

RESOLUTION NO. 4925

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO RETURN
FAIRBANKS CITY BUS 142 TO FAIRBANKS**

WHEREAS, in June, an Army National Guard Chinook helicopter carried Fairbanks City Bus 142 away from its former resting place near the Teklanika River, close to Denali National Park; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources, and Military and Veterans' Affairs were all involved in the operation, which was conducted at the request of the Denali Borough; and

WHEREAS, the removal effort was called "Operation Yutan" in reference to the Yutan Construction Company, the company that moved the bus (and two others) to the location in the 1950s to be used as housing for workers building a mining road; and

WHEREAS, Christopher McCandless, the subject of the popular book "Into the Wild" and movie of the same name, lived briefly in the bus in 1992 before dying of starvation; and

WHEREAS, since then the bus had attracted numerous tourists, many of whom had to be rescued and several of whom died attempting to cross the Teklanika River; and

WHEREAS, the bus is currently being stored at an undisclosed location; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough and other private individuals have expressed interest in displaying the bus for public viewing; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the efforts by Fairbanks entities to obtain the bus for display here in Fairbanks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, that the City urges the State of Alaska to coordinate with local entities to return Fairbanks City Bus 142 to Fairbanks so it can be made available for public display.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th Day of July 2020.





Jim Matherly, City Mayor

AYES: Rogers, Gibson, Therrien, Pruhs, Cleworth, Kun
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: July 13, 2020

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk


Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney