



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2024-12
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 10, 2024
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
2. INVOCATION
3. FLAG SALUTATION
4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognitions, Awards)
5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, oral communications to the City Council on any item pertaining to City business that is not up for public hearing. The total comment period is 30 minutes, and testimony is limited to three minutes. Any person wishing to speak needs to sign up on the list located in the hallway. Respectful standards of decorum and courtesy should be observed by all speakers. Remarks should be directed to the City Council as a body rather than to any particular Council Member or member of the staff. In consideration of others, please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are indicated by asterisks (*). Consent agenda items are considered together unless a council member requests that the item be 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
 - *a) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2024
 - *b) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024

8. SPECIAL ORDERS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council will hear interested citizens concerned with the following alcohol license applications for renewal. Public testimony will be taken and limited to three minutes.

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
703	Gavora's Fine Wine	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	250 Third Street
1134	Thrifty Liquors	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	1410 Cushman Street
3467	Lin's Asian Bistro	Restaurant or Eating Place	Lin's Panda Garden, Inc.	1900 Airport Way

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5116 – A Resolution of the City of Fairbanks Authorizing an Agreement Between the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of North Pole, and the City of Fairbanks to Jointly Provide for Economic Development. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2024.
- b) Ordinance No. 6282 – An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Second Time. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- *a) Resolution No. 5122 – A Resolution Establishing the Rate of Levy of 2024 Real Property Taxes for the City of Fairbanks, Alaska. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *b) Resolution No. 5123 – A Resolution to Amend the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services by Adjusting Garbage Collection Rates. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *c) Resolution No. 5124 – A Resolution to Amend the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services by Adding Credit Card and Other Processing Fees for Non-Utility Billing. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

- *d) Resolution No. 5125 – A Resolution in Recognition of Samson Hardware Being the Oldest Continuous Business Operation in Fairbanks, Alaska. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Ringstad.

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- *a) Proposed Amendment to 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule
- *b) Reappointment to the Board of Plumber Examiners
- *c) Reappointment to the Fairbanks Diversity Council

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

16. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) IAFF/FFU Labor Negotiations – Guidance from Council
- b) Litigation Update

18. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 13, 2024
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:30 p.m. Work Session for the City of Fairbanks Annual Audit Presentation, to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council via Zoom webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor David Pruhs presiding and with the following Councilmembers in attendance:

Councilmembers Present: Jerry Cleworth, Seat A
 June Rogers, Seat B
 Sue Sprinkle, Seat C
 Crystal Tidwell, Seat D
 Lonny Marney, Seat E
 John Ringstad, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
 Thomas Chard, City Attorney
 Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
 Ron Dupee, Police Chief (remotely)
 Andrew Coccaro, Fire Chief
 Clem Clooten, Building Official
 Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)
 Brenda McFarlane, Crisis Now Coordinator
 Brynn Butler, Housing Coordinator

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of Mayor Pruhs, **Mr. Ringstad** led the flag salutation.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognition, Awards)

Fire Chief Andrew Coccaro recognized the recent promotion of Andrew Fowler to the rank of Battalion Chief and a pinning ceremony was performed by A. Fowler's son. Chief Coccaro also recognized the promotion of three FFD Drivers: David DeCaro, Sarah Webb, and Erik Winkler. A pinning ceremony was performed for those who were present.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

[Clerk Note: Names of citizens who provide comments may not be spelled correctly if their name was illegible on the physical sign-up sheet.]

Scott McCrea, President and CEO of Explore Fairbanks – S. McCrea provided an update on the visitor industry, noting that the Midnight Sun tourism season had officially begun. He shared that alternative drop-off locations are being used downtown due to the Polaris Building demolition project. He reviewed changes to flight offerings by the airlines serving Fairbanks. S. McCrea reported that the winter season was record-breaking by virtually all measurements, citing traveler data from Fairbanks International Airport and Alaska Railroad’s Anchorage-Fairbanks route, where March 2024 alone had more riders than all of winter 2011 combined. He predicted that the trends would continue and thanked the Council for its support of the visitor industry.

Mr. Ringstad asked if there was an expected drop in buses going downtown over the summer and questioned how such forecasts are made. S. McCrea shared how tour companies communicate plans, noting that one group had a change in its daily itinerary which will result in fewer buses downtown, while the other primary company has no changes to its schedules.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if Explore Fairbanks had data on the origins of winter visitors to better understand how many are domestic versus international. S. McCrea indicated that visitors are primarily domestic, though they are seeing a return more visitors from eastern Asian countries.

Mr. Marney referenced the recent solar storm, which allowed individuals to see the Northern Lights in locations much further south than is typical, and asked whether that affects future winter tourism. S. McCrea discussed how the 11-year solar cycle being at its peak and how the increased interest in the aurora borealis across the world does indirectly connect people to Fairbanks.

Kellen Spillman and Melissa Kellner, Director and Deputy Director (respectively), of FNSB Community Planning Department – K. Spillman spoke in favor of Resolution No. 5119 and discussed the seven years of work that went into the Downtown Fairbanks 2040 Plan. He stated that they are pleased with the product and proud of the efforts, noting that the two Councilmembers who served on the working group attended more meetings and participated in more of the work than anyone. He acknowledged the City and Borough’s shared goals for downtown and discussed the decline in both population and number of buildings over the years. K. Spillman affirmed the desire to see those trends reverse and spoke highly of the ideas in the Plan which will provide the City and Borough with opportunities to work together. M. Kellner echoed K. Spillman’s comments and thanked Councilmembers Cleworth and Sprinkle for their work on the Plan. She discussed the balanced approach and her excitement for implementation of the many ideas, with the goal of redevelopment. She shared further details on the remaining timeline for the Plan and the Planning Commission’s continued deliberation and vote for recommendation. She stated it is expected that the Plan will go before the Borough Assembly in July.

Mr. Cleworth pointed out that even if the Council adopts Resolution No. 5119, the Plan could still change, adding that the Planning Commission is still in deliberations. K. Spillman acknowledged that that is a possibility and discussed the complex situation with many hands involved. He expressed hope that the Council’s version of the Plan is close to what is adopted.

Ms. Sprinkle shared that the changes being considered by the Planning Commission are primarily related to adding more references about the history of Fairbanks. K. Spillman confirmed that the Commission had expressed a desire to update the introduction portion of the plan and provide

better context to its purpose. He shared that a draft statement will be presented to that group which touches on many items the Council has already discussed. He stated he does not believe any content changes that would go against the Council's recommendations are anticipated.

Mr. Ringstad asked that an updated copy of the Plan be sent to the City Clerk if any substantive changes occur at the Planning Commission's next meeting. K. Spillman agreed to the request and stated that the Commission had already received a copy of the Council's proposed edits.

Mr. Marney asked whether the Planning Commission's meeting is open to the public. K. Spillman confirmed that it is, and shared additional meeting details.

Mayor Pruhs thanked K. Spillman and M. Kellner for their work and wished them well.

Victor Buberger – V. Buberger discussed his displeasure with the GARS intersection and the money spent and talked about the unfavorable view held towards it by everyone with whom he has spoken. He encouraged the Council to do something about the problems with the intersection, while acknowledging that it was ultimately a State of Alaska matter.

Brynn Butler, City Housing Coordinator – B. Butler shared a letter she wrote for Chief of Staff Mike Sanders which expressed her gratitude for the professionalism, sensitivity, and respect that was demonstrated during the recent work to clear out and clean up a homeless encampment near the GARS intersection the previous week. She explained that the task and the displacement of people who had taken up residence in a place where residency was prohibited was neither easy nor enjoyable, but the City's approach was commendable. She also praised the compassion and gentleness shown by Public Works and FPD staff and expressed pride in being part of such a team.

Ms. Sprinkle thanked B. Butler for sharing and asked if she had been able to rehouse any of the individuals. B. Butler reported that she had made 15 separate trips to that encampment over the previous six months to share opportunities and information about available programs, but unfortunately no one had accepted her invitations to use the services.

Mr. Ringstad stated he has heard positive feedback from the community that the City stepped up to address the issue and expressed appreciation for B. Butler's report. B. Butler reminded the Council that it was State DOT property and, as such, it was a group effort. She stated she will remain vigilant over the summer to head off any attempts to create new encampments. She leaned into the notion that more individuals are choosing to live a transient life but acknowledged the City's no-camping ordinance and the need to ensure such an understanding within the community.

David van den Berg, Executive Director of the Downtown Association of Fairbanks – D. van den Berg spoke in support of Resolution No. 5119 and predicted that the Downtown Fairbanks 2040 Plan would be judged in the future less by what is written in it today and more by what is implemented in the years to come. He asked if 730 Front Street, as well as other properties that the City owns, will be remarketed and made available for purchase at a future auction. He spoke of the issue of the former College Inn which recently had another structural fire and echoed the communal frustration of a lack of development at that location. He stated that although it was not within city limits, perhaps it could be annexed, or the City could simply lead the charge in making

something happen there. He concluded by addressing Resolution No. 5116, which will be on the next agenda, and asked what economic development possibilities exist that are not being explored.

Mayor Pruhs invited D. van den Berg to attend the Council work session the following morning.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE the agenda and consent agenda.

Ms. Sprinkle pulled Resolution No. 5118, New Business item 12(a), from the consent agenda.

Mr. Cleworth pulled Resolution No. 5119, New Business item 12(b), from the consent agenda.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection to the APPROVAL of the agenda, as amended and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Clerk Snider read the consent agenda, as amended, into the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2024

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

SPECIAL ORDERS

a) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing and considered the following marijuana license applications for renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
20827	Good Titrations	Retail Marijuana Store	FSE, Inc.	506 Merhar Avenue
20829	Good Titrations	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	FSE, Inc.	506 Merhar Avenue

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the marijuana license applications for renewal.

Mayor Pruhs called for public testimony.

Marcey Luther, CEO and COO of Good Titrations – M. Luther indicated that she was available to answer any questions from Councilmembers regarding the businesses and applications.

Mr. Cleworth pointed out that the retail store and cultivation facility are at the same location and noted that he does not recall any complaints about odor in that area. M. Luther confirmed that the cultivation operation is visible through windows in the retail store for individuals to see the process; she added that they have a great filtration system.

Ms. Sprinkle addressed past notices of violation (NOVs) and asked M. Luther if the business was current on all State taxes. M. Luther confirmed that it was.

Mr. Ringstad asked for additional information about the business ownership and property. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that the owners are local and described the improvements they made to the building. He noted that they have no issues with police calls or complaints of smell; he added that the business has set a good example within the industry. **Mr. Ringstad** asked if they are having challenges with the logistics of paying State taxes. M. Luther indicated that it is getting better and that there is a bill in the legislature that would shift the tax from cultivators to retailers.

Mr. Marney thanked M. Luther for attending the meeting and availing herself for questions.

Ms. Sprinkle informed M. Luther that the Council has advocated for the State to create a local payment option for marijuana businesses in Fairbanks. M. Luther stated she was aware of that and appreciates the effort, although they would still have to travel to Anchorage to make IRS payments.

Ms. Rogers expressed appreciation for business representatives being present at Council meetings.

Mayor Pruhs called for additional testimony and hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Ringstad, Cleworth, Sprinkle, Rogers, Tidwell

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

b) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing and considered the following Package Store Sampling Endorsement Application:

Type/Lic.: Package Store Sampling Endorsement, Lic. #4076

DBA: Brown Jug

Applicant: Liquor Stores USA North, Inc.

Location: 559 Harold Bentley Avenue, Fairbanks

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Package Store Sampling Endorsement Application.

Mayor Pruhs called for public testimony and hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE PACKAGE STORE SAMPLING ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Tidwell, Sprinkle, Ringstad, Marney, Rogers, Cleworth

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Pruhs asked Building Official Clem Clooten to provide an update on abatements.

C. Clooten provided a report on abatements as of May 3, 2024, for the following properties:

647 11th Avenue	2126 Rickert Street	725 2nd Avenue	109 5th Avenue
113 2nd Avenue	649 11th Avenue	1306 3rd Avenue	305 Kellum Street
2319 Rickert Street	2628 Mercier Street	419 Fourth Avenue	394 Hamilton Avenue
719 Front Street	737 7th Avenue	431 Gaffney Street	1516 Eielson Street
311 Bonnifield Street	730 Front Street	124 2nd Avenue	307 12th Avenue
399 Helmericks Avenue			

Councilmembers thanked C. Clooten for his report and inquired about individual properties.

Mr. Ringstad noted that six properties have been updated to a “Completed” status, which is positive news. He asked about the excavated water line at 109 5th Avenue. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that it was done in order to get water turned on, but Golden Heart Utilities refused to do so due to an outstanding bill. **Mr. Ringstad** expressed gratitude in owners taking responsibility.

Ms. Tidwell asked if the City would un-board the property and allow occupancy if the contractor or owner was able to get the water turned back on. C. Clooten confirmed that running water would make the property habitable again, although the yard is still a mess. He stated that it is a touchy situation, and the City’s actions and abatement signage was not received well.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if the old Coin King building (431 Gaffney Street) included the abandoned car wash structure. C. Clooten confirmed that it is all one property. **Ms. Sprinkle** addressed the slow progress at 1306 3rd Avenue and asked if the owner of 2628 Mercier Street had applied for any of the necessary permits for the work he says he intends to do. C. Clooten reported that the owner is out of state, makes occasional visits, and will require some nudging to ensure progress. **Ms. Sprinkle** stated she is thrilled at the news of the old creamery (124 2nd Avenue) and asked if any liens had been placed on the two now-demolished properties of 719 and 730 Front Street. C. Clooten indicated that he would begin working on that process with the City Clerk and Attorney.

Mr. Marney asked if the City would be reimbursed for the work involved with boarding up the structure at 109 5th Avenue, should the owner return it to a state of occupancy. He also asked if the City sets deadlines on the expectations it communicates to owners. C. Clooten confirmed that the City can place a lien on the property for the work and that there are established deadlines and consequences when working through the abatement process. He gave an example of how such deadlines are handled. **Mr. Marney** expressed his view that no extensions should be offered without considerable justification, given the City’s goal to see more resolutions on these properties.

Mr. Cleworth cited the City’s past efforts to sell properties to the general public once they had reached the appropriate stage in the process. He asked if 730 Front Street had reached that point. C. Clooten indicated that had not and that he would need someone with a little more expertise in that area to help with the process. **Mr. Cleworth** acknowledged that he was unfamiliar with the proper protocol. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that with so many abandoned and vacant structures

around town, every property has a different situation and must be looked at individually. He stated that they have a great group of individuals working on those issues and that he may propose a new position to focus on abatement matters. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that he would love to see a list of potentially sellable properties, especially since those proceeds go to the City's Permanent Fund.

Ms. Sprinkle discussed the recurring fires at the College Inn property and stated that such problems are unwanted within the city. **Mayor Pruhs** spoke of the opportunities the City takes to have real connections and conversations with owners as they review their property issues, discuss how things came to be in their current state, and formulate solution-oriented plans.

Mr. Ringstad agreed with Ms. Sprinkle's comments in reference to the issues at the College Inn. He expressed hope that the Borough agrees and will work with the City to make that a reality. **Mayor Pruhs** indicated that Borough staff members such as K. Spillman and M. Kellner have extensive knowledge and input on these types of issues.

Ms. Rogers addressed 307 12th Avenue, where the owner had expressed a desire to donate the property to the City. She asked if the property was considered historic. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that he would not consider it historic. He described how homes owned by elderly residents who pass away are often inherited by a family member, usually elderly and not local, who prefer to relinquish the property; he added it is a nice sentiment but comes with its own challenges and hurdles.

Mayor Pruhs concluded with appreciation for C. Clooten's update and affirmed the City's commitment to moving forward in addressing the issue of derelict properties in the city.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Cleworth thanked B. Butler for her earlier comments and commitment to being firm but fair with the issues she is tasked to address.

Ms. Rogers echoed praise for B. Butler's efforts, compassion, and depth of understanding as she serves those in difficult circumstances within the community. She expressed her wish that the City could clone her and replicate her contribution on a larger scale.

Ms. Sprinkle commended the Lathrop High School Academic Decathlon team, who recently won its first-ever national competition. She noted that the team's coach is a Lathrop alumnus who now teaches at the school and that the entire experience is something for the community to celebrate. **Mr. Cleworth** shared that he had spoken to the coach earlier in the day and is working on a resolution for the next meeting to recognize the team's accomplishments.

Mr. Ringstad shared a recent experience where a stranger entered his home, mistaking the location for that of Helping Alaska. He described that the individual nonchalantly used his restroom and was escorted out, only to return and enter the home again minutes later, at which time he decided to give him a ride to his desired destination. **Mr. Ringstad** explained that the individual was incoherent, appearing to be under the influence of some substance, had no idea where he was nor what he was doing, and ended up jumping out of the vehicle at a random stoplight as he transported him across town. He shared that he later reviewed his home security cameras and saw that the individual had been looking around and inside his vehicles prior to walking into the house

uninvited. **Mr. Ringstad** expressed his concern with these kinds of situations, noting that it is not the first time he has dealt with similar problems. He acknowledged that these types of scenarios can easily turn violent and tragic, as individuals seek to protect their families and property.

Mr. Marney spoke highly of the Fire Department promotions, of B. Butler's efforts, and of C. Clouten's commitment to his position.

Ms. Tidwell added her appreciation for B. Butler and congratulations to the promoted firefighters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6278 – An Ordinance Amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1547 by Addressing Non-Union Position Acting Pay. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6278.

Mayor Pruhs called for testimony and hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

Mr. Cleworth expressed concern with the language that specified a 12-hour timeframe as the parameters for when the “acting” provision is activated and stated that the term “physically respond” seems inappropriate. He acknowledged that the language had been in place already and that some changes would be better addressed in future negotiations.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6278 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Rogers, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth, Tidwell

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6278 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5118 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Johnson River Enterprises, LLC in the Amount of \$266,843.00 for the Childcare Restrooms Renovation at City Hall (ITB-24-02). Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5118.

Ms. Sprinkle indicated that the project cost seemed high and asked for more information. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that most of the abatement of hazardous materials in that area of the building had already been completed via another contract. He noted that some abatement work remains, but the majority of the cost in the resolution is for a full remodel of the two large restrooms. **Ms. Sprinkle** stated that she is happy to see that it is a local company, but she wished the cost was less.

Mr. Marney asked about expected completion. **Mayor Pruhs** stated he believes it will be July.

Mr. Ringstad asked about the estimated opening date of the facility. **Mayor Pruhs** shared that the opening date is dependent on the Boys and Girls Club and that they recently lost the individual who was slated to be the director for the facility. He indicated that it is unlikely to be open by August.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5118 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Tidwell, Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Rogers

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5118 APPROVED.

- b) Resolution No. 5119 – A Resolution in Support of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Downtown Plan, Downtown Fairbanks 2040, Conditioned Upon Recommended Changes. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5119.

Mr. Cleworth expressed concern about the procedure should the Council pass the resolution and the Plan, with its proposed changes, and then see other changes made by the Planning Commission or Borough Assembly that impact the City. **Mayor Pruhs** confirmed that the resolution states that the Council will only support the Plan with its proposed changes. **Mr. Cleworth** acknowledged that individuals such as K. Spillman and M. Kellner would likely discourage further substantive changes but wanted to make sure the Council kept a close watch on the Plan's progress. He referenced an email from a citizen in the Slaterville neighborhood regarding concern over a potential walking bridge through the residential area, which he does not believe exists anywhere within the Plan. **Mayor Pruhs** shared that he has had similar communications where individuals are upset about rumors of things that might be part of a future plan. **Mr. Cleworth** thanked K. Spillman and M. Kellner for serving as great compromisers between the various entities involved.

Mr. Ringstad shared similar concerns and committed to keeping an eye on the Plan's progress.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that it would be good for the Council to have representation at the next Planning Commission meeting. **Mr. Marney** and **Mayor Pruhs** shared that they plan to attend.

Ms. Tidwell asked if the Council considered its proposed changes as suggestions or otherwise. **Mayor Pruhs** declared that the Council's changes should be seen as demands, not suggestions. **Ms. Tidwell** declared that the work done on the Plan is great, but she understands the Planning Commission still has its own list of changes and some final work to do and that the Plan will have further edits. **Mayor Pruhs** clarified that that is understood; he stated that the goal is to see all the Council's changes incorporated and to make sure any further updates do not detract from or otherwise negatively impact the City.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the Commission had been able to get through the entire document at its last meeting. **Ms. Tidwell** reported that it had not, which is why the next meeting was scheduled. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the inclusion of historical context was the only thing he was aware of as far as what was being considered by the Planning Commission as additional changes. **Ms. Tidwell** confirmed that Mr. Cleworth was correct but reiterated that the Commission had not made it to the end yet, so there may be other items. **Mayor Pruhs** restated that the primary concern is in regard to any new edits that create a cost or a burden upon the City.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if it would be prudent to postpone the resolution until after the Commission's meeting. **Mayor Pruhs** indicated that after the seven years of work on the Plan, he wanted to respect Borough staff's presence by moving the item forward to its next phase. **Mr. Cleworth** agreed and added that the Council would have grounds to take action if the Plan saw radical changes that impacted the City after the City resolution was passed.

Mr. Marney asked if any of the Council's proposed changes did not sit well with either of the Borough representatives. K. Spillman indicated that he does not believe so and explained that by passing Resolution No. 5118, the Councilmember representing the City at the Assembly meeting would have permission to take the floor and speak about the changes. He remarked that if there are any additional revisions that are objectionable to the City, those items could be worked out either in advance of or at the Assembly meeting.

Mayor Pruhs thanked K. Spillman for sharing wisdom and assurance about the upcoming process.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5118 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Rogers, Tidwell

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5119 APPROVED.

- c) Resolution No. 5120 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply for Funds from the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the FY2024 Promoting Access to Crisis Teams (PACT) - Community Policing Development (CPD) Program. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- d) Ordinance No. 6279 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 22-28(b) to Create Parity Between City and Borough Election Worker Pay. Introduced by Council Member Sprinkle.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- e) Ordinance No. 6280 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article XIII, Business Licensing, to Allow for Youth Business Licenses and Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- f) Ordinance No. 6281 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 50-289 Paid Funeral Leave. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- a) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2024

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Chena Riverfront Commission Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2024

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2024

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Reappointment to the Discretionary Fund Committee

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Tidwell mentioned that Jomo Stewart from the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) was interested in the Council's discussion regarding the City-Borough joint economic development agreement. She stated that she was unsure if he would be able to attend the work session the following morning but shared that she would see him at the FEDC's next meeting.

Mr. Marney reported that he was unable to attend the last Explore Fairbanks meeting due to illness. He expressed his gratitude for the good work the Council accomplished during the evening.

Mr. Ringstad indicated he had no further reports or comments.

Ms. Sprinkle reported that the Chena Riverfront Commission (CRC) met and discussed the Downtown Fairbanks 2040 Plan, stream clean-up efforts, and the upcoming storm drain art contest.

Ms. Rogers reported on attending the recent Crisis Now meeting and spoke in praise of the group members and the work they do. She discussed frustrations of the past where many organizations worked in silos, and opportunities for collaboration were not taken. She declared that the current fabric between those working to serve those with challenges in the community is strong and she added that she could not say enough good things about their efforts.

Mr. Cleworth shared that he often receives mementoes relating to the history of Fairbanks, which he typically delivers to the City Clerk. He presented a large metal meal tray, given to him by former Officer Doug Wooly who was in charge of the evidence room for many years at FPD. He explained that the tray was used when the police station would house prisoners. He donated the item to the Clerk's Office for use in the display case in the entryway of City Hall.

Ms. Sprinkle discussed a concern from the CRC. She explained that the path for the annual River Walk passes through a property, owned by the Alaska Railroad and rented by the City; she added that the arrangement has been in place for about 10 years. She stated that the Railroad is indicating that they may no longer allow it, which is problematic. **Mayor Pruhs** committed to working with City Engineer Bob Pristash and the Railroad leadership on the issue.

Mayor Pruhs gave a shoutout to Chief of Staff Mike Sanders who was absent at the meeting in order to attend his son's graduation. He added that M. Sanders' birthday was the following day, and he looks forward to seeing what City staff do to celebrate the day.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Snider reminded everyone there would be a 7:00 a.m. work session the following morning.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chard reported that the 9th Circuit Court would be in Anchorage on Monday, May 20 to hear the *Eyre v. City of Fairbanks* case. He stated he plans to go to the hearing and will immediately drive back to Fairbanks in an attempt to be present for the Council meeting that evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ENTER Executive Session to discuss Fairbanks Firefighters Union Labor Negotiation Strategy and Legal Department Personnel Matter.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Pruhs called for a brief recess. The Council reconvened in Executive Session following the brief recess.

- a) Fairbanks Firefighters Union Labor Negotiation Strategy (*entered at 8:29 p.m.*)
- b) Legal Department Personnel Matter (*entered at 10:02 p.m.*)

Mr. Cleworth brought the City Council out of the Executive Session, noting that the City Council met in Executive Session to discuss Fairbanks Firefighters Union Labor Negotiation Strategy and Legal Department Personnel Matter. He affirmed that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 20, 2024
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:30 p.m. graduation ceremony for the Citizen Engagement Academy, to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council via Zoom webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor David Pruhs presiding and with the following Councilmembers in attendance:

Councilmembers Present: Jerry Cleworth, Seat A
June Rogers, Seat B
Sue Sprinkle, Seat C
Crystal Tidwell, Seat D
Lonny Marney, Seat E
John Ringstad, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff
Thomas Chard, City Attorney (remotely)
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
Ron Dupee, Police Chief (remotely)
Andrew Coccaro, Fire Chief
Jake Merritt, Human Resources Director
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager
Brenda McFarlane, Crisis Now Coordinator
Brynn Butler, Housing Coordinator (remotely)

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of Mayor Pruhs, Chief of Staff Michael Sanders led the flag salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

[Clerk Note: Names of citizens who provide comments may not be spelled correctly if their name was illegible on the physical sign-up sheet.]

Juanita Webb, Chair of the Fairbanks Diversity Council – J. Webb provided an update about the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC), including details about its recent meetings, better attendance, and signature projects. She shared information about the upcoming Race Against Racism, the Juneteenth event, and the FDC's hosting of a "Human Library" event during Golden Days in July.

Mayor Pruhs and **Ms. Rogers** both spoke praise of J. Webb's leadership and involvement.

Ms. Tidwell asked for more information about the Juneteenth event. J. Webb indicated that more details will be provided in the near future but to mark calendars for June 15 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Sprinkle suggested that J. Webb reach out to Greg Hill to collaborate on the Human Library.

Jomo Stewart, President of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) – J. Stewart gave an update on the FEDC, including details about the following programs, projects, and events:

- The Young Professional Council professional development half-day summit
- A spring session of the FEDC's Small Business Accelerator
- Community Economic Development Strategy document
- The Alaska Defense Forum taking place in August
- The Chef at the Market summer series
- A new event referred to as Wood Energy Conference
- Creating a "Walkable Shopping Directory"
- The replanting of birch trees that came from the roof of the Polaris Building

J. Stewart shared that he had recently engaged with local education matters, specifically the plans to close Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High School and migrate students to schools in North Pole.

Ms. Rogers asked J. Stewart if he was aware that some students who attend Ben Eielson are not military families but live in the Salcha area, as her family did years ago. She noted that it is not a military facility but a community school that happened to be located on the Air Force base.

Mr. Ringstad discussed seeing a recent interview where J. Stewart spoke on many important issues facing Fairbanks, particularly the cost of utilities. J. Stewart shared that he had been invited to give a presentation about Fairbanks to a Rotary group in Anchorage. He explained that although a windstorm had impacted flights that day and prevented him from attending the engagement, he spent time considering what issues affect both Fairbanks and Southcentral Alaska, in order to explore solutions. He discussed a shift of direction in energy supply flows. J. Stewart stated that the FEDC had contracted with Information Analysis to perform a baseline economic assessment of Fairbanks and that they are working on a draft report to share with the community in mid-June.

Ms. Sprinkle asked where else, besides City Hall, a Polaris birch tree was planted and wondered whose idea it was to replant them. J. Stewart stated that they had hoped to salvage at least one tree from the top of the building but ended up saving several. He added that multiple individuals had a similar idea to have them relocated and that the plan was to provide one each for the City of Fairbanks, City of North Pole, and the Borough. He shared that there may be one or two trees remaining, which they would love to raffle off as a fundraiser for the Arbor Day Society or another local nonprofit organization. J. Stewart stated that it would be neat if the new structure at the site of the Polaris Building had an atrium at the top where one of the trees could be planted.

Mr. Cleworth asked J. Stewart if the FEDC has received inquiries from major retailers about coming to Fairbanks. J. Stewart indicated that it has been a long time since such an inquiry has occurred. **Mr. Cleworth** asked whether the FEDC goes out to make those inquiries. J. Stewart shared information about the FEDC's strategic planning efforts.

Clerk Snider reported that technical issues were occurring with the overhead projector.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE the agenda and consent agenda.

Mr. Marney pulled Ordinance No. 6282, item 12(b) under New Business, from the consent agenda.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection to the APPROVAL of the agenda, as amended and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Clerk Snider read the consent agenda, as amended, into the record.

SPECIAL ORDERS

- a) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing and considered the following marijuana license application for renewal:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
13479	North Star Fire	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	North Star Fire, LLC	3780 Leasure Street, Suite 3

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the marijuana license application for renewal.

Mayor Pruhs called for testimony and hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Ringstad, Cleworth, Sprinkle, Rogers, Tidwell

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Pruhs congratulated the graduates of the Citizen Engagement Academy which concluded earlier in the evening. He invited Crisis Now Coordinator Brenda McFarlane to give a report.

B. McFarlane introduced Kris Frey who has worked at a local television station for over 20 years and helped produce a commercial to promote awareness and access to the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT). She explained that grant money was available to use for advertising and that in-kind donations from K. Frey via KTVF and KXDF had allowed them to produce the commercial at no cost. She shared that it is currently airing on TV, and they hope to see it shared on more platforms soon. B. McFarlane read the commercial's script, described the video, and spoke of the overall goals of the campaign. She thanked everyone involved in the MCT for their commitment to serving

those in need within the Fairbanks community. She noted that in its two and a half years of existence, the MCT have never been unable to answer a call and maintain 24/7 availability.

J. Rogers spoke highly of K. Frey's professionalism, connections, and commitment and shared some history of her involvement with various programs and campaigns throughout the years.

Mayor Pruhs shared that in the previous week, Public Works performed cleanup work at a property on 23rd Avenue and Rickert Street. He reported that over 60 tons of debris were removed over a two-day period in an effort to improve that block. He invited David van den Berg (Executive Director of the Downtown Association of Fairbanks, DTA), J. Stewart (FEDC), and Kuba Grzeda, (Deputy Chief of Staff to the Borough Mayor) to share their thoughts on Resolution No. 5116.

D. van den Berg noted that this is his third time speaking on the topic at City Council meetings. He stated that the Downtown Fairbanks 2040 Plan, which will soon be officially adopted, contains many items that will require resources and funding. He pointed out that economic development is the only shared power between the City and the Borough that is identified within the Plan and, as such, necessitates shared coordination rather than existing solely within a department of one local municipality. D. van den Berg explained that many entities around the state have active ARDORs (Alaska Regional Development Organizations) in place, which have success in acquiring funds through less-common sources primarily because of their joint approach. He suggested that it might be time to assess the economic development capacity of Fairbanks.

J. Rogers recalled that meetings in years past left her with the impression that they did not qualify to have an ARDOR. D. van den Berg acknowledged that he is not the best person to elaborate on that, but to his understanding, the Interior has an ARDOR, although it is housed at the Borough.

Mr. Ringstad shared his recollection that ARDORs were initially set up regionally, to avoid overlap and duplication of efforts, which is why the Borough was established as the entity for that.

J. Stewart indicated that the FEDC has not taken an official position on the resolution but that he personally supports it. He identified grants and the existing Economic Development Commission as the two significant issues at hand. He described his research in ARDORs, noting that the FEDC had interest in becoming the official ARDOR for the Fairbanks area. J. Stewart stated that the Fairbanks region is the only place in Alaska where the ARDOR is a municipal government, which he described as peculiar. He discussed the importance of having appropriate placements on a joint commission to ensure needs and interests are best represented.

Ms. Sprinkle asked J. Stewart if he was implying that the FEDC should have a seat at the table. J. Stewart indicated that if he was crafting a joint Economic Development Commission it would have a representative from the Borough, City of Fairbanks, City of North Pole, FEDC, Explore Fairbanks, Downtown Association of Fairbanks, and any other entities that are on the ground doing economic development activities in the community. **Ms. Sprinkle** suggested that the resolution list specific entities as desired representatives. J. Stewart stated that doing so would be very reasonable for what is supposed to be an area-wide economic development engine.

Mr. Ringstad pointed out that while some organizations are specifically named, others such as the Chamber of Commerce were not. J. Stewart replied that it felt long overdue for both cities and the Borough to review the makeup of the commission. He discussed those currently serving.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if he was pursuing having the ARDOR reassigned to the FEDC. J. Stewart clarified that he had only been tasked with researching the topic.

K. Grzeda explained that both Borough Mayor Ward and Chief of Staff Williams were ill, so he was there to discuss what the proposed agreement does and does not do. He shared information about second class boroughs, of which FNSB is, being limited to providing economic development on a non-areawide basis only. He clarified that “non-areawide” means that the areas within the boundaries of the City of Fairbanks and the City North Pole would be excluded. K. Grzeda stated that the State Legislature allowed for exemptions to the limitations in 2004, provided the three entities entered into an agreement. He explained that such an agreement would allow funds collected throughout the borough to be spent on economic development on an areawide basis. He confirmed that this does not grant the Borough areawide power and that the cities retain economic development authority within their respective boundaries. K. Grzeda stated that the agreement entered into in 2004 is outdated and does not clarify how the entities would jointly provide for projects, which is what the new agreement aims to fix. He noted that the Borough signed the new agreement a year ago, and the City of North Pole agreed in September 2023. He explained that the Borough Assembly is scheduled to adopt its budget for the new fiscal year at its next meeting, and the agreement is necessary to allow the Borough to continue spending funds for economic development within city limits. K. Grzeda stated that without the agreement, the Borough would have to shift its focus outside of the city, which the Borough Mayor does not believe is in the best interest of the community. He added that not having the agreement in place would also require an amendment to the Borough’s budget to account for the shift of funding plans.

Mr. Ringstad asked if the agreement would mean the Borough can continue to spend money within the city and what current activities would be impacted. K. Grzeda stated that the Borough provides funding to the FEDC, and a change could complicate the FEDC’s activities. J. Stewart explained that his office is within city boundaries, and funding for the FEDC comes from the City and Borough. He cited the 2004 oversight when the three Mayors were not formally authorized to enter into the agreement at the time; he stated the goal is to rectify that. J. Stewart confirmed that the FEDC’s funding from the Borough would still be provided, but he would have to segregate funds and monitor what is spent on various programs and activities within and outside of the city.

Mr. Ringstad pointed out that by that logic, other changes would be made at the Borough level for activities within the city. J. Stewart shared that, to his knowledge, the Borough Attorney has raised concerns since 2004 about the lack of formal authorization by the respective City Councils and Assembly. He explained that Mayor Ward chose to rectify the issue by his request to Mayor Pruhs to introduce the resolution. **Mr. Ringstad** referenced the activities that J. Stewart had shared earlier in the meeting, where FEDC would be pursuing companies and organizations to consider economic development interest in Fairbanks, and asked how such work was funded. J. Stewart stated that it comes from his regular budget, some of which comes from the Borough.

Mr. Cleworth referenced current tax collection practices, where the Borough does not assess a specific line item for economic development. He asked if that meant that any funds being spent for that purpose were simply being allocated from its general fund. K. Grzeda stated he believes

that is correct. J. Stewart stated that as he understands, the Borough collects taxes specifically for economic development purposes. **Mr. Cleworth** indicated that the Council needs confirmation on the parameters of Borough taxes regarding economic development. He stated he would like to know more about the mechanics of the Borough's tax cap and how funds are allocated. He expressed concern about the makeup of the commission, a concern which he believes is shared by other Councilmembers. He stated that he thinks the Borough would be open to some changes on that subject and suggested that it would be good if the Mayors could sit down and sort it out.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that nothing was previously conveyed about a timeline for approval, nor any consequences for not doing so by a certain time. She indicated that the Council wants to do things right, ask questions, and get answers. K. Grzeda acknowledged the short turnaround and that the authorization in the resolution is needed to keep certain funds in the budget as currently proposed. He committed to getting answers for Mr. Cleworth's concerns on taxes and confirmed that the Mayors can work together on commission makeup.

Mr. Ringstad discussed the status quo of 20 years and that there is a difference between needs and wants. He acknowledged that the Borough may want to have the resolution passed immediately for a clean budgeting process, but that is not the same as needing it done right now. He cited the Council's recent heavy discussions and indicated that concerns have not been answered or resolved. He stated that he does not see how 20 years of precedence should change if the Council needed more time for consideration. K. Grzeda affirmed the sentiment and reiterated that the Borough Attorney advised that the item needed to be resolved before the next budget cycle.

Ms. Tidwell asked to confirm that the result of the Council not passing the resolution immediately would be that the Borough would not spend funds within the city for economic development; she also asked about the amounts involved. K. Grzeda stated that he believes this is what the Borough Attorney will recommend and noted that \$350,000 to the FEDC is the amount being impacted.

Mayor Pruhs concluded his comments by acknowledging FECC Manager Kristi Merideth's presence at the meeting; he noted that she had just completed two audits for her department.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Cleworth, Ms. Tidwell, and Mr. Marney each indicated that they had no comments.

Ms. Rogers discussed the Polaris Building birch trees project and thanked everyone involved.

Ms. Sprinkle applauded the work done on the property at 23rd Avenue and Rickert Street. She expressed appreciation for the City being proactive about nuisance properties.

Mr. Ringstad spoke about the same property as Ms. Sprinkle and shared how several people have complimented the City for taking recent action there and elsewhere. He noted that despite all those inhabiting that property and the activities taking place, there was no habitable structure onsite. He discussed how neighboring families should not have to live next to such a situation. He concluded by praising B. Butler's work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5116 – A Resolution of the City of Fairbanks Authorizing an Agreement Between the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of North Pole, and the City of Fairbanks to Jointly Provide for Economic Development. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2024.

At the April 22, 2024 regular meeting, Mr. Cleworth, seconded by Ms. Sprinkle, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5116. The motion remained on the floor.

Mr. Cleworth asked if it would be prudent to add a section to outline a plan to work with the Borough and the City of North Pole to determine an appropriate makeup of commission members. **Ms. Rogers** spoke in favor of the suggestion. **Mr. Ringstad** agreed and addressed his concern over the narrow scope of associated entities and other vague language. He expressed frustration that they were originally told it was not an urgent matter, only to now be asked to approve it before the meeting concluded. He pointed out that if the concern is a change to the Borough's budget, the Borough Assembly can amend its budget. He stated that the agreement feels premature and inadequate in explaining what is being requested of the City as a partner.

Ms. Sprinkle acknowledged that many big conversations for the endeavor will occur within the commission. She pointed out that while the commission is referenced multiple times in the resolution, she does not see it mentioned within the supporting document. She expressed concern, given its perceived significance, at the current commission's poor attendance and participation.

Ms. Tidwell noted the worry that FEDC funding may be in jeopardy or of restricted use. She agreed that the sudden urgency was unsettling and spoke in support of Mr. Cleworth's suggestions.

Mr. Ringstad stated that the City provides money to the FEDC without conveying restrictions, which makes it perplexing to hear that the Borough would.

Mr. Cleworth acknowledged that the Borough identified a mistake in how the agreement has been handled and that it has the right to try to correct it. He stated that if the taxes used to provide funds to the FEDC are coming from the Borough's general fund, collected on an areawide basis, he is unsure if the restrictions are appropriate. He admitted that the Council needs to learn more about the money side of the issue but applauded the administration for trying to correct the problem.

Ms. Tidwell shared that she has learned through her attendance at the FEDC's Board of Directors meetings that funding from the City and the Borough are very different and that the FEDC is mindful of the parameters.

Mr. Marney stated that the tax issue deeply concerns him, and the Council is right to question it.

Mayor Pruhs commented that the Borough Mayor came to speak with the Council some months prior about the matter, and there was no sense of urgency conveyed nor indication that funding for the FEDC would be at risk. He discussed the carrot versus stick approach and cited challenges with working with the Borough on other issues over the last six months.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she was told that the agreement had been presented to the City last year. **Mayor Pruhs** clarified that he received the agreement last year, that he had problems with it, that work on it began four months ago, and that the Borough Mayor came to speak to the Council about it three months ago. He added that two months ago the Borough increased its tobacco tax rates, negatively impacting businesses within the city which, as far as he was concerned, kicked everything out the window. He stated that at that point, everyone took a step back and trust levels went down. He asked if the Council wanted to get this right or simply patch it and let the Borough fix it. **Mayor Pruhs** gave examples of different paths forward, explaining that the Borough could choose to fund the FEDC contingent upon the agreement being finalized and approved by the City, or it can choose to not fund the FEDC with the understanding that if an agreement is reached, it could then allocate the funds through a budget amendment. He declared that he does not foresee the Borough shutting down the FEDC and that the organization has reserves to bridge the gap. He stated he found it reprehensible that the City was told three business days ago that this was an issue of funding the FEDC or not. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if postponement would mean that the FEDC would not receive the \$350,000, or if there would simply be restrictions. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that if it was up to him, he would use one of the two approaches he previously outlined.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the Mayor preferred that the resolution be postponed until the issues and questions could be resolved. **Mayor Pruhs** asked if the Council thought it could be fixed presently. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that some things are unclear, and the Borough should be able to budget in a way that does not harm the FEDC's finances and give the Council time to do what it needs to do.

Mayor Pruhs expressed his belief that every Councilmember supports entering into a joint economic development agreement with the Borough and the City of North Pole. He conveyed opposition to rushing things and urged the Council to wait until it could be done correctly.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 5116 to the second regular meeting in June.

Mr. Ringstad asked if the City had heard anything from the City of North Pole, given that it is a three-way agreement and that the City of North Pole had already passed its own similar resolution.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NO. 5116 TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2024, AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Sprinkle, Ringstad, Marney, Rogers, Cleworth

NAYS: Tidwell

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5116 POSTPONED.

Mayor Pruhs shared that prior to his recent conversation with Borough Chief of Staff Williams and Deputy Chief of Staff Grzeda, his preference was to see the resolution postponed indefinitely. He expressed trust in the Borough administration to work with the City to see the issue resolved.

- b) Ordinance No. 6279 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 22-28(b) to Create Parity Between City and Borough Election Worker Pay. Introduced by Mayor

Pruhs and Council Members Cleworth, Rogers, Marney, and Ringstad. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6279.

Mayor Pruhs called for testimony and hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed. *[Clerk Note: This call for Public Testimony occurred out of order on the agenda, after the ordinance had been ADOPTED. The omission was immediately rectified.]*

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6279 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Rogers, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth, Tidwell

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6279 ADOPTED.

Ms. Rogers addressed the potential conflict of interest for Ms. Sprinkle, who she understands is an election worker and had just participated in the vote on Ordinance No. 6279. She acknowledged that City Attorney Tom Chard had provided guidance on the matter previously but asked for clarification. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that because the dollar amount was less than 1% of Ms. Sprinkle's annual income, she had no financial interest and thus it did not meet the criteria for a conflict, although Attorney Chard had suggested that Ms. Sprinkle not be listed as a sponsor. **Ms. Rogers** indicated that she believed the threshold for a conflict of interest was lower than Mayor Pruhs had cited. **Mr. Ringstad** pointed out that Ms. Sprinkle is not paid anything by the City for her election work. Clerk Snider clarified for the record that after the issue was initially raised at a prior meeting, it was later confirmed that Ms. Sprinkle is not a City election worker, that she works at a Borough-only polling place, and as such has no conflict of interest in the matter.

Ms. Tidwell shared for the record that she too works at a Borough-only polling place and confirmed that Attorney Chard had advised that no conflict existed, though it would be best for neither her nor Ms. Sprinkle to sponsor the ordinance. **Mayor Pruhs** praised the work done by local election workers and the prevailing trust in the accuracy of election results in local races.

- c) Ordinance No. 6280 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 14, Article XIII, Business Licensing, to Allow for Youth Business Licenses and Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Ringstad, Marney, Tidwell, Sprinkle, Rogers, and Cleworth. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6280.

Mayor Pruhs called for testimony and hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6280 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Tidwell, Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Rogers
NAYS: None
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance
No. 6280 ADOPTED.

- d) Ordinance No. 6281 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 50-289 Paid Funeral Leave. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Sprinkle, Tidwell, Rogers, Marney, Ringstad, and Cleworth. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6281.

Mayor Pruhs called for testimony and hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6281 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Rogers, Tidwell
NAYS: None
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance
No. 6281 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5121 – A Resolution in Recognition of the Lathrop High School Academic Decathlon Team for Winning a National Title. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Cleworth and Sprinkle.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- b) Ordinance No. 6282 – An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Second Time. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6282.

Mr. Marney stated that the overtime issue at the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD) has weighed on him greatly. He discussed many conversations the Council has had since he began serving and added that he felt like an enabler. He addressed the problems of mandatory overtime, burnout, turnover, and training young people – sometimes for years – only to see them leave. **Mr. Marney** expressed the need for the Council to be better stewards of taxpayer money through reducing FFD overtime. He noted that the Police Department has the next highest overtime costs, which is one-third of the FFD's. He affirmed that the City cannot afford to continue on the same path.

Mr. Ringstad asked how much of the budgeted \$900,000 for FFD overtime had already been spent. CFO Bell stated that to date, \$682,211 has been used. **Mr. Ringstad** noted that amounts to approximately \$150,000 a month. CFO Bell confirmed that about \$217,000 is left and that the department does have some savings in wages and benefits. **Mr. Ringstad** agreed with Mr. Marney

that the City cannot keep throwing money at the issue and expect that something will change. He expressed a desire to see the department function within its budgeted parameters.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she would like to see how the next few months look with staffing levels. She indicated a preference to see the additional overtime funds removed in the budget amendment.

Mr. Cleworth noted that the Council would have another work session between now and the ordinance's second reading, which would allow more time to review specifics on any area of concern. With confirmation from CFO Bell, he pointed out that the requested increase of \$600,000 to overtime factored in salary savings.

Mayor Pruhs recommended that the Council advance the ordinance and work on drafting amendments between now and the next meeting, noting also that there will be a work session.

Mr. Marney concurred that the Council would benefit from looking at the issue as a team.

Mr. Ringstad expressed concern over the new safety compliance and abatement position being added to the Mayor's Office. He recognized that it was essentially the combination of two part-time roles but expressed hope that the City would not have a need for a permanent abatement specialist. **Mayor Pruhs** encouraged the Council to discuss the concept of the new position now rather than waiting for the next work session. **Mr. Ringstad** asked if the \$116,000 being requested would cover a partial or a full year. CFO Bell explained that with an anticipated start date of July 1, the 2024 total would be \$58,000, and the 2025 budget would be \$116,000 for the full year.

Mr. Marney shared that he and some other Councilmembers felt that it may be more appropriate for the position to be placed under the Attorney's Office. **Mayor Pruhs** replied that some components of the job would not belong under the Attorney's Office. He stated it would be beneficial to hear more about the plans for the position from Chief of Staff Mike Sanders.

M. Sanders explained that the position would be more like combining two full-time jobs. He stated that he understands the hesitation with adding a permanent position but recalled many instances where positions have been cut when it was prudent to do so. He shared that currently one employee is doing risk management, purchasing, and safety, each of which could be a full-time job. M. Sanders shared that the idea of an abatement specialist had been suggested by Ms. Sprinkle as someone who could help oversee the abatement process from start to finish. He discussed the various interactions the position would have with different departments and the relief it would bring to department heads in those select areas.

Human Resources Director Jake Merritt stated that because of the interaction the position would have with other departments for the safety piece, he believes that the Mayor's Office is the appropriate place for it. He discussed other aspects of the abatement process, such as research and communication. J. Merritt acknowledged that while the City's goals relating to abatement are to eventually have nothing left to do, there would likely be enough work to justify this position for many years to come. He noted that the season controls some aspects of abatement work as well, so different times of the year would change the focus of the position.

Ms. Sprinkle expressed her concern that because the components of the combined role vastly differ from each other, it would be disheartening to have someone end up neglecting some areas to focus on others due to certain aspects being less pleasant than others. M. Sanders explained that the person would report to him, and as such, he can help ensure their efforts are appropriately focused. **Mayor Pruhs** referenced the recent property cleanup work and confirmed that addressing blighted properties would be another part of the position's responsibility, as well as tagging vehicles that are encroaching the right-of-way. **Ms. Sprinkle** suggested that staff share the work diagram she drafted at the next work session.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he is not a fan of adding positions during the year, preferring to consider such requests during the budget process. He stated that it is a neat idea, but the timing may be off. **Ms. Sprinkle** stated she looks forward to sharing more of the thought process behind the issue.

Mr. Cleworth noted there is an FFD position being shifted to the Mayor's Office. He asked if the item had been reviewed by the City Attorney and if there were any issues with the union contract. M. Sanders clarified that the position is not considered an EMT, fire suppression, or fire prevention role, which are the job classifications covered by the union. He stated that the job's scope of work has a strong tie to social services which is why it fits well in the Mayor's Office. **Mayor Pruhs** added that Fire Chief Andrew Coccaro was supportive of the change. **Mr. Cleworth** asked if it would be added to the IBEW contract. M. Sanders indicated that the Mayor would like it to be a non-union position.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6282 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Tidwell, Rogers, Sprinkle, Marney, Cleworth
NAYS: None
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6282 ADVANCED.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- a) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Ringstad indicated that he had no comments or report.

Mr. Marney reported that he was present for the property cleanup project and that he cannot believe that the neighbors tolerated it for so many years. He shared details about the illegal activities that regularly occurred at the location. He discussed attending the annual police memorial event in North Pole and the cleanup event at the Clay Street Cemetery the previous Saturday.

Ms. Tidwell expressed pride in the cleanup efforts across the city. She thanked Ms. Sprinkle for spearheading the issue and suggested that in five years, the City may not even need a paid staff position to focus on abatement work.

Mr. Cleworth thanked Mr. Marney for his volunteer efforts and complimented the street striping work that was recently performed by either the State or Public Works. He discussed a reported issue of some business owners having fire inspections that resulted in a letter informing them of a 30-day window to correct non-compliant sprinkler systems and the FECC receiving numerous phone calls about the matter. He asked if there was any additional information about that.

Chief Cocco shared that they have a new automated compliance system that is doing exactly what it was implemented to do. He explained that inspection data is entered into a database, the Fire Marshal reviews it for accuracy, and then the system generates any notices for non-compliance items that need correction. He stated that the default on such violations is 30 days, at which time another visit will occur to ensure compliance. He noted that variances result in an individual review to determine if an extension is warranted, such as when business owners are making a good-faith effort to rectify any issues. **Mr. Cleworth** discussed the challenges of sprinkler system maintenance and repair, noting the limited number of companies and options that business owners have for those types of services. He expressed hope that the City would give leeway with businesses, as the 30-day window may not be long enough to get an appointment. Chief Cocco acknowledged those challenges as well as the scary nature of receiving a Notice of Violation. He confirmed that granting an extension is evidence that the business owner is trying to start the correction process. He stated that if extenuating circumstances arise, he may contact the Council for guidance. He assured the Council that the Fire Marshal is not issuing citations or closing businesses after that 30-day window, especially given how far behind the office is in its annual mandatory inspections. **Mr. Cleworth** thanked Chief Cocco for the information.

Ms. Rogers gave positive notes about the FDC and Crisis Now, both of which the Council heard reports about earlier in the meeting. She shared that Reentry Coordinator Marsha Oss had been advocating for legislation, which ultimately did not get passed, that supported individuals having access to certain technology during incarceration. She stated that the Behavioral Health Community Council is seeking to rewrite many of its procedures governing how the coalition functions. She expressed gratitude for the discussion, work, and forward progress that occurred in the meeting.

Ms. Sprinkle reported that the Chena Riverfront Commission will not meet again for some time. She shared that she received a call from the consultant working on the Polaris project and stated that they were able to discuss wants and needs, as well as hopes and desires for the property and the City. She asked for an update on the demolition project. **Mayor Pruhs** indicated that as of the previous week, the contractors were finishing abatement work on the first floor and that they should have a crane in place within a week. **Ms. Sprinkle** expressed excitement at the progress.

Mayor Pruhs discussed his efforts to include Councilmembers in many things and to treat them as multipliers in the work they can all accomplish together. He complimented Councilmembers for their unity and continuity as they share information with each other. He stated that they are working on an ordinance regarding abatements and blighted properties. **Mayor Pruhs** indicated that he will meet with the Building Official in the coming week to determine what properties they

will be focusing on over the summer and stated that he would invite Ms. Sprinkle and Mr. Ringstad to join him. He reported that the City has received many positive comments on the work done at two properties in Island Homes, noting that one will have a \$70,000 lien placed on it while another is being put up for sale. He affirmed the City's commitment to continue making progress.

Mr. Cleworth asked whether any City property being put up for sale must come to the City Council first to determine the appropriate action. **Mayor Pruhs** confirmed that was correct.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Snider reviewed the changes to the Council's regular meeting schedule due to Memorial Day. She reminded the Council that its next meeting will be the work session on June 4.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chard indicated that he had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Pruhs and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Alcohol License Renewal Applications

DATE: June 5, 2024

Notice has been received from the State Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) for the following alcohol license renewal applications:

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
703	Gavora's Fine Wine	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	250 Third Street
1134	Thrifty Liquors	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	1410 Cushman Street
3467	Lin's Asian Bistro	Restaurant or Eating Place	Lin's Panda Garden, Inc.	1900 Airport Way

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-178 the Council must determine whether to protest alcohol license renewal applications after holding a public hearing.

The Police Department has included a call report for the locations listed above, but **there are no department-recommended protests** for these alcohol license renewal applications.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Gavora Liquore 05.11.2023 to 05.09.2024

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
24001167	04/19/2024 14:50:10	THEFT - DELTA	250-02 THIRD ST	O7	RPT	04/19/2024 17:15:17
	06/29/2023 02:58:45	ALARM BURGLARY -	250-02 THIRD ST	O28	FAN	06/29/2023 03:16:56
23002166	06/10/2023 16:02:51	THEFT OR VEH THEFT	250-02 THIRD ST	O31	RPT	06/10/2023 17:12:37

Total Number of Events Listed: 3

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Gavora Liquor 05.11.2023 to 05.09.2024

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	03/20/2024 10:12:41	ALARM BURGLARY -	250-04 THIRD ST	DESK	FAB	03/20/2024 10:16:26
	01/22/2024 08:41:16	ALARM BURGLARY -	250-04 THIRD ST	S5	FAB	01/22/2024 09:02:07
	08/21/2023 18:31:10	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	250-04 THIRD ST	O6	NRP	08/21/2023 18:50:43
23001759	05/11/2023 13:35:01	THEFT OR VEH THEFT	250-04 THIRD ST	S4	RPT	05/11/2023 14:08:43

Total Number of Events Listed: **4**

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Thrifty Liquor 05.11.2023 to 05.09.2024

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	05/08/2024 03:07:28	TRESPASS LETTER OF	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	DESK	NRP	05/08/2024 03:11:10
	05/03/2024 00:58:09	SHOTS FIRED - HEARD -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O8	NRP	05/03/2024 01:08:57
24001063	04/09/2024 12:28:02	THEFT - DELTA	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O42	RPT	04/09/2024 15:17:38
	03/28/2024 03:10:32	SI - SECURITY CHECK	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O17	NRP	03/28/2024 03:10:45
24000914	03/27/2024 02:59:18	ALARM BURGLARY -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O16	RPT	03/27/2024 03:24:22
	03/03/2024 20:07:12	SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O50	NRP	03/03/2024 20:15:43
	02/29/2024 10:22:51	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	S39	NRP	02/29/2024 11:15:24
24000546	02/22/2024 17:53:00	THEFT - DELTA	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O42	RPT	02/22/2024 21:26:22
24000520	02/20/2024 10:51:49	WEAPONS INCIDENT -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O42	RPT	02/20/2024 12:52:08
24000508	02/19/2024 13:44:11	THEFT OR VEH THEFT	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O42	RPT	02/19/2024 16:26:52
24000505	02/19/2024 08:15:52	THEFT OR VEH THEFT	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	S5	RPT	02/19/2024 09:04:22
	01/23/2024 02:02:37	SI - SECURITY CHECK	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O17	NRP	01/23/2024 02:22:23
24000032	01/04/2024 13:01:03	THEFT - DELTA	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	S39	RPT	01/04/2024 14:03:18
23004790	12/31/2023 19:47:12	DISTURBANCE	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O31	RPT	12/31/2023 21:02:42
23004716	12/25/2023 08:08:12	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O16	RPT	12/25/2023 08:31:08
	12/13/2023 16:24:58	TRAF HAZ/VEH/COND -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	S5	NRP	12/13/2023 16:33:28
23004432	12/01/2023 15:18:52	PAST THEFT - BRAVO	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O50	RPT	12/01/2023 16:07:09
	12/01/2023 08:53:54	INCAPACITATED PERSON	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O7	NRP	12/01/2023 10:09:34
	11/24/2023 18:04:41	SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O8	NRP	11/24/2023 18:41:20
	11/07/2023 12:23:53	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	S5	NRP	11/07/2023 12:48:32
	10/16/2023 09:52:14	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O2	SUBL	10/16/2023 11:01:41
	10/15/2023 14:23:39	WEAPONS OVERRIDE -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O50	NRP	10/15/2023 14:43:30
	10/15/2023 13:18:14	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O6	NRP	10/15/2023 13:32:44
	10/12/2023 22:00:54	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O8	NRP	10/12/2023 22:48:59
	10/10/2023 00:11:00	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O30	NRP	10/10/2023 00:38:40
	09/29/2023 11:40:36	INCAPACITATED PERSON	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O31	NRP	09/29/2023 13:39:29
23003720	09/28/2023 16:49:00	FOUND PROPERTY -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	S5	RPT	09/28/2023 17:17:39
	09/18/2023 10:12:59	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	S5	NRP	09/18/2023 10:45:01

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Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	09/12/2023 22:53:03	ALARM BURGLARY -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O17	FAB	09/12/2023 23:06:48
	09/05/2023 10:57:23	TRESPASS - PAST - LOG	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	DESK	NRP	09/05/2023 11:00:30
23003404	09/04/2023 09:30:53	DISTURBANCE	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	S5	RPT	09/04/2023 10:22:45
	09/02/2023 18:00:22	WELFARE CHECK - LOG	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O31	NRP	09/02/2023 18:16:02
	08/20/2023 17:01:50	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O50	NRP	08/20/2023 17:11:37
	08/20/2023 02:56:22	WELFARE CHECK - LOG	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	S5	NRP	08/20/2023 03:13:51
23003056	08/10/2023 05:11:09	ALARM BURGLARY -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O19	RPT	08/10/2023 06:38:25
	08/10/2023 00:33:33	ALARM BURGLARY -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O28	FAN	08/10/2023 00:44:23
23003028	08/08/2023 10:56:01	PAST THEFT - BRAVO	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	DESK	RPT	08/08/2023 11:07:11
	08/08/2023 01:12:09	SHOTS FIRE - DELTA	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O20	NRP	08/08/2023 01:21:32
	07/14/2023 09:54:58	INDECEN/LEWDNESS -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O6	NRP	07/14/2023 10:12:23
	06/23/2023 22:26:06	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O10	NRP	06/23/2023 23:11:18
23001999	05/31/2023 19:58:18	SI - FOLLOW-UP	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O28	NRP	05/31/2023 20:01:31
	05/29/2023 01:57:38	SI - SECURITY CHECK	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O28	NRP	05/29/2023 02:10:55
23001999	05/28/2023 04:22:49	ALARM BURGLARY -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O28	RPT	05/28/2023 05:30:17
23001947	05/24/2023 15:04:07	THEFT OR VEH THEFT	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O6	RPT	05/24/2023 16:16:11
	05/21/2023 22:16:46	TRESPASS LETTER OF	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	DESK	NRP	05/21/2023 22:26:03
	05/12/2023 19:54:25	DISTURBANCE PHYSICAL	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O10	NRP	05/12/2023 20:11:49
	05/12/2023 15:44:53	SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES -	1410 S CUSHMAN ST	O42	NRP	05/12/2023 16:01:24

Total Number of Events Listed: **47**

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Lin`s Asian Bistro 5.11.2023 to 5.09.2024

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	08/03/2023 20:27:34	911 HANG-UP - CHARLIE	1900 AIRPORT WAY	O5	NRP	08/03/2023 20:34:12

Total Number of Events Listed: 1

ORDINANCE NO. 6282

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING
AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE SECOND TIME**

WHEREAS, this ordinance incorporates the changes outlined on the attached fiscal note to amend the 2024 operating and capital budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows [amendments shown in **bold** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the 2024 General Fund and Capital Fund budgets the following sources of revenue and expenditures in the amounts indicated to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (see pages 2 and 3):

GENERAL FUND

<u>REVENUE</u>	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Taxes (all sources)	\$ 27,755,026	\$ -	\$ 27,755,026
Charges for Services	6,809,500	390,000	7,199,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	2,920,580	586,040	3,506,620
Licenses and Permits	2,202,760	177,500	2,380,260
Fines and Forfeitures	551,000	-	551,000
Interest and Penalties	1,665,000	250,000	1,915,000
Rental and Lease Income	138,559	14,985	153,544
Other Revenues	225,000	85,000	310,000
Other Financing Sources	<u>(234,862)</u>	<u>(1,513,853)</u>	<u>(1,748,715)</u>
Total revenue appropriation	<u>\$ 42,032,563</u>	<u>\$ (10,328)</u>	<u>\$ 42,022,235</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Mayor Department	\$ 780,030	\$ 188,000	\$ 968,030
Legal Department	247,350	-	247,350
Office of the City Clerk	613,905	-	613,905
Finance Department	1,041,900	-	1,041,900
Information Technology	2,680,877	18,000	2,698,877
General Account	6,945,000	30,000	6,975,000
Police Department	8,521,919	35,000	8,556,919
Communications Center	3,523,770	-	3,523,770
Fire Department	9,852,832	660,000	10,512,832
Public Works Department	10,179,625	30,000	10,209,625
Engineering Department	1,130,170	60,000	1,190,170
Building Department	<u>791,590</u>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>827,890</u>
Total expenditure appropriation	<u>\$ 46,308,968</u>	<u>\$ 1,057,300</u>	<u>\$ 47,366,268</u>
2023 unassigned fund balance	\$ 20,081,861	\$ -	\$ 20,081,861
Prior year encumbrances	(155,961)	-	(155,961)
Transfers to other funds	(5,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(7,000,000)
Other changes to the budget	1,379,556	432,372	1,811,928
2024 estimated unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 15,805,456</u>	<u>\$ (1,067,628)</u>	<u>\$ 14,737,828</u>

Minimum unassigned fund balance requirement is 20% of budgeted annual expenditures but not less than \$10,000,000. 20% of budgeted annual expenditures is \$ 9,473,254

CAPITAL FUND

REVENUE	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Transfer from Permanent Fund	\$ 709,992	\$ (1,731)	\$ 708,261
Transfer from General Fund	5,500,000	1,000,000	6,500,000
Property Repair & Replacement	145,000	-	145,000
Public Works	250,000	-	250,000
Garbage Equipment Reserve	304,800	-	304,800
IT	25,000	-	25,000
Police	210,000	-	210,000
Communications Center	140,000	-	140,000
Fire	700,000	-	700,000
Building	10,000	-	10,000
Total revenue appropriation	\$ 7,994,792	\$ 998,269	\$ 8,993,061
EXPENDITURES			
Property Repair & Replacement	\$ 5,812,454	\$ 918,000	\$ 6,730,454
Public Works Department	2,334,904	-	2,334,904
Garbage Equipment Reserve	853,000	-	853,000
IT Department	170,962	66,500	237,462
Police Department	863,716	10,000	873,716
Communications Center	1,316,960	-	1,316,960
Fire Department	1,500,942	218,200	1,719,142
Road Maintenance	1,975,018	361,483	2,336,501
Total expenditure appropriation	\$ 14,827,956	\$ 1,574,183	\$ 16,402,139
2023 fund balance	\$ 19,034,057	\$ -	\$ 19,034,057
Prior year encumbrances	(3,214,790)	-	(3,214,790)
Prior year reappropriations	(4,580,106)	(130,200)	(4,710,306)
Transfers from other funds	5,500,000	-	5,500,000
Other changes to the budget	(4,538,268)	(445,714)	(4,983,982)
2024 estimated fund balance	\$ 12,200,893	\$ (575,914)	\$ 11,624,979
Estimated unassigned capital fund balance for projects			\$ 5,596,839

SECTION 2. This ordinance also appropriates the use of emergency snow removal funds in the amount of \$250,000 as designated by the Mayor.

SECTION 3. All appropriations made by this ordinance lapse at the end of the fiscal year to the extent they have not been expended or contractually committed to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of said departments of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the 10th day of June 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE
ORDINANCE NO. 6282
AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
FOR THE SECOND TIME

GENERAL FUND
(\$10,328) Decrease in Revenue
\$1,057,300 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Tax Revenue
2. Charges for Services
 - \$400,000 increase to ambulance services
 - (\$10,000) decrease to motor vehicle accident revenue
3. Intergovernmental Revenues
 - \$400,000 increase to municipal assistance program
 - \$186,040 increase to SEMT reimbursement
4. License and Permits
 - (\$22,500) decrease to special events fees
 - \$200,000 increase to commercial building permits
5. Interest and Penalties
 - \$250,000 increase to interest on deposits
6. Rental and Lease
 - \$14,985 increase to rent from Boys & Girls Club
7. Other Revenue
 - \$85,000 increase to miscellaneous revenue
8. Other Financing Sources
 - (\$13,853) decrease transfer from permanent fund
 - (\$1,000,000) transfer to the capital fund
 - (\$500,000) transfer to the permanent fund

Expenditures

1. Mayor's Office
 - \$5,000 increase to travel
 - \$58,000 increase to salaries and benefits for a full-time Safety, Code Compliance, and Abatement Specialist (annual salaries \$80,000 and benefits \$36,000 will be a total of \$116,000)
 - \$125,000 increase to salaries and benefits for a full-time community paramedic (unfilled new position, moved from Fire Department budget)
2. City Attorney's Office
3. City Clerk's Office
4. Finance Department
5. Information Technology
 - \$12,000 increase to outside contracts to upgrade door access for fire headquarters
 - \$6,000 increase to outside contracts to provide additional circuits for radio racks
6. General Account
 - \$30,000 increase to credit card fees
7. Police Department
 - \$35,000 increase to advertising
8. Communications Center
9. Fire Department
 - \$600,000 increase to overtime
 - \$100,000 increase to uniforms and personal protective equipment for new hires
 - \$70,000 increase to operating supplies to equip the new fire apparatus
 - \$15,000 increase to repairs and maintenance
 - (\$125,000) decrease to salaries and benefits for a full-time community paramedic (unfilled new position, moved to Mayor's Office budget)

10. Public Works

- \$30,000 increase to garbage collection services to cover the cost of tipping fees

11. Engineering

- \$60,000 increase to salaries and benefits to cover overages due to city projects

12. Building Department

- \$36,300 increase to professional services to hire a consultant to recruit a senior plan engineer

CAPITAL FUND
\$998,269 Increase in Revenue
\$1,574,183 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Other Financing Sources

- (\$1,731) decrease transfer from permanent fund
- \$1,000,000 transfer from general fund

Expenditures

1. Property Repair & Replacement

- \$18,000 increase for police station heating fuel monitor system
- \$680,000 increase for fire training center upgrades phase I
- \$160,000 increase for backflow preventers at multiple sites
- \$60,000 increase for garage door expansion at public works

2. Public Works

3. Garbage Equipment Reserve

4. IT Department

- \$16,500 increase for Police/FECC battery system
- \$20,000 increase for computer switch at fire headquarters

5. IT Department Software
 - \$30,000 increase for finance software upgrade
6. Police Department
 - \$10,000 increase for police vehicle
7. Communications Center
8. Fire Department
 - \$130,200 increase for platform upgrades (reappropriation)
 - \$58,000 increase for two power load ambulance cots
 - \$30,000 increase for fire grant matches
9. Road Maintenance
 - \$361,483 increase for Cowles Street match and commit an additional \$398,842 for future match (Ordinance 6277)
 - Commit \$1,300,000 for Island Homes project (Ordinance 6273) and \$2,050,000 for Cowles Street project (Ordinance 6274)

Introduced By: Mayor David Pruhs
Introduced: May 20, 2024

**ORDINANCE NO. 6282, AS AMENDED
(PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING
AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE SECOND TIME**

WHEREAS, this ordinance incorporates the changes outlined on the attached fiscal note to amend the 2024 operating and capital budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows [amendments shown in **bold** font; deleted text in ~~font~~]:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the 2024 General Fund and Capital Fund budgets the following sources of revenue and expenditures in the amounts indicated to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (see pages 2 and 3):

GENERAL FUND

<u>REVENUE</u>	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Taxes (all sources)	\$ 27,755,026	\$ -	\$ 27,755,026
Charges for Services	6,809,500	390,000	7,199,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	2,920,580	586,040	3,506,620
Licenses and Permits	2,202,760	177,500	2,380,260
Fines and Forfeitures	551,000	-	551,000
Interest and Penalties	1,665,000	250,000	1,915,000
Rental and Lease Income	138,559	14,985	153,544
Other Revenues	225,000	85,000	310,000
Other Financing Sources	<u>(234,862)</u>	<u>(1,513,853)</u>	<u>(1,748,715)</u>
Total revenue appropriation	<u>\$ 42,032,563</u>	<u>\$ (10,328)</u>	<u>\$ 42,022,235</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Mayor Department	\$ 780,030	\$ 188,000	\$ 968,030
Legal Department	247,350	-	247,350
Office of the City Clerk	613,905	-	613,905
Finance Department	1,041,900	-	1,041,900
Information Technology	2,680,877	18,000	2,698,877
General Account	6,945,000	30,000	6,975,000
Police Department	8,521,919	35,000	8,556,919
Communications Center	3,523,770	-	3,523,770
Fire Department	9,852,832	660,000	10,512,832
Public Works Department	10,179,625	30,000	10,209,625
Engineering Department	1,130,170	60,000	1,190,170
Building Department	<u>791,590</u>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>827,890</u>
Total expenditure appropriation	<u>\$ 46,308,968</u>	<u>\$ 1,057,300</u>	<u>\$ 47,366,268</u>
2023 unassigned fund balance	\$ 20,081,861	\$ -	\$ 20,081,861
Prior year encumbrances	(155,961)	-	(155,961)
Transfers to other funds	(5,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(7,000,000)
Other changes to the budget	1,379,556	432,372	1,811,928
2024 estimated unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 15,805,456</u>	<u>\$ (1,067,628)</u>	<u>\$ 14,737,828</u>

Minimum unassigned fund balance requirement is 20% of budgeted annual expenditures but not less than \$10,000,000. 20% of budgeted annual expenditures is \$ 9,473,254

CAPITAL FUND

REVENUE	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Transfer from Permanent Fund	\$ 709,992	\$ (1,731)	\$ 708,261
Transfer from General Fund	5,500,000	1,000,000	6,500,000
Property Repair & Replacement	145,000	-	145,000
Public Works	250,000	-	250,000
Garbage Equipment Reserve	304,800	-	304,800
IT	25,000	-	25,000
Police	210,000	-	210,000
Communications Center	140,000	-	140,000
Fire	700,000	-	700,000
Building	10,000	-	10,000
Total revenue appropriation	\$ 7,994,792	\$ 998,269	\$ 8,993,061
EXPENDITURES			
Property Repair & Replacement	\$ 5,812,454	\$ 1,168,000	\$ 6,980,454
Public Works Department	2,334,904	-	2,334,904
Garbage Equipment Reserve	853,000	-	853,000
IT Department	170,962	66,500	237,462
Police Department	863,716	10,000	873,716
Communications Center	1,316,960	-	1,316,960
Fire Department	1,500,942	218,200	1,719,142
Road Maintenance	1,975,018	361,483	2,336,501
Total expenditure appropriation	\$ 14,827,956	\$ 1,824,183	\$ 16,652,139
2023 fund balance	\$ 19,034,057	\$ -	\$ 19,034,057
Prior year encumbrances	(3,214,790)	-	(3,214,790)
Prior year reappropriations	(4,580,106)	(130,200)	(4,710,306)
Transfers from other funds	5,500,000	-	5,500,000
Other changes to the budget	(4,538,268)	(695,714)	(5,233,982)
2024 estimated fund balance	\$ 12,200,893	\$ (825,914)	\$ 11,374,979
Estimated unassigned capital fund balance for projects			\$ 5,346,839

SECTION 2. This ordinance also appropriates the use of emergency snow removal funds in the amount of \$250,000 as designated by the Mayor.

SECTION 3. All appropriations made by this ordinance lapse at the end of the fiscal year to the extent they have not been expended or contractually committed to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of said departments of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the 10th day of June 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE
ORDINANCE NO. 6282, AS AMENDED
AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
FOR THE SECOND TIME

GENERAL FUND
(\$10,328) Decrease in Revenue
\$1,057,300 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Tax Revenue
2. Charges for Services
 - \$400,000 increase to ambulance services
 - (\$10,000) decrease to motor vehicle accident revenue
3. Intergovernmental Revenues
 - \$400,000 increase to municipal assistance program
 - \$186,040 increase to SEMT reimbursement
4. License and Permits
 - (\$22,500) decrease to special events fees
 - \$200,000 increase to commercial building permits
5. Interest and Penalties
 - \$250,000 increase to interest on deposits
6. Rental and Lease
 - \$14,985 increase to rent from Boys & Girls Club
7. Other Revenue
 - \$85,000 increase to miscellaneous revenue
8. Other Financing Sources
 - (\$13,853) decrease transfer from permanent fund
 - (\$1,000,000) transfer to the capital fund
 - (\$500,000) transfer to the permanent fund

Expenditures

1. Mayor's Office
 - \$5,000 increase to travel
 - \$58,000 increase to salaries and benefits for a full-time Safety, Code Compliance, and Abatement Specialist (annual salaries \$80,000 and benefits \$36,000 will be a total of \$116,000)
 - \$125,000 increase to salaries and benefits for a full-time community paramedic (unfilled new position, moved from Fire Department budget)
2. City Attorney's Office
3. City Clerk's Office
4. Finance Department
5. Information Technology
 - \$12,000 increase to outside contracts to upgrade door access for fire headquarters
 - \$6,000 increase to outside contracts to provide additional circuits for radio racks
6. General Account
 - \$30,000 increase to credit card fees
7. Police Department
 - \$35,000 increase to advertising
8. Communications Center
9. Fire Department
 - \$600,000 increase to overtime
 - \$100,000 increase to uniforms and personal protective equipment for new hires
 - \$70,000 increase to operating supplies to equip the new fire apparatus
 - \$15,000 increase to repairs and maintenance
 - (\$125,000) decrease to salaries and benefits for a full-time community paramedic (unfilled new position, moved to Mayor's Office budget)

10. Public Works

- \$30,000 increase to garbage collection services to cover the cost of tipping fees

11. Engineering

- \$60,000 increase to salaries and benefits to cover overages due to city projects

12. Building Department

- \$36,300 increase to professional services to hire a consultant to recruit a senior plan engineer

CAPITAL FUND
\$998,269 Increase in Revenue
\$1,824,183 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Other Financing Sources

- (\$1,731) decrease transfer from permanent fund
- \$1,000,000 transfer from general fund

Expenditures

1. Property Repair & Replacement

- \$18,000 increase for police station heating fuel monitor system
- \$680,000 increase for fire training center upgrades phase I
- \$160,000 increase for backflow preventers at multiple sites
- \$60,000 increase for garage door expansion at public works
- **\$250,000 increase for childcare project**

2. Public Works

3. Garbage Equipment Reserve

4. IT Department

- \$16,500 increase for Police/FECC battery system

- \$20,000 increase for computer switch at fire headquarters
5. IT Department Software
 - \$30,000 increase for finance software upgrade
 6. Police Department
 - \$10,000 increase for police vehicle
 7. Communications Center
 8. Fire Department
 - \$130,200 increase for platform upgrades (reappropriation)
 - \$58,000 increase for two power load ambulance cots
 - \$30,000 increase for fire grant matches
 9. Road Maintenance
 - \$361,483 increase for Cowles Street match and commit an additional \$398,842 for future match (Ordinance 6277)
 - Commit \$1,300,000 for Island Homes project (Ordinance 6273) and \$2,050,000 for Cowles Street project (Ordinance 6274)

RESOLUTION NO. 5122

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF LEVY OF 2024 REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

WHEREAS, the real property assessment rolls have been completed, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assessor's Office has advised the City Mayor that the net taxable value of real property, as defined by AS 29.71.800, within the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, is estimated at **\$3,103,648,304**.

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

Section 1. The rate of levy on the net assessed value of taxable real property is hereby fixed at **5.914** mills for municipal purposes within the City of Fairbanks. The **5.914** mill rate as provided in Fairbanks Charter Section 6.5 is comprised of three parts:

General Fund Expenditures:	4.900 mills
Voter approved services(Prop A):	.224 mills
Claims & Judgments:	.790 mills

Section 2. The taxes levied hereby are due, delinquent, and subject to penalties and interest as provided by Fairbanks General Code Chapter 74, Article II.

Section 3. Taxes in any given year may be paid in two equal installments. The first half of taxes thus levied is due on the first business day of September in the year in which the taxes are levied and are delinquent if not paid prior to the close of business on that day. The second half of taxes thus levied is due on the first business day of November in the year in which the taxes are levied and are delinquent if not paid prior to the close of business on that day.

Section 4. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Resolution are severable. Should any part of this Resolution be declared unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful by a valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or unlawfulness does not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Resolution.

PASSED and APPROVED this 10th day of June 2024.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Introduced by: Mayor David Pruhs
Introduced: June 10, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 5123

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES
AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES BY ADJUSTING GARBAGE
COLLECTION RATES**

WHEREAS, Section 66-22 of Fairbanks General Code provides that garbage collection rates be adjusted each year to reflect the annual change in the Anchorage Consumer Price Index (CPI) as well as changes in the tipping fees charged by the Fairbanks North Star Borough landfill; and

WHEREAS, the change in the annual CPI was 1.5 percent for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough landfill tipping fees increased by \$10.00/ton in July 2023, and \$4.00/ton in July 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, to approve the attached version of the *Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services* amending the refuse collection rates, effective July 1, 2024.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 10th day of June 2024.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE [BY CODE]

2024/2025 Refuse Collection Fee Adjustment

Code does not allow inclusion of postage and mailing supplies & services.

Category	Current Rate Per Quarter	Anchorage Annual CPI for 2023	CPI Adjusted Rate	Tipping Fees Increase, (see detail below)	Total	Increased Rate Per QTR (rounded)
Refuse Collection	\$ 93.00	101.50%	\$ 94.40	\$ 1.67	\$ 96.07	\$ 96.00

Tipping Fee Increase Detail							
7/1/2023-6/30/2024 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 Total Tons	Units	AVG Tons/Unit	\$ Increase Per Ton	\$ Per Year	\$ Per QTR	Increased Rate Per QTR (rounded)	
2300	5,049	45.55%	10.00	\$ 4.56	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.14	
2700	5,049	53.48%	4.00	\$ 2.14	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53	

7/1/23=\$137 per ton (actual); 7/1/24=\$141 per ton (actual)

Amount of Increase	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
Quarterly Increase	<u>\$ 15,147.00</u>
Budget Impact	<u>\$ 30,294.00</u>

City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services

Resolution 5123 - Effective July 1, 2024

Category	Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Unit Description
Garbage Collection	66-22	Single Family Dwelling	\$ 93.00	\$ 96.00	Per quarter (rounded from \$96.20)
		Duplex	\$ 186.00	\$ 192.00	
		Triplex	\$ 279.00	\$ 288.00	
		Fourplex	\$ 372.00	\$ 384.00	
	66-23	Senior Rate (75% of single family dwelling)	\$ 70.00	\$ 72.00	

FISCAL NOTE [BY COST]
2024/2025 Refuse Collection Fee Adjustment

Category	Current Rate Per Quarter	Percent Increase	Adjusted Rate	Tipping Fees Increase, (see detail below)	Total	Increased Rate Per QTR (rounded)
Refuse Collection	\$ 93.00	111.64%	\$ 103.83	\$ 1.67	\$ 105.50	\$ 105.50

Tipping Fee Increase Detail						
7/1/2023-6/30/2024 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 Total Tons	Units	AVG Tons/Unit	\$ Increase Per Ton	\$ Per Year	\$ Per QTR	Increased Rate Per QTR (rounded)
2300	5,049	45.55%	10.00	\$ 4.56	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.14
2700	5,049	53.48%	4.00	\$ 2.14	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53

7/1/23=\$137 per ton (actual); 7/1/24=\$141 per ton (actual)

Amount of Increase	<u>\$ 12.50</u>
Quarterly Increase	<u>\$ 63,106</u>
Budget Impact	<u>\$ 126,213</u>

City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services

Resolution 5123 - Effective July 1, 2024 (By Cost)

Category	Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Unit Description
Garbage Collection	66-22	Single Family Dwelling	\$ 93.00	\$ 105.50	
		Duplex	\$ 186.00	\$ 211.00	
		Triplex	\$ 279.00	\$ 316.50	
		Fourplex	\$ 372.00	\$ 422.00	
	66-23	Senior Rate (75% of single family dwelling)	\$ 70.00	\$ 79.00	

RESOLUTION NO. 5124

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES
AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES BY ADDING PROCESSING
FEES FOR NON-UTILITY BILLING AND AMENDING THE
TRANSACTION FEE FOR NON-UTILITY CREDIT AND DEBIT
CARD PAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks applies processing fees for credit and debit card payments directly to the customer for non-utility billing charges as approved in Resolution No. 5093; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks plans to upgrade the system that will allow online payments for sales taxes and additional services related to citations; and

WHEREAS, processing fees are applied directly to the customer for non-utility billing charges; therefore, reducing the burden of cost to taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, to approve the attached version of the *Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services* relating to Credit Card Processing Fees, effective July 1, 2024.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 10th day of June 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

City of Fairbanks Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services

Resolution 5124 - Effective July 1, 2024

Category	Code Sec.	Topic	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Unit Description
Processing Fees		Non-Utility Credit/Debit Card Transaction Fee	2.9% of transaction	Up to 3.60% of transaction, minimum \$2.50	Fee applies to all credit and debit card payments, except utility payments
		Non-Utility E-Check Transaction Fee		\$ 1.95	
		Citation Online Processing Fee		\$1.00 up to \$100; \$2.50 over \$100, \$3.50 special reports	Fee for each transaction processed through the system. This fee is in addition to a .75% credit or debit card fee.

RESOLUTION NO. 5125

**A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF SAMSON HARDWARE BEING THE
OLDEST CONTINUOUS BUSINESS OPERATION IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks was founded on November 10, 1903, and Samson Hardware was founded and began business operations in the year 1904; and

WHEREAS, Samson Hardware is the oldest, continuously operating business in the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, Samson Hardware's original business was located on 2nd Avenue, then migrated to the north side of the Chena River onto Garden Island, and now resides in the city limits on Phillips Field Road; and

WHEREAS, one of the founders of Samson Hardware, John Barrack, served as the City of Fairbanks' third mayor from 1907-1908; and

WHEREAS, Samson Hardware has provided essential items to Fairbanks residents and businesses through the early mining history of the Interior region of Alaska, two world wars, a cold war, earthquakes, floods, a pipeline boom, and every aspect of economic and social impact that the City of Fairbanks has experienced; and

WHEREAS, Samson Hardware, throughout its rich history, has always maintained local ownership; and

WHEREAS, Michael Pederson, the current owner, has carried on the tradition of local ownership and impeccable service to the community of Fairbanks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Fairbanks recognizes the exceptional history of and services provided by Samson Hardware in the Fairbanks community over the past one hundred twenty years.

PASSED and APPROVED this 10th Day of May 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney



CALENDAR 2024

2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS and CITY-OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

JANUARY	08 22	JULY	08 22
FEBRUARY	12 26	AUGUST	12 26
MARCH	11 25	SEPTEMBER	09 23
APRIL	08 22	OCTOBER	14 28
MAY	13 <u>20</u>	NOVEMBER	<u>04</u> <u>18</u>
JUNE	10 24	DECEMBER	02 ⁰⁹ <u>16</u>

NOTE: Underlined dates indicate a deviation from FGC Sec. 2-113(a) due to City-observed holidays, City Council-approved amendments, or AML Conference conflicts.

2024 CITY-OBSERVED HOLIDAYS (City Offices Closed)

New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2024
Presidents Day	Monday	February 19, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday	May 27, 2024
Independence Day	Thursday	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	Monday	September 2, 2024
Veterans Day	Monday	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 28, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday	December 25, 2024

*Meeting Schedule was approved by the City Council on November 13, 2023,
and amended on November 27, 2023*

City of Fairbanks



MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: David Pruhs, City Mayor
Subject: Request for Concurrence – Board of Plumber Examiners
Date: June 6, 2024

The term of Seat E on the Board of Plumber Examiners, which has been filled by Kraig Hogenson for a number of years, will expire on June 30, 2024.

Mr. Hogenson has applied to continue serving on the Board. I hereby request your concurrence to the following **reappointment**:

Seat A Kraig Hogenson Term to Expire: June 30, 2027

Mr. Hogenson's application is attached.

Thank you.

dds/

City of Fairbanks, Alaska

Board of Plumber Examiners

Board Details

The Board of Plumber Examiners is empowered to perform the duties as prescribed in Sections 2-306 through 2-309, as well as Sections 14-291 through 14-301 of the Fairbanks General Code (FGC).

Overview

▢ **Size** 6 Seats

▢ **Term Length** 3 Years

▢ **Term Limit** N/A

Additional

Board/Commission Characteristics

The Board of Plumber Examiners shall consist of five members, at least three members of the board shall be residents of the City, each member shall serve a three-year term. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. The chairman shall be elected by the Board of Examiners subject to approval by the City Council, and shall serve in this capacity for one year. The City Building Official shall be a non-voting, ex officio member of the board and shall act as secretary.

Meetings

The Board of Plumber Examiners shall meet at least once each quarter and all meetings shall be open to the public. The chairman in his discretion is authorized to call special meetings, or a majority of the members may require a special meeting to be called. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and three affirmative votes shall be necessary to carry any question. Permanent records, or minutes, shall be kept. The minutes shall promptly be filed in the Office of the City Clerk and shall be open to inspection by any person.

Enacting Legislation

FGC 2-306 through 2-309

Enacting Legislation Website

<http://bit.ly/2Csgr3v>

Joint Commission Details

N/A

Email the Commission Members

boardofplumberexaminers@fairbanks.us

Profile

Kraig _____ Hogenson _____
First Name Last Name

Email Address

Are you a City of Fairbanks resident? *

Yes

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Plumber Examiners: Submitted

Interests and Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a City board or commission? What experiences can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?

I am currently on the Plumbers Examining Board. I believe my 32 years in the plumbing/mechanical field provide a meaningful contribution to this committee. I have many years of field experience as well as management experience which help me to see the many different aspects of the plumbing and mechanical construction trade.

Please provide a brief personal biography in the space below, or attach a resume.

I joined the Plumbers & Pipefitters union in 1992 and completed a 5 year apprenticeship with Local 375. I received my State of Alaska Plumbing License in 1996 and have kept this license current since then. I became a Building Trades Journeyman Plumber/Pipefitter in 1997. I worked for local mechanical contractors as a Journeyman/Foreman, all in the Fairbanks area and went to work for Patrick Mechanical in 2006. I continued to work as a Foreman for Patrick Mechanical until 2009, when I moved into the project management & estimation side of the business. I am currently still in that position at Patrick Mechanical. On the personal side of things, I enjoy mountain biking in the summer and snowmobiling in the winter. In my spare time, I enjoy working on/restoring classic cars & trucks.

List any professional licenses or training you believe are relevant to the seat you are applying for.

State Of Alaska Certificate of Fitness (Plumbing License), United Association Medical Gas Installer/Brazing Certification, ASHE Health Care Construction Certificate.



City of Fairbanks

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: David Pruhs, City Mayor
Subject: Request for Concurrence – Fairbanks Diversity Council
Date: June 6, 2024

The term of Seat F on the Discretionary Fund Committee will expire on June 30, 2024. Ms. Dorothy Shockley currently fills this position and has applied for continued service.

I hereby request your concurrence to the following **reappointment** to the Fairbanks Diversity Council:

Seat F Dorothy Shockley Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Ms. Shockley's application and brief bio are attached.

Thank you.

dds/



City of Fairbanks, Alaska

Fairbanks Diversity Council

Board Details

The purpose of the Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) is to provide a citizens' forum to the City Council and the Borough Assembly, provide advice and recommendations to promote equal opportunity for all members of the public, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan.

The Fairbanks Diversity Council has adopted the following Mission Statement:

The City of Fairbanks recognizes that our community is a diverse one, with a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds, cultures, beliefs and orientations and recognizes this diversity as an asset and resource for our community. The establishment of a Fairbanks Diversity Council can provide the City Council and Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly with advice and recommendations to promote equal opportunity for all members of the public.

Overview

Size 13 Seats

Term Length 3 Years

Term Limit N/A

Additional

Board/Commission Characteristics

The FDC will consist of 11 voting members, 10 of which will be appointed by the City Mayor and subject to approval by the City Council. All members must be members of the Fairbanks community. One of the voting members will be appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Borough Assembly. All appointments of the public members shall be for three-year terms, without compensation. The City Mayor shall serve as the non-voting Chairperson of the FDC. The Mayor may appoint a chairperson from the membership of the FDC. If the Mayor appoints a chairperson, the person will remain a voting member and will serve a one-year term as chairperson. The FDC will choose a vice chairperson from among its members. The person chosen will serve a one-year term as vice chairperson. When the term of the chairperson expires, the vice chairperson will become the chairperson, and the FDC will choose a new vice chairperson from among its members. If the Mayor chooses to serve as the chairperson, the vice chairperson will not progress to the chairperson position. The Mayor will remain a non-voting member of the FDC even if not serving as chairperson. The FDC may organize committees and adopt administrative rules and procedures to accomplish its purposes.

Meetings

A quorum shall be necessary to conduct a meeting. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the appointed voting members of the FDC. The business of the FDC shall be transacted by a majority vote of voting members present after a quorum is established. All meetings shall be held, and notices and agendas shall be posted, in compliance with the Alaska Open Meetings Act. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Minutes of FDC proceedings shall be kept and filed in accordance with applicable laws dealing with public records. In all matters of parliamentary procedure not covered by rules and procedures adopted under Ordinance No. 5939, the current version of Robert's Rules of Order will govern. The FDC shall keep permanent records or minutes of all meetings. The minutes shall promptly be filed in the office of the City Clerk and shall be open to public inspection. The City Clerk shall supply the FDC with administrative support.

[Approved Resolutions](https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/bc-diversity)

Enacting Legislation

FGC 2-231 through 2-235

Enacting Legislation Website

<http://bit.ly/2yvHZqp>

Joint Commission Details

The FDC shall include 11 public voting members broadly selected to represent the diverse people of the Fairbanks community. Ten members shall be appointed by the City Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council. One member shall be appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor subject to the approval of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly.

Email the Commission Members

diversitycouncil@fairbanks.us



Profile

Dorothy Shockley
First Name Last Name

Email Address

Street Address

Fairbanks City

AK State

Postal Code

Mailing Address

Are you a City of Fairbanks resident? *

No

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Native Movement Employer

Legislative Lead Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Fairbanks Diversity Council: Submitted

Interests and Experiences

Question applies to Fairbanks Diversity Council

Please tell us how your diversity will benefit and contribute to the mission and purpose of the Fairbanks Diversity Council. You may list any group, club, organization, etc. that you are formally affiliated with.

I am an Alaska Native - Upper Koyukon Athabascan - I grew up in a multi-cultural small town in interior Alaska. I know first hand what it's like to be different; not only by race but by geographics.

Why are you interested in serving on a City board or commission? What experiences can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?

I'm a life long advocate for equality in all aspects of ones life with extensive experience at a local, regional, state and national level - testifying at village, city, TCC, AFN, State & national legislative committee level(s).

Please provide a brief personal biography in the space below, or attach a resume.

Do you still have my bio on file. I can send resume too if you like.

Upload a Resume

List any professional licenses or training you believe are relevant to the seat you are applying for.

I've developed cross country training as well as self, family, & community wellness training.

Dorothy Shockley is Koyukon Athabascan from Manley Hot Springs, Tanana, and Rampart. She is currently resides in Fairbanks and serves as President of Bean Ridge Corporation. She worked in Juneau for eight years as a legislative aide to Senator Albert Kookesh serving the largest state district in the country at the time. She has been politically active for over thirty years, serving in various tribal, state, and regional leadership roles.