

ORDINANCE NO. 6235

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-118 WORK SESSIONS
AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SECTION 2-118.1
COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer recommends changing the Finance Committee structure to be similar to that of the Permanent Fund Review Board; and

WHEREAS, the change in the Finance Committee structure will provide a detailed review of the City finances.

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

Section 1. FGC Sec. 2-118 and Sec. 2-118.1 is amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

Sec. 2-118 Work sessions and council committees.

(a) The city council may hold informal work sessions to discuss matters of interest to the city council, to receive informal reports, ~~and to discuss~~ **ordinances, resolutions, and other** matters to be considered at regular or special meetings, **and to work on the annual budget**. Minutes need not be kept at work sessions. Work sessions may be held jointly with city boards and commissions, and with other public bodies. Public notice of work sessions ~~and committee meetings~~ shall be given **by the city clerk**, and the public is entitled to attend work sessions ~~and committee meetings~~. Public testimony at work sessions ~~and committee meetings~~ is at the option of the majority of the council, ~~for work sessions or the option of the majority of council members attending a committee meeting~~. Except for regularly held work sessions ~~and committee meetings~~, the place, time and subject of each work session shall be given to local news media prior to the session. ~~No~~ **and no** final official action shall be taken at any work session or committee meeting, but the city council may hold a special meeting during or after a work session or committee meeting as provided in sections ~~2-116 and 2-117~~.

(b) The city clerk, in coordination with the CFO, shall prepare the meeting agendas and agenda packets. Any council member may add an item to the meeting agenda.

Sec. 2-118.1. Council finance committee.

(a) A city council finance committee is hereby established as a standing committee of the city council with the duties of considering all matters relating to the fiscal operation of the city. The finance committee shall make recommendations regarding fiscal matters to the full city council. Examples of topics to be reviewed include ~~budget requests~~, ordinances amending the budget estimate, applications for new grants, special projects, and the annual audit. ~~Other non-financial topics can be considered by the finance committee at special meetings.~~

(b) The finance committee shall meet at regular times and notice of each meeting will be provided by the city clerk ~~in compliance with section 2-118. The finance committee shall consist of the city mayor, all current members of the city council and two non-voting public members with experience in finance, accounting or management appointed by the city mayor for a three-year term subject to confirmation by the city council. The city chief financial officer (CFO) and chief of staff shall be ex-officio members of the committee. The mayor or designee will serve as chair of the committee.~~

(c) The finance committee shall consist of six members, including two members of the Fairbanks City Council, the Chief of Staff, the Chief Financial Officer, and two public members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Each public member shall possess a background in finance, accounting, or management and shall serve a three-year term. The terms of public members shall be staggered ~~The finance committee shall establish rules of procedure for conduct of committee meetings. The CFO shall prepare the meeting agendas and agenda packets and, with the City Clerk, establish procedures necessary to ensure proper public notice of all meetings. Any committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda.~~

(d) The CFO chairs the Finance Committee and prepares the agenda. Any council or committee member may add an item to the meeting agenda.

Section 2. That the effective date of this Ordinance is the 1st day of April 2023.




David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES: Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Rogers, Tidwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ADOPTED: February 27, 2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk


Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney