

Introduced by: Mayor Matherly and Council Members
Therrien, Rogers, Marney, Cleworth, and Gibson
Introduced: April 11, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 5009, AS AMENDED

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO SENATOR LISA
MURKOWSKI FOR HELPING SECURE FUNDING FOR THE
DEMOLITION OF THE POLARIS BUILDING**

WHEREAS, in August of 2012, the City Building Official issued a Notice and Order to the owner of the Polaris Building, under the authority of the City's Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, to repair or demolish the building; and

WHEREAS, after years of neglect and inaction by the owners of the Polaris Building, the building had become a blight on downtown Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, the City eventually obtained ownership of the building after the property tax foreclosure action by the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, the demolition of the Polaris Building is key to plans for urban renewal of this area of downtown Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, a group of concerned citizens and governmental officials formed an ad hoc committee, the Polaris Group; and

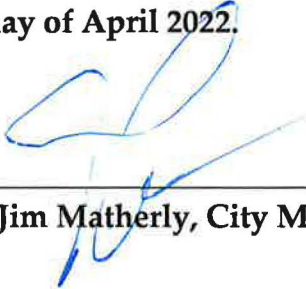
WHEREAS, among other goals, the Polaris Group searched for funding sources for the demolition of the Polaris Building; and

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski's office provided invaluable assistance to the Polaris Group in its search for possible federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Senator Murkowski, funds were appropriated in the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, for the demolition of the Polaris Building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Council, on behalf of the City of Fairbanks, expresses its gratitude to Senator Lisa Murkowski and her staff for their tireless efforts on behalf of the City of Fairbanks in securing funding for the demolition of the Polaris Building **and for the work of the Polaris Working Group.**

PASSED and APPROVED this 11th day of April 2022.



Jim Matherly, City Mayor

YEAS: Gibson, Rogers, Therrien, Marney, Cleworth

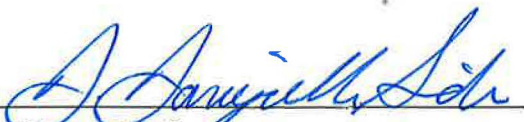
NAYS: Clark

ABSENT None


APPROVED: April 11, 2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney