

RESOLUTION NO. 4921

**A RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD
CALLING FOR JUSTICE, UNITY, CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE, AND
ACTION NEEDED TO CONFRONT RACISM WHEREVER IT MAY EXIST**

WHEREAS, the senseless death of George Floyd while in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department shocks the conscience of this Council and this City; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the deep anguish this tragedy has caused in our community and around the country, particularly among people of color; and

WHEREAS, George Floyd's death is just the latest example of the racism that exists in our society, and the slogan "Black Lives Matter" is a resounding call to action in our community and the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS, the City fully supports the right of people to peaceably protest tragedies such as this and to call for needed change; and

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to increased efforts by the Fairbanks Police Department to hire more minority officers and committed to the best practices related to de-escalation and other initiatives intended to eliminate racial bias in policing; and

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to reaching out to all members of the community, to listen and learn from each other, so we can identify the changes that are needed and how those changes can be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council:

Section 1. Joins with America in sharing its sorrow, shame, and anger over the senseless death of George Floyd;

Section 2. Fully supports the right of the people to peaceably assemble to protest this tragedy and to call for needed change;

Section 3. Commits itself and the City to intentional and deliberate efforts to engage the community in dialogue to better understand where racism exists and to adopt policies to abolish it; and

Section 4. Commits that the Fairbanks Police Department will renew its efforts to hire more minority officers and to employ the best practices related to de-escalation and other initiatives intended to eliminate racial bias in policing.




Jim Matherly, Mayor

AYES: Cleworth, Pruhs, Rogers, Kun, Gibson, Therrien
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: June 15, 2020

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk



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