

**ORDINANCE NO. 6229, AS AMENDED**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FGC SECTION 2-119, ORDER OF BUSINESS; CITIZENS ADDRESSING CITY COUNCIL, TO CLARIFY THE CONDUCT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the current version of FGC Sec. 2-119 does not specify the length of time allowed for public testimony on certain agenda items, but past practice has limited the time to three minutes per person; and

**WHEREAS**, the current version of FGC Sec. 2-119 does not have a provision for allowing extra time for individuals testifying, but individual council members have assumed the authority to do so and the chair has allowed it; and

**WHEREAS**, without specific guidance, the appearance of favoritism is possible, and in meetings where there are many people signed up to provide Citizens' Comments, allowing extra minutes for some testifiers may result in others not having an opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the current version of FGC Sec. 2-119 does not make it clear that ordinances approved on the consent agenda are advanced to a second reading and public hearing, while other items on the approved consent agenda are passed as final; and

**WHEREAS**, clarification of the language in some of the sections is in order.

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

**Section 1:** FGC Sec. 2-119, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** 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).
- (5) Citizens' comments, (oral communications to the city council on any item not up for public hearing). ~~(testimony~~

limited to three minutes per person; **The** comment period will end no later than 7:30 p.m.)-

- (6) Approval of agenda and consent agenda. (~~Approval of~~ Consent agenda passes all routine items **are** indicated by asterisks (\*) on the agenda. Consent agenda items are not considered **together** separately unless a council member so requests. In the event of such request, **that** the item **be** is returned to the general agenda). **Ordinances on the approved consent agenda are automatically advanced to the next regular meeting for second reading and public hearing. All other items on the approved consent agenda are passed as final.**
- (7) Approval of minutes of previous meetings.
- (8) Special orders.
- (9) Mayor's comments and report.
- (10) Council members' comments.
- (11) Unfinished business.
- (12) New business.
- (13) Discussion items (information and reports).
- (14) Written communication to the city council.
- (15) Council members' comments.
- (16) City clerk's report.
- (17) City attorney's report.
- (18) Executive session (if necessary).
- (19) Adjournment.

(b) Any person who desires **wishing** 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. Any council member who desires **wishing** to raise any matter not on the agenda shall be heard under council members' comments.

(c) Any person may raise any matter **to the city council** 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 be placed on the agenda for the next city council meeting for which the agenda has not been closed. Any council member may raise any matter by requesting **that** 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 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 or of the city council~~ at any time on any matter before the city council.

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

(g) The mayor or any council member may request a staff report at any time other than during citizens' comments, ~~at which time~~ **Upon such request,** staff will provide information on the topic and respond to questions posed by council members.

**(h) Public testimony, including Citizens' Comments, will be limited to three minutes per person. For good cause, the council may allow additional testimony time.**

**Section 2.** That the effective date of this ordinance shall be the 24th day of December 2022.




David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES: Ringstad, Rogers, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth, Tidwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ADOPTED: December 19, 2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk  
Paul Ewers, City Attorney