

Introduced By: Council Members Therrien,  
Kun, Marney, and Rogers  
Introduced: June 28, 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 4978**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDS FOR DEMOLITION OF THE POLARIS  
BUILDING FROM FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Polaris Building has been vacant and deteriorating in downtown Fairbanks for nearly 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the building was condemned by Notice and Order to Abate issued by the City of Fairbanks Building Official in August of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Polaris Building is a blight upon the City's downtown and is blocking redevelopment of that area of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the cost of the Polaris Building demolition, including environmental remediation, will be approximately \$10 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress is considering legislation to fund infrastructure needs throughout the United States; and

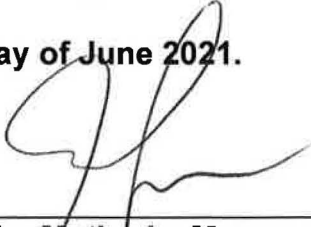
**WHEREAS**, demolition of the Polaris Building is one of the top infrastructure priorities in the City of Fairbanks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administration salutes the work of the Polaris Group, an organization of community-minded individuals who came together with the goal of removing the Polaris Building so as to clear the way for renovation of that portion of downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration and members of the Polaris Group have briefed Senators Murkowski and Sullivan and Representative Young on the importance of the Polaris Building demolition and thank them for their support.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, that the City of Fairbanks strongly supports appropriation of federal infrastructure funds in the amount of \$10 million for the specific purpose of demolition and environmental remediation of the Polaris Building; and

**PASSED and APPROVED this 28th Day of June 2021.**

  
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**Jim Matherly, Mayor**

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
APPROVED: June 28, 2021

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

  
Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney