on the agenda. Consent agenda items are not considered separately

unless a councilmember so requests. In the event of such request, the item is returned to the general agenda).

- (76) Approval of minutes of previous meetings.
- (87) Special orders ~~(testimony limited to five minutes).~~
- (98) Mayor's comments and report.
- (109) Unfinished business ~~(testimony limited to five minutes).~~
- (1140) New business.
- (1241) Discussion items (information and reports).
- (1342) Written communication to the city council.
- (14) Citizens' comments, oral communications to the city council on any item not up for public hearing (unscheduled; testimony limited to five minutes).**
- (153) Council members' comments.
- (164) City clerk's report.
- (175) City attorney's report.
- (18) Executive Session (if necessary)**
- (196) Adjournment.

(b) Any person who desires to raise any matter not on the agenda shall be heard under citizens' comments, **oral communications to the city council on any item not up for public hearing** ~~oral communications to city council on nonagenda items or councilmember comments.~~ Any councilmember who desires to raise any matter not on the agenda shall be heard under ~~citizens' comments, oral communications to the city council on nonagenda items or council members'~~ **citizens' comments.** ~~After such a matter has been raised and fully presented no further debate or action shall be taken by the city council except by unanimous consent, but the matter may be referred or may be ordered placed on the agenda for a future conference session, special or regular city council meeting.~~

(c) Any person may raise any matter by a written communication to the city council **through the city clerk. If a council member deems the matter an appropriate agenda item, they may request that the item,** ~~which matter shall be placed on the agenda for the next city council meeting for which the agenda has not been closed.~~ Any councilmember may raise any matter by requesting the city clerk to place such matter on the agenda for the next city council meeting for which the agenda has not been closed.

(d) Any subject may, by motion of the city council or direction of the mayor, be made a special order of business for a future day or a future time; and when the time fixed for its consideration arrives, the **mayor** ~~presiding officer~~ shall lay it before the city council.

(e) Persons not members of the city council may be permitted to address the city council by leave of the ~~mayor presiding officer~~ or of the city council at any time on any matter before the city council ~~at public hearings~~.

(f) The rules of section 2-120 and section 2-121 shall be applicable to persons addressing the city council.

(g) ~~Prior to any public hearing held by the city council, the~~ **The mayor** presiding officer or any council member may request a staff report **at any time other than during citizens' comments** regarding the subject of the public hearing at which time staff will provide information on the topic and respond to questions posed by councilmembers.

**Section 2.** That FGC Sec. 2-121, Speaking; recognition; germane; interruption; limitation, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined bold** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 2-121. Speaking; recognition; ~~germane~~**germaine**; interruption; limitation.

(a) A member ~~about to speak shall respectfully address the chair, and shall not commence to speak until recognized by the~~ **mayor presiding officer**. When two or more members request to speak at the same time, the **mayor presiding officer** shall determine which one is recognized.

(b) ~~Every member while~~**While** speaking, **members** shall confine **themselves** ~~himself~~ to the subject under debate, shall refrain from personalities, and shall not refer to any other member of the city council except in a respectful manner.

(c) Unless a member who has the floor yields for that purpose, no member shall interrupt another while speaking, except to propound a parliamentary inquiry or make a point of order.

(d) No member shall speak more than twice or for more than ten minutes continuously to any one question, except that one or more additional periods of ten minutes may be granted by unanimous consent. The reading of papers desired by any member shall be read by **the member** ~~himself~~ or by the city clerk within the member's time limitation unless permission for the city clerk to read such paper outside the time limitation is unanimously granted.

**Section 3.** That FGC Sec. 2-122, Voting, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **underlined bold** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 2-122. Voting.

(a) The ~~mayor presiding officer~~ shall declare all votes; but if any member doubts a vote, the **mayor presiding officer**, without further debate upon the

question, shall request the members voting in the affirmative and negative respectively to so indicate, and he shall declare the result.

(b) In all meetings of the city council, ~~the~~ a roll call vote shall be taken in random order by yeas and nays on the passage of all ordinances, resolutions and authorizations for the payment of money, and on the passage of any motion when called for by any member of the city council; and such yea and nay votes of each member shall be permanently entered on the record of the proceedings of the city council by the city clerk. Other votes may be by voice ~~or show of hands~~ or by a call for objection. If any council member objects when a call for objection is presented, a roll call vote must be taken.

(c) Every member who shall be present when a question is put, where he is not disqualified by personal interest, shall vote, unless the city council for special reason excuses the memberhim. Applications to be so excused may be made before the vote, and shall be decided without debate.

(d) Anything to the contrary in this division notwithstanding, in all cases where an extraordinary majority is not required, and when no motion is before the city council, the mayor ~~chairman~~ may, in lieu of calling for or awaiting a motion to be made, put the question in the following form: "Without objection, it will be so ordered." If no objection is heard, the mayor ~~he~~ shall announce: "It is so ordered," which will have the same effect as if a motion to that effect had been made and voted upon favorably. If a single objection is reasonably expressed when the question is put, the mayor ~~chairman~~ shall not proceed further under this rule, but instead shall call for a motion, which motion shall be handled in the regular manner.

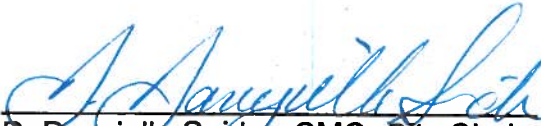

**Section 4.** That the effective date of this Ordinance is October 14, 2017.

  
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JIM MATHERLY, Mayor

AYES: Therrien, Rogers, Pruhs, Bagwill, Huntington  
NAYS: Cleworth  
ABSENT: None  
ADOPTED: October 9, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk  
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Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney