



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2024-14
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 8, 2024
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

WORK SESSION

5:00 p.m. – Council Finance Committee Report and Recommendations

1. Proposed Capital Fund Financial Policy
 2. General Fund Long-Range Financial Projections
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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 June 10, 2024

8. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
5998	Riverside Eats & Drinks	Recreational Site	Malemute, Inc.	2010 2nd Avenue

- b) The Fairbanks City Council will hear interested citizens concerned with the following Manufacturer Direct Shipment License Application. Public Testimony will be taken and limited to three minutes.

Type/Lic.: Manufacturer Direct Shipment License, Lic. #5353
DBA: Fairbanks Distilling Company
Applicant: Patrick W. Levy
Location: 410 Cushman Street, Fairbanks

- c) The Fairbanks City Council will consider whether to veto the decision of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Platting Board to approve a request to vacate the 33-foot-wide section line easement within TL-2315, Section 23, T.1S., R.1W., F.M. (VA004-24).

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6284 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code by Enacting Section 10-208 to Prevent and Address Blight. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Sprinkle and Ringstad. **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

- b) Ordinance No. 6285 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 74-36 Economic Development Property Tax Exemption or Deferral and Enacting Section 74-37 Tax Incentive for Property Development, Redevelopment, or Renovation. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Sprinkle and Ringstad. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- *a) Ordinance No. 6286 – An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Third Time. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- *a) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024

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

18. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 10, 2024
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date 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
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer (remotely)
Nathan Werner, Police Captain
Andrew Coccaro, Fire Chief
Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director
Jake Merritt, Human Resources Director
Brynn Butler, Housing Coordinator
Nicholas Clark, Fire Battalion Chief
Samuel Bratten, Fire Captain
Dalton Gregg, Fire Captain

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of Mayor Pruhs, **Ms. Rogers** led the flag salutation.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognitions, Awards)

Fire Chief Andrew Coccaro recognized recent promotions within the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD). A pinning ceremony was performed for the following staff:

- Nicholas Clark, promoted from Captain to Battalion Chief.
- Samuel Bratten, promoted from Driver to Captain.
- Dalton Gregg, promoted from Driver to Captain.

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 (FDC) – J. Webb reported on the recent Race Against Racism event that the FDC partnered to host. She shared information about the group's plan to participate in the upcoming Juneteenth event as well as a "Human Library" project. At the request of Ms. Rogers, J. Webb provided additional details about Human Library events.

Sherry Argend – S. Argend stated that she lives on Riverside Drive close to the Boatel Bar. She expressed frustration with the noise level from the bar due to live music, often until 2 or 3 a.m. She stated that tenants in the apartment building she owns have moved out because of the noise disturbance. S. Argend acknowledged that noise laws exist but stated that the Mayor exercises his authority to grant variances. She provided a history of issues with the Boatel Bar, noise and others, and shared ideas that could be enacted to mitigate the negative experience of residents in the area. She affirmed that she wants the Boatel Bar to be successful, just not in a way that makes living in the area miserable. She asked for a reasonable solution and for input from the police.

Ms. Rogers asked S. Argend if any concerned party had used a decibel monitoring device to determine the noise level. S. Argend stated that she had downloaded an application to do so but found that no one was interested in the data. **Ms. Rogers** shared options that some venues use to manage noise for performing arts and suggested that the item could be discussed at a work session.

Ms. Sprinkle asked for details about the noise ordinance. **Mayor Pruhs** provided such and indicated that the variance application he received was for Friday and Saturday only. He stated that if issues occur outside of an approved variance, he wants to know. He added that he has a meeting with the Boatel Bar owners in the coming week. He thanked S. Argend for the suggestion to notify nearby residents when a variance is granted and committed to update her within the week.

Victor Buberger – V. Buberger spoke against the GARS intersection, referencing a recent serious accident there. He asked if the City had any statistics on the intersection yet. He asked if the lights on the Old Steese Highway would be repaired before winter. He shared having personally witnessed many open container violations and asked if individuals were now allowed to drink in public downtown. He asked if any Councilmembers have met someone who likes the GARS intersection, calling it the worst thing the City had ever done, and noted the project cost of \$40MM.

Ms. Sprinkle asked V. Buberger if he recalled that the City did not create the GARS intersection. V. Buberger acknowledged that fact but suggested that the City would have some influence on the matter. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that he would request vehicle accident data from the Dispatch Center. He affirmed that drinking in public is not legal and that the City and State take violations seriously.

David van den Berg, Executive Director of the Downtown Association of Fairbanks – D. van den Berg shared information about the 43rd Annual Midnight Sun Festival taking place downtown on Saturday, June 22. He provided copies of the traffic control plan for the event and recognized the relationship his organization has with various departments in the City to hold the event. He acknowledged contributions from the City's Discretionary Fund grant program. He praised the

after-event clean-up work that occurs and noted how downtown looks unchanged by Monday morning. He stated that the DTA looks forward to seeing Resolution No. 5116 on the next agenda.

Ms. Rogers asked D. van den Berg if he had any suggestions regarding the noise concerns at the Boatel Bar. D. van den Berg stated that Alaska Universal Productions (AUP) may be able to measure decibels at an event.

Linda Hebert – L. Hebert stated that she also lives near the Boatel Bar and is upset about the noise during outdoor concerts. She acknowledged that the business likely follows the law by getting a variance, but the levels, especially the bass, are so loud that her walls and baseboards vibrate; she added that things have fallen off shelves in her home. She stated it is difficult to sleep and spoke about challenges that residents in the area face in their own homes because of the concerts. She discussed decibel level restrictions in Anchorage’s noise ordinance. She suggested that there should be limits to the duration and frequency of variances granted. She pointed out that it occurs virtually every weekend for four months straight every year, and she sometimes has to leave her property just to get peace and quiet.

Ms. Sprinkle asked L. Hebert how long the issue had been going on. L. Hebert stated that it has been about five years and that they have sought relief from three different mayors and the police.

Mayor Pruhs, hearing no requests for additional comments, declared Citizens’ Comments closed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Cleworth pulled Resolution No. 5123, item 12(b) under New Business, from the consent agenda.

Ms. Sprinkle pulled item 13(c) under Written Communications to the City Council, “Reappointment to the Fairbanks Diversity Council,” 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 May 13, 2024

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

b) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

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

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

Mayor Pruhs called for Public Testimony.

Nick Gavora, Vice President of Market Basket, Inc. – N. Gavora shared details about his company's 60-year history in the Fairbanks area. He stated that he wanted to introduce himself and be available for questions. He discussed the plans for Thrifty Liquors to be demolished as part of an upcoming State DOT project. He expressed the company's desire to rebuild in that location, with a business model similar to their gas stations, and to maintain the alcohol license.

Ms. Rogers thanked N. Gavora for coming and praised his plan to help make that area of town a hub as it once was. She encouraged him to keep the Council informed of the company's progress.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if the company had purchased the building adjacent to Thrifty Liquors. N. Gavora confirmed that they had purchased the former Drop In Lounge. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if that location would be the footprint of their new space. N. Gavora stated that it would but that both buildings would be removed as part of the intersection project and to make way for the new convenience store. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if there is an expected change in clientele. N. Gavora indicated that the goal is to move away from a solely age-restricted liquor store and have something similar to Ester Gas, the company's newest business.

Mr. Ringstad referenced the long call-out list as part of the public safety report provided to the Council and asked for N. Gavora's thoughts; he added his assumption that the list has more to do with the store's general location and that the business is not directly related to many of the events. N. Gavora stated that he believes there are multiple factors. He shared that past reviews of details to the call-out reports have shown that many individuals use the business as a location identifier because of its proximity to a major intersection. He asserted that the number of calls directly related to his business, such as calls made by his employees, would be a fraction of the overall list, making it comparable to their other locations. **Mr. Ringstad** asked that the Council be kept in the loop as things progress. N. Gavora committed to doing so and discussed the status of plan development.

Ms. Rogers recounted the past success of the Drop In Lounge as a community asset and gathering place for many people and families. She recalled that their donuts were the best in town and encouraged N. Gavora to keep that history in mind as they proceed. N. Gavora stated that all the company's gas stations have a daily donut delivery from the Donut Shop, which is a staple for their business. He added that their ice cream service is also very popular.

Mr. Marney thanked N. Gavora for being present and asked if he has a plan for business hours at the new store. N. Gavora stated that their other locations are open from 5 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week. He noted that none of those are in areas that stay as busy as the Cushman/Airport intersection late into the night, indicating that they may consider expanded hours at that location.

Mayor Pruhs discussed the loss of buildings near that intersection and asked for the Council's patience with DOT and the upcoming project. He spoke favorably of the planned enhancements, particularly the creation of a top-shelf convenience store.

Mr. Ringstad spoke about the growing concern over vacant buildings and how reinvestment into the community was greatly appreciated.

Ms. Sprinkle shared that she is on the Public Enhancement Committee for the Cushman/Airport intersection project. She stated that an attractive "Welcome to Fairbanks" installation is planned for the northwest corner of the intersection, which she hopes will further improve the area.

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 ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Pruhs stated that, given some of the public comments from the evening, he will be reviewing parameters of the existing noise ordinance and researching options for decibel monitoring. He shared that, unfortunately, changes to the GARS intersection are out of his control.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Ringstad stated that his noise concerns are tied to the loud bass from vehicles near his home.

Mr. Marney expressed gratitude for the presence of FFD personnel at the meeting. He acknowledged that the Council has tough discussions ahead with the City budget. He expressed hope that current negotiations are equitable and congratulated the recently promoted staff.

Ms. Tidwell echoed congratulations for the promoted personnel and expressed appreciation for FFD's role in the community. She stated she was happy to hear from those in the neighborhood of the Boatel Bar and commented that she hears the music from her own home, which is across Airport Way and much further from the bar. She acknowledged enjoying attending the bar's events herself and expressed support in finding appropriate solutions for everyone involved.

Ms. Sprinkle thanked the Mayor for the work done on abatements and nuisance properties. She called it an economic driver and safety issue, expressing excitement for the work to continue.

Ms. Rogers thanked the Mayor for committing to looking into the noise issue and decibel readings. She asserted that there are many options available to remedy the issue. She congratulated the members of FFD on their recent promotions.

Mr. Cleworth agreed that it is great to see people moving up within the ranks in the City. He addressed the noise concerns and shared that he lives a block away from the Boatel Bar. He acknowledged the challenge of the situation, noting that the area was annexed into the city many years ago. He pointed out that none of the commenters requested an end to the Boatel Bar's music events, rather they expressed that it is untenable beyond a certain hour. He deferred to the Mayor to speak with the owners and discuss options. He concurred that residents should be able to sleep.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) 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.

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

Mayor Pruhs called for Public Testimony.

Zach Rittel – Z. Rittel stated that he had been with the FFD for 12 years. He shared that in his experience, the only real solution to reduce overtime at the FFD is to add more staff. He indicated that the current practice of using overtime to cover daily minimum positions is incredibly inefficient. He stated that the \$600,000 proposal for additional overtime would be better spent to hire six more firefighters, which he asserted would cause overtime savings to be significant by the end of the year. He indicated that the current daily shift-staffing level needs to stay in place given the type and volume of calls the FFD receives.

Nicholas Clark – N. Clark thanked the Council for the pinning ceremony he and other FFD members participated in earlier in the meeting. He shared some history on staffing at the FFD over the last several years. He stated that there used to be a minimum staffing of nine, with actual shift-staffing way above that. He explained that the additional scheduled personnel could cover anyone missing due to leave, injuries, or other reasons, while maintaining the minimum threshold. N. Clark recounted how the minimum staffing level was increased to 13 in 2023, through a Letter of Agreement between the City and the Union, in order to get the third ambulance up and running. He pointed out that former Fire Chief Scott Raygor and now Chief Coccaro have had the same message, that this is the minimum needed for the daily operations of the department. He discussed how busy the FFD is daily and stated that the conversation should shift towards long-term solutions and the root of the problem. He expressed the need to increase overall staffing, as the 14 scheduled employees per day barely covers the 13-person minimum. He stated the FFD is not able to absorb absences as it did when the minimum was nine. He declared that the community cannot afford a lesser level of service, so lowering minimum staffing levels would not be prudent. He stated that the issue is not about the staff nor the union, but rather the services needed and provided. He indicated that, contrary to some opinions, FFD personnel are not there to earn significant overtime; rather, they want to work hard and enjoy an appropriate amount of time off.

Mr. Marney thanked N. Clark for speaking. He discussed payroll summary reports that show upper-command positions receiving the majority of the share of overtime, while staff with less time at the department received less. He stated that it seems opposite of conventional wisdom and asked for the reasons why. N. Clark indicated that it is a product of poor retention. He affirmed that the upper-level positions do not want to be there as many hours as they are. He explained how the growing gap of experience is a result of retention issues that have occurred over several years. He noted that his own advancement to Battalion Chief after only 12 years is considered very early for such a promotion. N. Clark stated that they have to fix the issues of recruitment, hiring, and retention because the average new employee is leaving after two years, eventually resulting in there being no one to promote. **Mr. Marney** recalled that under former Chief Raygor, the Council had been told that turnover was no longer a serious issue. He stated that now the Council is being told that turnover is a problem, due to employees desiring a better work-life balance. N. Clark clarified that he believes the Council was told that recruitment was seeing more success during that time; however, retention has been an issue for many years, including under Chief Raygor.

Ms. Sprinkle asked how long the average new recruit stays at FFD. N. Clark indicated that about two years is the average, with departures attributed to a number of reasons. He stated that the feeling of being overworked is an understatement for the entire department.

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

Mayor Pruhs noted that there is an amended, proposed substitute version of Ordinance No. 6282.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6282 by substituting the amended, proposed version.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection to the motion to AMEND Ordinance No. 6282 by substituting the amended, proposed version and, seeing none, declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Ringstad asked CFO Margarita Bell to explain the changes between the original ordinance and the proposed substitute. CFO Bell reported that the only difference was an additional \$250,000 expenditure proposed from the Capital Fund for the City Hall Childcare Center project.

Ms. Sprinkle discussed the new Abatement, Code Compliance, and Safety Specialist position. She asked if there had been further review to confirm the balance and priority between the various aspects of the role. **Mayor Pruhs** shared that he met with staff and confirmed that the abatement component of the job would be the primary responsibility. He stated that additional work would be added in time, especially with an upcoming ordinance pertaining to blighted properties.

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6282, as Amended, by reducing the increase in overtime for the Fire Department from \$600,000 to \$200,000.

Mr. Marney discussed the affordability of overtime, both in the present and in the future. He recalled being told that there was still time before the budgeted amount would be exhausted at the FFD. CFO Bell explained that after the most recent pay period, the department is over its targeted

amount for overtime for this point in the year. She stated that there are still salary savings due to vacancies, which offsets some overages, but a budget amendment will be necessary at the current pace. She stated that if position vacancies continue, \$600,000 would be needed to get through the end of 2024. **Mr. Marney** noted that the Council can always make an amendment in the future.

Ms. Sprinkle asked for confirmation that if they hired more staff in the coming months, the salary savings would go away. CFO Bell confirmed that is correct and clarified that overtime expenses would also go down with the additional staff.

Mr. Ringstad spoke in favor of the amendment. He discussed vacancies, recruitment, and retention and asserted that the Council needs to have a more focused conversation on fixing those problems rather than just throwing a bandage on the overtime issue. He stated that he would like more information on the substantial workload being reported. He referenced the recently added Community Paramedic position that would hopefully alleviate some of the pressure and suggested that the Council consider adding another position if it is successful. He reported that the Finance Committee was having concerns about being able to sustain overtime expenses in future years.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if the budget amendment increase of \$35,000 in advertising for the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) had any overlap to advertising for the FFD. Chief of Staff Sanders indicated that it could but reminded the Council that the suppression side of FFD, where the overtime is occurring, is fully staffed on paper. He explained that they are not having a problem with getting people to apply at the FFD; rather, the issue is that they have a minimum staffing level of 13 with only 14 scheduled daily to fill those spots. He added that the various, legitimate reasons why employees go on leave are greater than the available buffer in scheduling without overtime.

Ms. Tidwell stated that she does not understand how the department can staff itself to the required capacity without the extra \$600,000 the Council is being told is necessary. She added that she would like to discuss the Community Paramedic position moving to the Mayor's Office.

Mr. Marney expressed hope that the current contract negotiations will solve the issue of overtime at the FFD but acknowledged that significant changes would not take effect until 2025. He stated that the Council needs to have a serious conversation about the service level.

Mr. Cleworth noted that the original 2024 FFD budget included \$900,000 in overtime. He asked if there was an estimate for the total expected overtime for the entire year. CFO Bell stated that as of May 31, the department was over budget by \$139,000 for all payroll and benefits, or \$112,000 if considering only salaries and wages. She discussed monthly targets and projections for end-of-year totals. She added that by moving the Community Paramedic position to the Mayor's Office it would mean some loss in salary savings, which factored into the estimated \$600,000 increase.

Mr. Ringstad asked for additional clarification. CFO Bell reviewed the amounts and reiterated that by May 31, the FFD was over budget for 2024 by an estimated \$140,000.

Mr. Cleworth reminded the Council that the original draft 2024 budget included the FFD's request for \$1MM in overtime funding, which was adjusted to \$900,000 in the Mayor's recommended budget. He recalled that the Council was told clearly that the number would be fiction and there would have to be future discussion about overtime at some point in the year. He noted that the

Letter of Agreement that increased the minimum staffing level to 13 had a sunset date of December 31, 2023. He pointed out that the deadline was changed by a resolution that followed, which created a multi-year obligation for the increased staffing level without a designated funding source. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that actions like that trigger multiple sections of the Fairbanks General Code (FGC), and that any resolution or ordinance with a financial impact is required to have a fiscal note; he added that the resolution did not. He attested that the Council never saw a number tied to the changes and spoke in defense of the Council on the matter. He pointed out that the mill levy for the year was recently passed, which resulted in an additional \$500,000 in revenue that can be used in the current budget. He discussed how one-time revenue items cannot be counted on for long-term, fixed expenses. **Mr. Cleworth** noted that the additional funds, if used entirely for FFD overtime, would still not cover the \$600,000 request. He recalled that the Council had discussed for quite some time its concerns about the overtime issue and that no dollar amount the Council approves will fix the problem. He contrasted the situation with the FPD, which has an overtime budget of \$300,000 in 2024. He explained that years ago an unwritten minimum staffing level was in place at FPD, but it was done away with through internal policy changes. He indicated that no other labor contract with the City includes minimum staffing levels and that such constraints take away management rights from the department. He stated that the Fire Chief and Chief of Staff have their hands tied and that the Council got itself into a mess. He expressed willingness to vote for the amendment but acknowledged that the Council will soon be back in the same situation.

Mr. Ringstad shared that the Finance Committee confirmed that the City is on an unsustainable path with some of the current staffing practices. He indicated that the City is fortunately in good shape for the next year or two, while other municipalities across the state are struggling to pay bills but added that the City's time of reckoning is coming. He agreed that a discussion about the services citizens want, are willing to pay for, and are willing to give up would be prudent.

Ms. Tidwell reiterated that the Council has had the same discussion over and over. She noted that Councilmembers have heard from many involved in the situation and that the same points remain. She stated that they are not giving the FFD the ability to do the job being asked of them. She pointed out that the Council has also reviewed the services it wants to provide for the community, citing past years when emergency calls were stacked and citizens waited longer for a response. She recounted the increase to minimum staffing levels and adding another ambulance in order to better meet service needs. She stated that it does not make any sense to now not provide the necessary funds to do what is required and that the only way the City can continue to provide the level of service the Council has set and reduce overtime is to hire more people.

Ms. Sprinkle agreed that the Council wants to do the right thing for the City and that FFD personnel are being worked to pieces. She indicated that she wants to make sure the City can afford it. She acknowledged that adding positions saves in overtime but costs money, while not adding positions creates overtime and also costs money. She concurred that it will be a conversation about how much Fairbanksans want to pay for services. She expressed distaste that the bigger issue is being discussed as part of a budget amendment rather than on its own.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6282, AS AMENDED, BY REDUCING THE INCREASE IN OVERTIME FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM \$600,000 TO \$200,000 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Cleworth, Marney, Pruhs
NAYS: Rogers, Sprinkle, Tidwell
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Tidwell asked for more explanation about the Community Paramedic position being moved from the FFD to the Mayor's Office. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that the position should have been in place by now but for whatever reason, it was not. He shared that he instructed the HR Director to draft a job description so they could move forward in hiring for the position. He clarified that it is not an emergency management services position and that the delay is hurting the community. He explained that the person would work under the Mayor but in conjunction with the Fire Chief and the hospital. He stated that while the position would have a vehicle to respond to calls, it would not be an ambulance. **Ms. Tidwell** asked for a legal opinion on the change. City Attorney Chard confirmed that the intent of the new position is to work as part of the City's social services programs versus that of emergency response. He stated that because of that, the position falls outside of the current collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with the Fairbanks Firefighters Union (FFU) and that the Mayor has the authority to take the action being proposed.

Mr. Cleworth moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6282, as Amended, by removing the newly created Abatement, Code Compliance, and Safety Specialist position. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Ms. Rogers asked if the Community Paramedic was intended as a long-term plan. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that the position is funded by the Council and while he hopes it would extend beyond the current year, it would be up to the Council to fund it in the future. He shared that the Fire Chief acknowledged that if the position works as envisioned, it would be worthy of expansion as it would reduce the call volume for emergency management services. He added that once in place, there would be checks and balances for the Council to determine if the position warrants continued funding. **Ms. Rogers** asked if the individual would be working with City staff who currently handle housing, homelessness, reentry, and crisis response programs. **Mayor Pruhs** replied affirmatively.

Mr. Cleworth expressed his opinion that the time to add new positions is during the budgeting cycle – not in the middle of the year. He stated that each time the Council does this, they add more “mouths to feed” at the City and make the Council's job more difficult. He noted that FFD's budget has increased by 30% over the last 24 months, which was only possible because other funding sources became available. He reminded fellow members that those funding sources may not exist in the future. He cautioned the Council to take a conservative approach until the end of 2024. He referenced the adjustments to the Capital Fund budget and asked if the increase to the FFD line for platform upgrades was for the equipment that had been sent to Pennsylvania for repair. Chief of Staff Sanders confirmed that the line item is just a reappropriation of funds from 2023, carried forward, and he confirmed that the equipment had already been sent out.

Mr. Ringstad asked for additional clarification on the logistics of funding the platform repairs. M. Sanders explained that it is a lengthy process to get platforms serviced and, while funds were appropriated in 2023, the City was not able to get the equipment out and the money spent in time.

Ms. Sprinkle asked for details about the increase of \$30,000 in fire grant matches. CFO Bell explained that the City had applied for two grants that would require matching funds, and this

would allow the department to spend those funds, as needed. She pointed out that the Capital Fund budget notes the funds as committed so they cannot be used for other purposes.

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

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

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.

ADOPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- 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.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 5123.

Mayor Pruhs invited Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson to address the Council. J. Jacobson reported that the adoption of Ordinance No. 6282, as Amended, transferred \$30,000 from the General Funds to the operations budget for garbage collection. He explained that the transfer was due to actual expenses exceeding the fees collected for service. He noted that this is the second fiscal year where general funds have subsidized garbage collection expenses, which indicates that the current fee is too low. He pointed out that the resolution offers two rate increase options:

- A quarterly increase of \$3, or \$1 a month, which would be a wash and cover the costs.
- A quarterly increase of \$12.50, or about \$4.17 a month, which would create a surplus to allow them to transfer \$30,000 back to the General Fund in a future amendment.

J. Jacobson expressed pride in the level of service the City provides for garbage collection, noting that residents pay one fee without limitation on the amount of garbage they can put out. He noted that this is unlike any other community in the state as there is typically a charge based on usage. He stated that residents get excellent service which he would not advocate reducing. He spoke in favor of increasing the quarterly fee by more than \$3 to account for the increases in tipping fees at the Borough landfill, which the City cannot control.

Ms. Sprinkle expressed frustration in the Borough's increased tipping fees. **Mayor Pruhs** confirmed that he will speak to Borough Mayor Bryce Ward about the issue. **Ms. Sprinkle** shared that she lives downtown, generates one bag of garbage a week, and is proud to recycle. She recalled that the Council chose to not increase fees in 2023, resulting in the City eating the difference, which may now happen again.

Mayor Pruhs invited the City Attorney to speak on the issue. Attorney Chard confirmed the information that J. Jacobson shared but advised the Council not to consider the higher fee increase in the second option. He explained that FGC Section 66-22 is very specific about what can be considered when increasing collection fees. He indicated that if the Council would like to raise the fee above what the Code allows, there should be an ordinance to amend the Code.

Mr. Ringstad asked for additional clarification on the fiscal notes. J. Jacobson reviewed various aspects of the current associated costs of operation and the impact of the proposed increases. He noted that the Code limits fee increases by tying them to the CPI, which is based out of Anchorage, while the primary challenge in rising costs is the increase to the Borough tipping fees, which take effect July 1, 2024. Attorney Chard clarified that the Code allows for increases due to both the CPI and increased tipping fees but not for reimbursing the General Fund for past subsidizations.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if it was the Borough Assembly that approved the tipping fee increase. **Mayor Pruhs** confirmed that the Assembly did so in its budget. J. Jacobson explained that the EPA requires the Borough to have on hand the total funds needed to close a cell at the landfill at a moment's notice and that skyrocketing costs had forced the Borough to increase its fees to meet the EPA requirements. **Ms. Sprinkle** discussed recent disagreements with the Borough about whether or not the City could dump certain materials from the Cowles Street project at the landfill. She recalled that the EPA had indicated it was acceptable while the Borough refused to accept it.

Mr. Cleworth asked CFO Bell what numbers she had used when drafting the budget. CFO Bell indicated that for expenses she had used the total of all costs relating to garbage collection including labor, tipping fees, equipment, supplies, postage, the Finance Department staff associated with this service, etc. She affirmed that encompassed the total cost of operating garbage services in the City. She stated that for revenue, she used the higher rate of \$105.50, which would have reflected the increased rate tied to total cost of operation. She explained that two fiscal notes were presented so the Council could see the impact of an increase as allowed by Code versus the increase based on past budget discussions of the Council.

Mr. Marney asked if the senior population is being subsidized because of their discounted rate. J. Jacobson clarified that all garbage customers are being subsidized. He shared details about the cost of other waste management expenses, such as clearing homeless camps and derelict properties, and stated those costs are not recouped through any collection fees or charge to the property owner.

Mr. Marney asked if the City breaks even with the existing fees. J. Jacobson stated that for the last two years, it has not.

Ms. Sprinkle asked when the City would charge a property owner for the type of clean-up work J. Jacobson described. Attorney Chard explained that whenever there is an improvement by the City to private property, the Council decides whether to place a lien on the property or make it a personal obligation to the owner. He added that any improvement that could be argued as benefiting the overall community, not just the owner, can be taken into consideration as the Council exercises its discretion with recovering the expense of the work performed.

Mr. Ringstad summarized the issue of the gap between budgeted revenue, current fees, and actual expenses. He acknowledged that the Council has procedural considerations and asked for input on an appropriate sequence and timeline. Attorney Chard recommended that if the Council was in

favor of the resolution, it should pass it with the first fiscal note attached. Then, if the Mayor and/or any Councilmember wanted to draft an ordinance to change the FGC language, they could do so.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5123 (WITH THE LESSER FISCAL NOTE) AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Sprinkle, Rogers, Cleworth, Tidwell, Ringstad
NAYS: None
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5123 ADOPTED.

- 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.

ADOPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- 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.

ADOPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

[Clerk Note: The title of Resolution No. 5125 was corrected to read, “A Resolution in Recognition of Samson Hardware Being One of the Oldest Continuous Business Operations in Fairbanks, Alaska.]

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- a) Proposed Amendment to 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- b) Reappointment to the Board of Plumber Examiners

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- c) Reappointment to the Fairbanks Diversity Council

Ms. Rogers, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to APPROVE the reappointment to the Fairbanks Diversity Council.

Ms. Sprinkle pointed out a discrepancy in the memorandum’s identification of which committee the reappointment was associated with. Clerk Snider acknowledged that this was a staff error and stated that the document would be corrected.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection on the motion to APPROVE the reappointment to the Fairbanks Diversity Council, with the correction as noted by the City Clerk, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Tidwell shared that she had no reports but has an upcoming meeting with the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation board. She added that she will be attending the first meeting of the Borough's Economic Development Committee in July.

Mr. Marney stated that he had no committee reports. He requested the Council excuse his absence for the upcoming work session as he will be visiting family out of state.

Mr. Ringstad and **Ms. Sprinkle** each indicated they had no reports or comments.

Ms. Rogers stated that she had no report but has several upcoming meetings scheduled.

Mr. Cleworth indicated that he had several items to address:

- He reported that on 2nd Avenue, next to Bobby's Downtown, sections of the street have been designated for bus parking only. He shared that the signs are placed higher than usual and are not visible from a typical vehicle window. He asked if the City Engineer could take a look and ensure that the placement meets established regulations.
- He spoke of the expectations in place when the City gave up utility powers to form Interior Gas Utility (IGU) years ago. He noted that the Council was to receive a quarterly report, which has not consistently happened. He suggested the City dig out the list of caveats of that transfer to determine if requirements are being met. He added that one additional stipulation was that the salary of IGU Board members could not exceed that of Borough Assemblymembers. He stated that he is hopeful that the stipulation has been followed but felt that the ordinance should be reviewed regardless to confirm compliance.
- He shared that he met with the City Attorney and had started drafting a list of questions regarding the Borough tax assessment for economic development. He stated that they hope to have a chronological list of events on the topic prior to the next Council meeting, though he was unsure if they would receive a response from the Borough in time.
- He complimented the road patching work done by the Public Works department and stated that their volume and speed has been phenomenal thus far in 2024.
- He requested a report on the call volume at the FFD for the last 10 years.
- He stated he was informed that former Councilmember Donna Gilbert recently passed away and shared details about how she also served on the Borough Assembly at one time. He stated that she was a fascinating lady and shared the story of first meeting her during a heated Council meeting in the 1980's. He referred to D. Gilbert as someone with a heart of gold and shared another story about her housing an unhoused, injured citizen after they were released from the hospital with nowhere else to go.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Snider indicated that she had no items to report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chard reported that the Court of Appeals issued an opinion the previous week in the case of *Anthony Jenkins-Alexie v. State of Alaska*. He explained that A. Jenkins-Alexie was the individual who shot Sergeant Allen Brandt in 2016. He stated that A. Jenkins-Alexie raised three procedural challenges, all of which the Court of Appeals ruled against.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ENTER into Executive Sessions to discuss IAFF/FFU Labor Negotiations and receive a Litigation Update.

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) IAFF/FFU Labor Negotiations – Guidance from Council (*entered at 8:45 p.m.*)
- b) Litigation Update (*entered at 9:47 p.m.*)

Mr. Cleworth brought the City Council out of the Executive Sessions, noting that the City Council met in Executive Sessions to discuss FFU labor negotiations and to receive an update about ongoing litigation with the City. He affirmed that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Tidwell moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

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

Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 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: July 2, 2024

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
5998	Riverside Eats & Drinks	Recreational Site	Malemute, Inc.	2010 2nd Avenue

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-178 the Council must determine whether to protest alcohol license renewal applications after holding a public hearing. The 60-day response deadline to AMCO is July 26, 2024.

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

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

2010 Second Ave 6.4.23 to 6.2.24

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	05/29/2024 09:35:49	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	2010 SECOND AVE	O7	NRP	05/29/2024 09:52:34
	05/26/2024 17:31:58	SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES -	2010 SECOND AVE	O6	NRP	05/26/2024 18:10:20
	05/24/2024 21:13:57	RECKLESS ACTIVITY -	2010 SECOND AVE	O11	NRP	05/24/2024 21:36:30
24001487	05/12/2024 12:25:43	SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES -	2010 SECOND AVE	O50	RPT	05/12/2024 12:46:21
	05/03/2024 03:54:05	SI - SECURITY CHECK	2010 SECOND AVE	O8	NRP	05/03/2024 03:54:18
	04/25/2024 01:23:58	SI - SECURITY CHECK	2010 SECOND AVE	O8	NRP	04/25/2024 01:24:10
	03/06/2024 21:33:03	DUI - PARKED - CHARLIE	2010 SECOND AVE	O42	NRP	03/06/2024 21:48:47
	03/05/2024 14:48:38	MINOR TRAF VIOL/COMP	2010 SECOND AVE	S21	NRP	03/05/2024 14:54:27
	02/23/2024 21:33:30	DISTURBANCE PHYSICAL	2010 SECOND AVE	O31	NRP	02/23/2024 22:01:02
	02/17/2024 23:05:50	MINOR TRAF VIOL/COMP	2010 SECOND AVE	S5	NRP	02/17/2024 23:14:53
	02/16/2024 12:47:34	OFFICER ADVICE	2010 SECOND AVE	O8	NRP	02/16/2024 13:59:56
	02/05/2024 10:29:45	PAST HIT & RUN - ALPHA	2010 SECOND AVE	O42	NRP	02/05/2024 19:37:41
	01/13/2024 17:53:01	KEEP THE PEACE - LOG	2010 SECOND AVE	S19	NRP	01/13/2024 22:11:48
	12/14/2023 11:55:58	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	2010 SECOND AVE	O8	NRP	12/16/2023 13:29:37
	11/29/2023 10:42:37	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	2010 SECOND AVE	L4	NRP	12/09/2023 17:14:58
	11/23/2023 23:10:14	SEND PROTOCOL	2010 SECOND AVE	L3	NRP	11/24/2023 00:29:38
23004162	11/04/2023 22:10:00	PAST HIT & RUN - ALPHA	2010 SECOND AVE	O6	RPT	11/05/2023 14:13:19
23004153	11/03/2023 21:09:26	DISTURBANCE VERBAL	2010 SECOND AVE	O31	RPT	11/03/2023 22:17:21
	11/03/2023 16:46:11	PREMISE WATCH	2010 SECOND AVE	DESK	NRP	11/05/2023 01:23:14
	10/28/2023 21:42:31	SEND PROTOCOL	2010 SECOND AVE	O6	NRP	10/28/2023 22:00:18
	10/23/2023 16:30:13	PREMISE WATCH	2010 SECOND AVE	O2	NRP	10/23/2023 20:36:48
	10/22/2023 14:48:40	FOUND PROPERTY -	2010 SECOND AVE	O50	NRP	10/22/2023 14:55:07
23004017	10/22/2023 13:20:24	ASSAULT - BRAVO	2010 SECOND AVE	O8	RPT	10/22/2023 19:37:57
	10/21/2023 20:18:01	REDDI	2010 SECOND AVE	DESK	NRP	10/21/2023 20:56:42
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	10/06/2023 23:59:37	WELFARE CHECK - LOG	2010 SECOND AVE	O17	NRP	10/07/2023 00:48:02
	10/06/2023 22:49:12	PAST TRAFFIC	2010 SECOND AVE	O17	NRP	10/06/2023 23:15:21
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Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	09/19/2023 19:44:10	REDDI	2010 SECOND AVE	O42	NRP	09/19/2023 19:57:26
	08/25/2023 20:59:41	SI - PUBLIC	2010 SECOND AVE	O16	NRP	08/26/2023 15:28:02
	08/24/2023 17:51:12	SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES -	2010 SECOND AVE	O19	NRP	08/24/2023 22:15:14
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	08/12/2023 19:47:36	AOA - NON URGENT -	2010 SECOND AVE	O16	NRP	08/12/2023 20:01:42
	07/30/2023 03:16:10	SUSPICIOUS	2010 SECOND AVE	C3	NRP	07/30/2023 03:42:15
23002732	07/17/2023 10:20:18	PAST THEFT - BRAVO	2010 SECOND AVE	DESK1	RPT	07/17/2023 14:41:47
	07/12/2023 19:24:00	MINOR TRAF VIOL/COMP	2010 SECOND AVE	O19	NRP	07/12/2023 19:37:08
	07/08/2023 13:51:56	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE -	2010 SECOND AVE	S21	NRP	07/08/2023 14:07:33
	07/07/2023 19:50:29	SI - SECURITY CHECK	2010 SECOND AVE	O19	NRP	07/07/2023 19:57:28
	06/30/2023 10:44:56	SI - PUBLIC	2010 SECOND AVE	L1	NRP	06/30/2023 22:21:11
	06/20/2023 23:56:45	SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES -	2010 SECOND AVE	O19	NRP	06/21/2023 00:26:31
	06/17/2023 17:48:41	OFFICER ADVICE	2010 SECOND AVE	O6	NRP	06/17/2023 18:00:41

Total Number of Events Listed: **41**




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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor David Pruhs and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Application for Manufacturer Direct Shipment License

DATE: July 2, 2024

An application has been received from the State of Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) for the following Manufacturer Direct Shipment License:

Primary License #: **5353**
Primary License Type: Distillery
D.B.A.: **Fairbanks Distilling Company**
License Applied For: Manufacturer Direct Shipment License
Licensee/Applicant: Patrick W. Levy
Physical Location: 410 Cushman Street, Fairbanks

A manufacturer direct shipment license authorizes the holder of a brewery retail license issued under AS 04.09.320, winery retail license issued under AS 04.09.330, or distillery retail license issued under AS 04.09.340 to sell the holder's product in response to an order for shipment to a person, for personal use only and not for resale, who is located in the state. A manufacturer direct shipment license may not be transferred to another person or another location.

The Council may determine whether to protest a Manufacturer Direct Shipment License application within 60 days of the City's receipt of notification of the application. The 60-day deadline for the City's response to AMCO is August 5, 2024.

The Police Department has included a call report for the location, but **there are no department-recommended protests** for this license application.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Fairbanks Distillery 6.9.23 to 6.7.24

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	05/18/2024 20:25:01	DISTURBANCE	410 CUSHMAN ST	O50	NRP	05/18/2024 20:37:57

Total Number of Events Listed: 1



Document reference ID : 1875

Licensing Application Summary

Application ID:	1875
Applicant Name:	Patrick Wayne Levy
License Type applied for:	Manufacturer Direct Shipment License (MDSL) (AS 04.09.370)
Application Status:	In Review
Application Submitted On:	12/29/2023

Entity Information

Business Structure:	Sole proprietorship
Not registered in the state of Alaska:	No

Entity Contact Information

Entity Address:	PO Box 80059, Fairbanks, AK, USA
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Initial Application Information

Authority Type:	I am authorized user by the designated licensee with binding authority
Prefix:	Mr
Legal First Name:	Patrick
Legal Last Name:	Levy
Email Address:	fairbanksdistillingco@gmail.com

Phone Number: 907-347-4088

Additional Authorized User

Legal Name: Lori Neufeld
Relation with licensee: Family Member

Ownership / Principal Party Details

Principal Parent Entity	Principal Party	Role	%Ownership
Patrick Wayne Levy	Patrick Wayne Levy	Owner	100

Premises Address

Address: 410 Cushman St, Fairbanks, AK, United States, 99701
Does the proposed site include a valid street address? Yes

Primary license number

Primary License Information Application ID - 1810 - New Distillery Retail License Application - Received

Basic Business information

Business/Trade Name: Fairbanks Distilling Company
What is your primary business at this location? Manufacturer

Premises Contact Details

Contact Person Name Patrick Wayne Levy
Business Phone Number 907-452-5055

Alternate Phone Number	907-347-4088
Email Address	fairbanksdistillingco@gmail.com
Address:	PO BOX 80059, FAIRBANKS, AK, United States, 99708

Local Government and Community Council Details

City/Municipality	Fairbanks (City of)
Borough	Fairbanks North Star Borough

Financial Interest

I hereby certify that no person other than a proposed licensee listed on the liquor license application has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined in AS 04.11.450(f) in the business for which a liquor license is being applied for.

I hereby certify that any ownership change shall be reported to the board as required under AS 04.11.040, AS 04.11.045, AS 04.11.050, and AS 04.11.055.

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and that I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment, or documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying or revoking a license/permit. I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

Attestations

I certify that all proposed licensees (as defined in AS 04.11.260) and affiliates have been listed on this application.

I certify that I understand that providing a false statement on this form or any other form provided by AMCO is grounds for rejection or denial of this application or revocation of any license issued.

I certify that all licensees, agents, and employees who sell or serve alcoholic beverages or check the identification of a patron will complete an approved alcohol server education course, if required by AS 04.21.025, and, while selling or serving alcoholic beverages, will carry or have available to show

a current course card or a photocopy of the card certifying completion of approved alcohol server education course, if required by 3 AAC 305.700.

I agree to provide all information required by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in support of this application.

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and that I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment, or documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying or revoking a license/permit. I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

I certify that I and any individual identified in the business entity ownership section of this application, has or will read AS 04 and its implementing regulations.

Signature

This application was digitally signed by : Patrick W Levy on 12/28/2023 11:56:48 PM

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Pruhs and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk 
Robert Pristash, P.E., City Engineer

SUBJECT: Vacation of a Section Line Easement (VA004-24)

DATE: July 3, 2024

The City received the attached memorandum from the Borough Community Planning Director regarding the following request, which was approved unanimously by the Platting Board on June 19, 2024. Per AS 29.40.140, the City Council has 30 days from the date of the Platting Board's decision in which to veto the vacation.

A request by Stutzmann Engineering Associates, Inc., on behalf of William Brewer and Donna Brewer, to vacate the 33-foot-wide section line easement within TL-2315, Section 23, T.1S., R.1W., F.M. The property is located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 23, T.1S., R.1W., F.M., on the Old Richardson Highway.

The City Engineer supports the request as does the Borough Department of Community Planning. Attached is some of the documentation provided by the Borough, and more information is available upon request to the City Clerk or City Engineer.

As a matter of procedure, no action is required by the Council if the intent is to allow vacation of the section line easement. Action is only necessary if the City Council wishes to veto the decision of the Platting Board.



Fairbanks North Star Borough

COMMUNITY PLANNING

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fairbanks City Council

THROUGH: Bryce Ward, Borough Mayor

FROM: Kellen D. Spillman, Director
Community Planning

DATE: July 8, 2024

SUBJECT: VACATION OF A 33-FOOT-WIDE SECTION LINE EASEMENT (VA004-24)

The applicant has proposed to vacate the 33-foot-wide section line easement within TL-2315, Section 23, T.1S., R.1W., F.M. (**Figure 1**). The FNSB Department of Community Planning recommended approval of the section line easement vacation to the Platting Board.

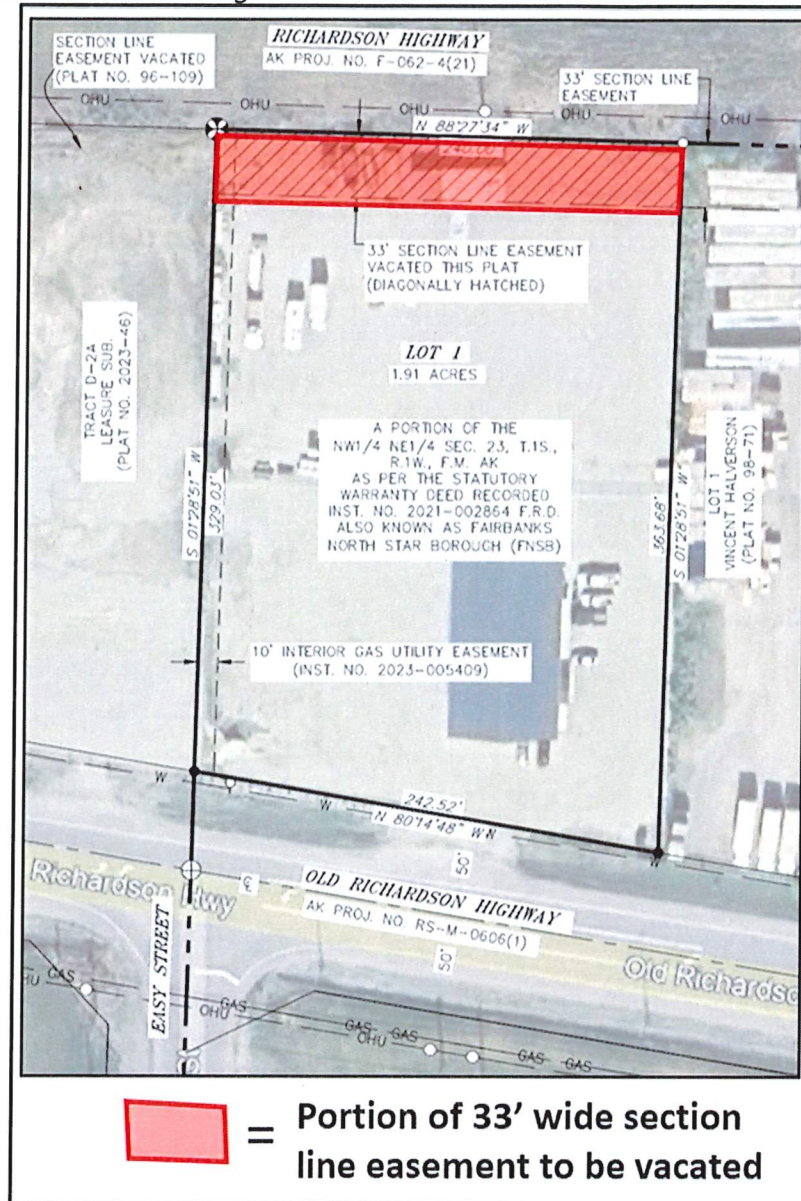
At its regular meeting of June 19, 2024 the Platting Board of the Fairbanks North Star Borough voted to approve a request by Stutzmann Engineering Associates, Inc., on behalf of William Brewer and Donna L. Brewer, to vacate the 33-foot-wide section line easement within TL-2315, Section 23, T.1S., R.1W., F.M. The property is located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 23, T.1S., R.1W., F.M., on the Old Richardson Highway. After public testimony, the Platting Board unanimously approved the vacation, voting six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed to the request.

Alaska Statute 29.40.140(b) states, "Vacation of a city street may not be made without the consent of the council...The governing body shall have 30 days from the decision of the platting authority in which to veto a vacation of a street. If no veto is received by the platting authority within the 30-day period, consent is considered to have been given to the vacation."

It is the recommendation of the Administration and FNSB Platting Board that this proposed request meets FNSB Code and for the Fairbanks City Council to not veto. Attached is more information on the request and the Platting Board's action. During the agency comment period the City of Fairbanks staff had no objection to this proposed vacation.



Figure 1. A more detailed image of the section line easement vacation is shown below.



Attachments: Maps / Action Letter / Staff Report / Vacation Application

- NOT vetoed by City Council
- Vetoed by City Council

Signature of City Clerk

Date

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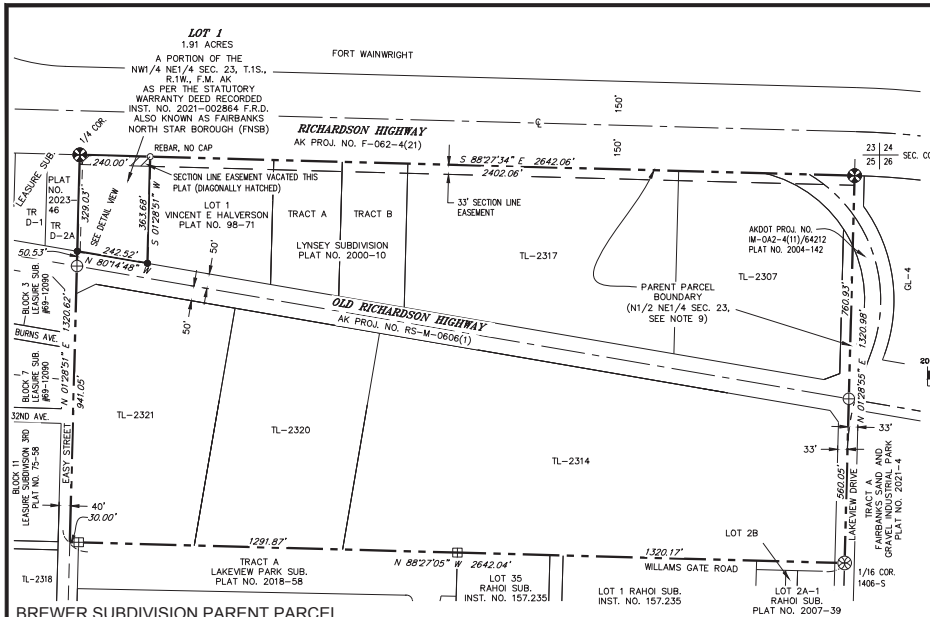
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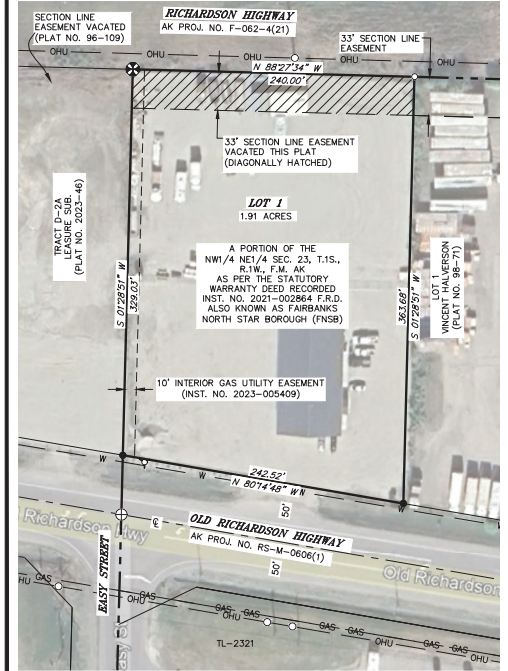
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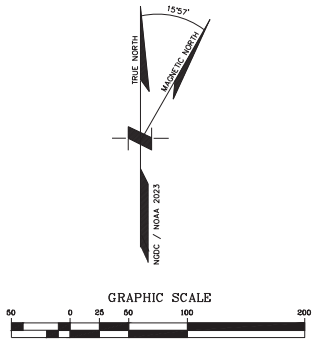
BREWER SUBDIVISION PARENT PARCEL



LOT 1, BREWER SUBDIVISION DETAIL VIEW

LEGEND

- (XXX) RECORD INFORMATION
- P.U.E. PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT
- [Hatched Box] SECTION LINE EASEMENT VACATED BY THIS PLAT
- [Dashed Line] PARENT PARCEL BOUNDARY (SEE NOTE 9)
- [Star Symbol] BLM/GLO BRASS CAP MONUMENT, RECOVERED
- [Circle with X] BRASS CAP MONUMENT RECOVERED, 1406-S
- [Circle with +] CENTERLINE MONUMENT IN CASE OF RECORD, PREVIOUS SURVEY
- [Circle with O] REBAR, NO CAP RECOVERED
- [Square with Hatched] 3 1/4" ALUMINUM CAP PRIMARY MONUMENT, RECOVERED THIS SURVEY (STAMPED 7621-5)
- [Circle with Dot] 5/8" X 30" REBAR AND 1 1/2" ALUMINUM CAP, SET, STAMPED 7621-5



SECTION LINE EASEMENT VACATION CERTIFICATE APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES
 THE VACATION STATEMENT, AS SHOWN HEREON, HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE NORTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE AND IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER.

RECOMMENDED BY: _____ DATE: _____
 TITLE: CHIEF, PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

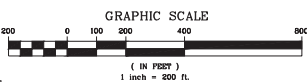
STATE OF ALASKA DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER
 THE VACATION STATEMENT, AS SHOWN HEREON, HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER AND IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER.

RECOMMENDED BY: _____ DATE: _____
 TITLE: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER

THE STATE OF ALASKA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, DOES HEREBY STATE AND DECLARE THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA VACATES AND RELEASES ALL RIGHTS AND TITLE TO ANY AND ALL PORTIONS OF SECTION LINE EASEMENTS FOR PUBLIC HIGHWAYS RESERVED TO IT UNDER A.S. 19.10.010 (SPECIFIC AREA DELINEATED BY DIAGONAL HATCHING ON THIS PLAT)

DATE: _____ APPROVED: _____
 COMMISSIONER
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

DATE: _____ APPROVED: _____
 COMMISSIONER
 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



NOTES

1. There will be a 35' radius easement at each pole location for guys, anchors, and other supportive structures.
2. The utility companies shall have the right to identify and then remove any dead, weak, overhanging or otherwise dangerous trees adjacent to or in the vicinity of the easement.
3. This property is within Flood Zone "X", protected by levee, per Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Map No. 02090C4379A, dated March 17, 2014.
4. Bearings and distances shown hereon are based on field surveys completed 2008-2024 by Stutzmann Engineering.
5. This section-line easement vacation is in compliance with the Final Decision _____ approved _____.
6. The alternate routes in accordance with AS 19.30.410 and/or 11 AAC 51.065 are the Richardson Highway (Alaska Project No. F-062-4(21)) and the Old Richardson Highway (Alaska Project No. RS-M-0606(1)).
7. Diagonally hatched area indicates portion of the section-line easement being vacated within Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska. It is not the intent of this plan to vacate any other dedicated rights-of-way or easements.
8. The Richardson Highway is an access controlled highway.
9. The parent parcel for Lot 1, Brewer Subdivision (Inst. No. 2021-002864-0) is the N1/2 NE1/4, Section 23, T.1S., R.1W., Alaska as indicated hereon. The parent parcel was originally created and conveyed to William A. Montgomery by Patent Number 1124947, March 17, 1949.
10. The Basis of Bearing for this survey is a high precision GPS Survey expressed in U.S. Survey Feet, projected in Alaska State Plane, Zone 3 (NAD83).
11. Soils within this subdivision are Tanana Soils, as per U.S.D.A. Soil Survey No. 25, 1959 Series.

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP, DEDICATION, AND COMPLIANCE

We hereby certify that we are the owners of the herein specified property shown and described hereon and that we hereby approve this section-line easement vacation and adopt this plan of subdivision with our free consent and dedicate all streets, alleys, walks, parks, and other designated public spaces to public use.

We further certify that all required improvements comply with the standards established in Title 17, Subdivisions, Fairbanks North Star Borough Code.

WILLIAM BREWER
 DONNA L. BREWER

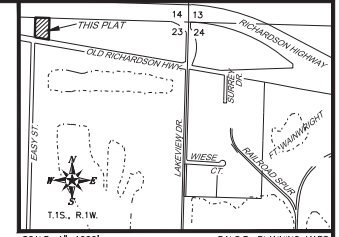
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } S. S.
 STATE OF _____

This is to certify that on this ____ day of _____ 20____ before me, a Notary Public for the State of _____, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared:

to me known to be the identical individuals mentioned and who executed the within plat, and they acknowledged to me that they signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein specified.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the day and year in this certificate first herein written.

Notary Public in and for the State of _____
 My Commission Expires: _____



VICINITY MAP

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

I, James H. Altherr, a professional land surveyor registered in the State of Alaska, do hereby certify this plat to be a true and correct representation of lands based on record information according to the standards of Title 17, Subdivisions, Fairbanks North Star Borough Code and that the distances and bearings are shown correctly and that no monuments were required to be set.



Registration No. 7621-5

CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT OF TAXES

I, the undersigned, being duly appointed and qualified Tax Collector for the Fairbanks North Star Borough, do hereby certify that, according to the records of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the following described property is carried on the tax records in the name of:

 Description: _____

and that according to the records in my possession, all taxes levied against said land and in favor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough are paid in full for Tax Year _____ of 20____. Dated at Fairbanks, Alaska, this ____ day of _____ 20____.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Treasury Division Official

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL BY THE PLATTING AUTHORITY

I hereby certify that this subdivision plat has been found to comply with the regulations of Title 17.52, Final Plats, of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Code of Ordinances, and that said plat has been approved.

PRELIMINARY PLAT

DATE OF SURVEY: Beginning: SEE NOTE 4 Ending: _____	NAME OF SURVEYOR: STUTZMANN ENGINEERING P.O. BOX 71429 FAIRBANKS, AK 99707
STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER ANCHORAGE, ALASKA	
SECTION LINE EASEMENT VACATION PLAT Associated with A PORTION OF THE N1/2 NE1/4 OF SECTION 23, T.1S., R.1W., FAIRBANKS MERIDIAN, ALASKA TO BE KNOWN AS LOT 1, BREWER SUBDIVISION	
Located within N1/2 NE1/4 SEC. 23 T.1S., R.1W., F.M. ALASKA FAIRBANKS RECORDING DISTRICT	
OWNER: WILLIAM BREWER AND DONNA L. BREWER	
DRAWN BY: J.D.S.	APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
DATE: 05/10/2024	STATEWIDE PLATTING SUPERVISOR DATE
SCALE: 1" = 50'	CHECKED: _____ FILE NO: EV-3-373

VA 0__-24

ORDINANCE NO. 6284

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE BY
ENACTING SECTION 10-208 TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS BLIGHT**

WHEREAS, blighted properties pose a health, safety, and welfare risk to the community; and

WHEREAS, blighted properties pose a health risk by, among other things, harboring unsanitary conditions through the accumulation of excess litter and trash, failing to provide adequate ventilation or water for inhabitants, or by the improper disposal of human waste; and

WHEREAS, blighted properties pose threats to public safety by attracting criminal activities and creating an increased fire risk; and

WHEREAS, blighted properties contribute to the overall decline of neighborhoods, lowering the value of nearby properties and creating unsafe environments; and

WHEREAS, many of the blighted property owners are unable or unwilling to address the public safety concerns with their property; and

WHEREAS, several communities have found that establishing notification standards, remediation schedules, and civil penalties for noncompliance encourages owners to better care for their properties.

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

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code Chapter 10, Article VII Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings is hereby amended to add new Section 10-208 Blighted properties, as follows:

Sec. 10-208. - Blighted Properties.

(a) *Blighted Property definition:* Any individual commercial, industrial, or residential structure or parcel of land that endangers the public's health, safety, or welfare because the property is dilapidated, or deteriorated.

Properties with two or more of the following conditions may be considered a blighted property:

1. A property upon which is located a dangerous building as defined in the City of Fairbanks Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings.

2. The property is determined to be a fire hazard by the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, or Deputy Fire Marshal for violations set forth in Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances.
 3. Property that meets the chronic nuisance property definition outlined in FGC Sec. 46-211.
 4. The presence of people staying in temporary shelter not intended for permanent human habitation for more than ten days.
 5. Properties containing unregistered, inoperable, unrepaired, uncovered vehicles for more than 90 days.
 6. Properties with accumulated litter as defined in FGC Secs. 46-161 and 46-162.
 7. Presence of unsecured drug paraphernalia as defined in FGC Sec. 46-361.
 8. Properties with polluted conditions as defined in FGC Sec. 34-106.
 9. Conditions of the property or activities on the property have materially contributed to a decline in property values of proximate properties.
- (b) *Blighted Property Determination:* The Mayor or mayor's designee has the authority to determine if a property has met the blighted property threshold outlined in this ordinance.
- (c) *Notification:* Upon determination that a property is blighted, the City of Fairbanks will notify the owner of the property by posting a notice of the violation in a conspicuous location on the blighted property and providing the notice to the owner by hand delivery, mail, or electronically. The notification will specify violations that constitute the blight and clearly express remediation deadlines.
- (d) *Schedule:* Owners have ten business days from the notice of violation to remediate the violations. If the remediation will take longer than ten business days, the owner must present a remediation plan to the City. The Mayor or mayor's designee will determine if the plan will address the violations in a reasonable timeframe.
- (e) *Remedies:* Property owners are responsible for correcting all conditions that have led to the blighted property designation. Owners failing to adequately address blighted property violations within ten business days of the notice of violation or by an approved alternate timeline will accrue civil penalties in the amount of \$300 per business day. After 30 days the City may address the violations at the property owner's expense. The City Council may place a lien on a property for any unpaid civil penalties and/or expenses resulting from remedying the violations.
- (f) The civil remedy provided in this section is intended to address health, safety, and welfare concerns resulting from blighted properties. Any remedy included in this section is independent and separate from any other legal remedy available including injunctive relief and criminal action.

(g) The property owner(s) may appeal any decision regarding this section of code with the Mayor or mayor's designee. The property owner may further appeal any decision regarding this section of code with the City Council.

(h) The Mayor or mayor's designee may waive any fees or penalties associated with this section of code.

SECTION 2. The effective date of this ordinance is five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Introduced by: Mayor David Pruhs and
Council Members Sprinkle and Ringstad
Introduced: June 24, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 6285

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION
74-36 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION OR
DEFERRAL AND ENACTING SECTION 74-37 TAX INCENTIVE FOR
PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, REDEVELOPMENT, OR RENOVATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks has economic development authorities; and

WHEREAS, residential and commercial development drives local economic revitalization; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes a tax exemption or deferral for certain economic development property; and

WHEREAS, temporary relief from property taxes can be an effective incentive for new construction; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks area has experienced a housing shortage, impacting the ability of residents to find affordable, efficient housing in the community; and

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned, and/or undeveloped lots are of little economic value, often negatively affect proximate property values, and can be a source of blight; and

WHEREAS, new, quality residential and commercial construction significantly contributes to the economy, often positively affects proximate property values, and usually improves local aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Fairbanks City Council to encourage residential and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks City Council has the authority to freeze the City property taxes to encourage development.

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

SECTION 1. FGC Sec. 74-36, Economic development property tax exemption or deferral, is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in strikethrough font]:

Sec. 74-36. - Economic development property tax exemption or deferral.

- (a) The council may grant a partial or total exemption and/or deferral for economic development property only if the granting of such exemption and/or deferral will provide economic benefit to the city, and
- (1) The exemption and/or deferral will provide measurable public benefits commensurate with the level of incentive granted;
 - (2) The property owner is in compliance with all state and local tax obligations;
 - (3) The location of the trade, industry, or business is compatible with **zoning requirements** ~~land use and development plans of the borough~~; and
 - (4) The exemption and/or deferral is necessary to allow adequate time for improvements to be completed and revenue to be generated by the property.
- (b) Economic development property means real property that:
- (1) Has not previously been taxed as real or personal property by the city; however, improvements on properties may be partially or wholly tax exempted or deferred under this section.
 - (2) Is used in trade or city business in a way that:
 - a. creates employment in the city directly related to the use of the property that does not supplant jobs in another similar industry; or
 - b. generates sales outside of the city of goods or services produced in the city; or
 - c. materially reduces the importation of goods or services from outside the city.
 - (3) Enables a significant capital investment in physical infrastructure that:**
 - a. expands the tax base of the City; and**
 - b. will generate property tax after the exemption/deferment expires.**
 - ~~(34)~~ Has not been used in the same trade or business in another city for at least six months before the application for deferral or exemption is filed; this limitation does not apply if the property was used in the same trade or business in an area that has been annexed to the city within six months before the application for deferral or exemption is filed; this subsection does not apply to inventories.
- (c) An ordinance by the Fairbanks City Council must precede any action to

authorize a tax exemption or deferral under this section.

SECTION 2. FGC Chapter 74, Article II, Property Tax, is amended to add new Section 74-37, Tax incentive for property development, redevelopment, or renovation, as follows:

Sec. 74-37. - Tax incentive for property development, redevelopment, or renovation.

- (a) As permitted by state law, a property tax exemption may be approved for the development, redevelopment, or renovation of a property within city limits that results in an increased property tax assessment. The assessed value attributable to the new development, redevelopment, or renovation of a property may be granted a reimbursement of taxes for a maximum of five years based on the total construction costs confirmed on the permit(s) from the Building Department as follows:
- (1) Construction costs totaling \$1,000,000 or more may receive a five-year exemption.
 - (2) Construction costs totaling between \$50,000 to \$999,999 may receive a two-year exemption.
 - (3) Construction costs totaling less than \$50,000 are not eligible for a tax exemption under this program.
- (b) The property owner must apply for the tax reimbursement through the Building Department during the permitting process. Property owners with projects requiring multiple permits will add construction costs from each permit to determine total construction costs.
- (c) The Mayor or mayor's designee may approve or deny the application. Following the final inspection, the property owner and Building Department will confirm the total construction costs for the application. The Building Official will recommend approval or denial of the application based on total construction costs and resulting property improvements to the Mayor or mayor's designee. Approval of the application cannot occur prior to the final inspection from the Building Department. Property owners may appeal any decision made by the Mayor or mayor's designee to the City Council.

SECTION 3. The effective date of this ordinance is five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6285

Abbreviated Title: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Department(s): _____

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No x

2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes _____ No x

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No x

If yes, how many positions? _____

If yes, type of positions? _____ (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

PROJECTS:	TOTAL
TOTAL	\$ -

FUNDING SOURCE:	TOTAL
TOTAL	\$ -

Based on the current mill levy of 5.914, a decrease in assessed value of \$1,000,000 will reduce property taxes by \$5,914.00.

Reviewed by Finance Department: _____ Initial mb Date 6/19/2024

ORDINANCE NO. 6286

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING
AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE THIRD 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 ~~strikethrough~~ 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

REVENUE	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Taxes (all sources)	\$ 27,755,026	\$ -	\$ 27,755,026
Charges for Services	7,199,500	-	7,199,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	3,506,620	-	3,506,620
Licenses and Permits	2,380,260	-	2,380,260
Fines and Forfeitures	551,000	-	551,000
Interest and Penalties	1,915,000	-	1,915,000
Rental and Lease Income	153,544	-	153,544
Other Revenues	310,000	-	310,000
Other Financing Sources	(1,748,715)	-	(1,748,715)
Total revenue appropriation	\$ 42,022,235	\$ -	\$ 42,022,235
EXPENDITURES			
Mayor Department	\$ 968,030	\$ -	\$ 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	2,698,877	-	2,698,877
General Account	6,975,000	-	6,975,000
Police Department	8,556,919	15,000	8,571,919
Communications Center	3,523,770	-	3,523,770
Fire Department	10,112,832	-	10,112,832
Public Works Department	10,209,625	-	10,209,625
Engineering Department	1,190,170	-	1,190,170
Building Department	827,890	-	827,890
Total expenditure appropriation	\$ 46,966,268	\$ 15,000	\$ 46,981,268
2023 unassigned fund balance	\$ 20,081,861	\$ -	\$ 20,081,861
Prior year encumbrances	(155,961)	-	(155,961)
Transfers to other funds	(7,000,000)	-	(7,000,000)
Other changes to the budget	2,211,928	(15,000)	2,196,928
2024 estimated unassigned fund balance	\$ 15,137,828	\$ (15,000)	\$ 15,122,828

Minimum unassigned fund balance requirement is 20% of budgeted annual expenditures but not less than \$10,000,000. 20% of budgeted annual expenditures is \$ 9,396,254

CAPITAL FUND

REVENUE	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Transfer from Permanent Fund	\$ 708,261	\$ -	\$ 708,261
Transfer from General Fund	6,500,000	-	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	\$ 8,993,061	\$ -	\$ 8,993,061
EXPENDITURES			
Property Repair & Replacement	\$ 6,980,454	\$ 30,000	\$ 7,010,454
Public Works Department	2,334,904	-	2,334,904
Garbage Equipment Reserve	853,000	-	853,000
IT Department	237,462	150,000	387,462
Police Department	873,716	-	873,716
Communications Center	1,316,960	-	1,316,960
Fire Department	1,719,142	250,000	1,969,142
Road Maintenance	2,336,501	-	2,336,501
Total expenditure appropriation	\$ 16,652,139	\$ 430,000	\$ 17,082,139
2023 fund balance	\$ 19,034,057	\$ -	\$ 19,034,057
Prior year encumbrances	(3,214,790)	-	(3,214,790)
Prior year reappropriations	(4,710,306)	-	(4,710,306)
Transfers from other funds	6,500,000	-	6,500,000
Other changes to the budget	(6,233,982)	(430,000)	(6,663,982)
2024 estimated fund balance	\$ 11,374,979	\$ (430,000)	\$ 10,944,979

Estimated unassigned capital fund balance for projects **\$ 5,166,839**

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 22nd day of July 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. 6286
AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
FOR THE THIRD TIME

GENERAL FUND
\$0 Increase in Revenue
\$15,000 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Tax Revenue
2. Charges for Services
3. Intergovernmental Revenues
4. License and Permits
5. Interest and Penalties
6. Rental and Lease
7. Other Revenue
8. Other Financing Sources

Expenditures

1. Mayor's Office
2. City Attorney's Office
3. City Clerk's Office
4. Finance Department
5. Information Technology
6. General Account
7. Police Department
 - \$15,000 increase to salaries and benefits for a temporary evidence custodian
8. Communications Center
9. Fire Department
10. Public Works
11. Engineering
12. Building Department

CAPITAL FUND
\$0 Increase in Revenue
\$430,000 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Other Financing Sources

Expenditures

1. Property Repair & Replacement
 - \$30,000 increase for Polaris building redevelopment assessment
2. Public Works
3. Garbage Equipment Reserve
4. IT Department
 - \$150,000 increase for City Hall battery system
5. Police Department
6. Communications Center
7. Fire Department
 - \$200,000 increase for tender
 - \$50,000 increase for ambulance
8. Road Maintenance



FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2024, 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.
HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



Chair Juanita Webb called the regular meeting of the **Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC)** to order at 5:31 p.m. on the above date. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present (in person):

Juanita Webb, Chair, Seat D
Jonathan Bagwill, Seat G
Wendy Tisland, Seat H
Roscoe Britton, Seat J
June Rogers, City Council Member
Jake Merritt, HR Director

Others Present:

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

Members Present (Zoom):

Timothy Ledna, Seat A
Richard Basarab, Seat B
Marsha Oss, Seat E

Members Absent:

Vacant, Seat C
Dorothy Shockley, Seat F
Karen Blackburn, Seat I (excused)
Rachael Kvapil, Seat K
David Pruhs, Mayor

CALL TO ORDER (Reading of Mission Statement and Land Acknowledgement)

At the request of Chair Webb, **W. Tisland** read the Mission Statement and Land Acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Webb led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M. Oss, seconded by **J. Bagwill**, moved to APPROVE the agenda.

There being no objection, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024

M. Oss, seconded by **W. Tisland**, moved to APPROVE the minutes.

Chair Webb called for a voice vote on the motion to APPROVE the minutes, and all members voted in favor.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Webb did not give a formal report but included her updates and report with the discussion under Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Race Against Racism – Saturday, June 1

Chair Webb stated that after Andy Harrington spoke at the last meeting, she did not hear from him again until the day prior to the meeting. She reported that she made quite a few phone calls earlier in the day, and she has found a donor to cover the \$200 City permit for the Race Against Racism. She provided some details about the FDC's role in its partnership with the race coordinators and stated that volunteers should be at the JP Jones Center by 9:30 a.m. on race day. She added that the race would begin at 11 a.m. and opened the floor to questions.

J. Bagwill asked how many volunteers were needed and what types of things volunteers will help with. **Chair Webb** replied that she was unsure but stated that the FDC should host a table. She explained that volunteers will be needed the day before the race to help put out 60-lb. signs. She stated that she talked with Tyler Wilbur at the City, and the event permit should be issued by Monday, May 20. She distributed a printout of the race map and pointed out the two routes: a 3K and a 5K.

Chair Webb continued by proposing that the FDC have signature projects: the annual Race Against Racism and the Human Library. She suggested that a vote for a new Chair and possibly a new Vice-Chair should be held at the next regular FDC meeting and stated that she would like to serve as a community outreach coordinator for the FDC. She added that there are a lot of outreach opportunities in the community.

M. Oss stated she believes that J. Webb is doing an incredible job serving as the FDC Chair and that she supports getting involved in signature projects. She stated she would be available to help on June 1. She spoke in support of Chair Webb continuing as the FDC Chair. **J. Bagwill** asked if there was a reason why Chair Webb would not be able to continue as Chair and serve as a community outreach coordinator. **Chair Webb** replied that she could continue to serve as Chair if the group can handle her personality. She expressed concern over her communication style. **J. Rogers** echoed M. Oss's comments. She stated that Chair Webb spoke quite eloquently about her vision for the FDC and indicated that she is the right person for the position. She stated that Chair Webb is wonderfully diverse and accepting and that everyone should be who they are.

W. Tisland asked whether the NAACP is the race sponsor. **Chair Webb** replied that it is not, but a lot of the same people who organize the Juneteenth event also coordinate the Race Against Racism event. **W. Tisland** asked whether it was the intent for the FDC to take over the coordination of the event. **Chair Webb** stated that coordination of the event will be a partnership this year. She explained that they have been looking for someone to take over the race, and her intent is to do so in future years. She spoke about the opportunity to make it a larger event.

R. Britton stated that he has been invited to be a part of the NAACP, and he may do so. He committed to helping on June 1 if he is available and added that he is excited to help in future years. He suggested that there be someone available at checkpoints to distribute water.

Chair Webb shared that Robyne Harrington was attending the meeting via Zoom. R. Harrington confirmed that they have been looking for someone to take over the coordination of the Race Against Racism event but clarified that she would have to go back to the board to see if they would

like for the FDC to do so. She commented that it would be delightful to see the FDC get involved, and it would be a good idea to partner for a year or two to ensure a smooth transition. **Chair Webb** asked when the next meeting for volunteers would be. R. Harrington stated that she would have to follow up later with a date.

It was the consensus of the FDC to support a partnership with the Race for Racism organizers for 2024.

J. Rogers questioned why Mayor Pruhs was not approached to see if the City would cover the event permit cost. Clerk Snider stated that the type of event permit required is essentially a parade permit. She explained that groups organizing such events have approached the Mayor's Office in the past requesting a waiver of fees but given the political nature of some of the groups, it has been a practice for the City to not waive the permit fees. **Chair Webb** confirmed that the permit fees would be covered by a donor and should be issued the following week.

M. Oss stated she is committed to attending the race and offered the use of her pop-up tent. **Chair Webb** stated that they will be set up in a parking lot and she could bring some concrete blocks to tie the tent down.

Chair Webb stated that the FDC was invited to be a part of Juneteenth on June 15 from noon – 4 p.m. She shared that the City has covered the registration cost, and she will get more information for the Clerk to send out to everyone. She commented that she did not know much about the event, such as whether they should set up games for kids. **J. Rogers** spoke about her experience attending the event in prior years and provided the group with some information about what to expect. **W. Tisland** stated she likes the idea of having a kids' game or something to draw people in.

M. Oss stated that she would help in advance but would be out of town June 15. **W. Tisland** stated that she would also be out of town but that she would come up with an activity.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Human Library

Chair Webb stated that she had asked the Clerk to send the FDC a link to the Human Library article. She asked HR Director Jake Merritt to speak about what a Human Library is.

J. Merritt stated that the idea of different types of "libraries" is that a person can "check out" other things besides books – like a human. He indicated that the weblink sent to FDC members is about the actual project based out of Denmark. He explained that when you participate in a Human Library, you agree to come into it with no judgement and you get to ask questions about the other person. He shared that he has attended similar events, but they were in more of a seminar-style. He shared that the website referenced has videos of how the Human Library began and what it is all about.

T. Ledna stated that he worked in higher education for a number of years and that these are common on campuses. He shared that he has participated in some over the years and suggested using City Hall as a space for the FDC to host a Human Library during one of the large downtown events. He added that he would volunteer to be a "book."

M. Oss stated that Sarah Gare, who has been a part of Human Library events internationally, will be in Fairbanks in June for the Healing Native Hearts Coalition Summit. She commented that there is enough diversity in the community to make a very interesting event and believes it is a brilliant idea.

Members briefly discussed downtown events, specifically the Golden Days Parade and Street Fair. **T. Ledna** suggested holding the Human Library at City Hall during the Golden Days downtown festivities, adding that he would be willing to advertise the event from his downtown business. **J. Rogers** commented that T. Ledna's idea to hold the event at City Hall is spot on, because it will brand the event with the City of Fairbanks and the FDC.

T. Ledna, seconded by **R. Britton**, moved to host a Human Library event at City Hall during the Golden Days downtown festivities.

Chair Webb called for a voice vote on the motion, and all members voted in favor.

T. Ledna volunteered to gather "books" for the event and to be a "book" himself. He stated that he would organize the event but added that he would not be able to present the whole day because he will need to tend to his small business downtown.

FDC MEMBERS' COMMENTS

M. Oss stated that sometimes humans just need to be validated for who they are and what they do. She stated she felt as though Chair Webb needed to be heard and validated as the FDC's leader. She reported that things have been going well in her position at the City, and she just received news that her program would be granted \$71,000 to house people coming out of incarceration. She added that she feels blessed that her job requires a diversity component.

T. Ledna stated he had no comments.

R. Basarab suggested floating a schedule around to ensure staffing at upcoming events. **Chair Webb** stated that signup sheets will be sent out.

R. Britton spoke in support of FDC signature events, stating that such activities would bring the FDC to the community and the community to the FDC. He commented that he has worked with many people and coalitions in the community but still has more to learn.

R. Basarab suggested partnering with City HR from a recruitment standpoint at upcoming events, since one aspect of the FDC is to help recruit and employ a diverse workforce. He added that he is sure Mayor Pruhs would support that.

W. Tisland shared that she just returned to work as the HR director for the Fairbanks Resource Agency (FRA), which provides services to adults and seniors with developmental disabilities. She indicated that the work is close to her heart as her mother passed away from Alzheimer's Disease. She stated that Emily Ennis, Executive Director of FRA, is an amazing person who would make an amazing "book" for the Human Library.

J. Rogers also sang E. Ennis’s praises. She stated that there are so many opportunities to learn, especially when you have a diverse group of people in the room.

R. Britton suggested that every FDC member serve as a “book.” He explained that it would give people a sense of community to see FDC members putting themselves out there. He stated that some people might have a stigma about anyone who serves on a committee or council, but he thinks FDC members are all just regular folks.

W Tisland asked whether the FDC should or could get matching t-shirts to wear at events. **Chair Webb** stated that she mentioned t-shirts when she spoke with the donor earlier in the day. She indicated that she could get t-shirts if she collected everyone’s sizes.

J. Rogers spoke strongly against the purchase of FDC t-shirts, stating that they are ineffective and people do not wear them. She spoke to how she is one of the very few who has shown up to FDC events and stated they need to be real about who the FDC is and show up to events.

Members discussed various possibilities of items to wear to represent the FDC.

T. Ledna agreed that t-shirts are not the best option unless there is a lot of money available. He stated that he purchased about ten hats for the FDC to use for this very purpose.

J. Bagwill shared that he went to the Midnight Sun Golf Course earlier in the day, and one of the managers asked if he was wearing green. He said that she explained it was Mental Illness Awareness Month and that anyone wearing green would receive a discount. He encouraged people to get out of their house, be with others, and look around for and reach out to friends.

J. Webb asked if anyone would like to give her a t-shirt to get printed and added that hats would be available as well. **J. Rogers** said that she would like everyone to understand her cynicism and frustration about t-shirts. She stated that there is a problem with commitment – people actually showing up to wear them. She stated that she has made a commitment and has been a part of the FDC for 10 years; she added that it is frustrating when others do not show up. She added that there should be as much discussion about commitment as there is about hats or t-shirts.

R. Britton suggested having nametags or lanyards. He spoke about his past involvement in a softball-based fundraiser in Anchorage called “Hits for the Homeless” and suggested it as a potential signature event for the FDC. He explained that the more teams that participate in the softball event, the more money is raised to help homeless people.

Chair Webb expressed excitement and commented that the meeting had recharged her.

R. Britton asked whether the FDC had pursued other diversity programs in Fairbanks, such as the university, Army, Air Force, or school district. **Chair Webb** replied that she had not reached out because she felt like the FDC wanted to hold back until it was more organized. She indicated that she could reach out. **R. Britton** commented that it would be good to pick others’ brains, which could help strengthen the FDC.


MEETING DATES

- a) Next Regular Meeting Date, June 11, 2024

ADJOURNMENT


M. Oss moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

There being no objection, **Chair Webb** adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.



Juanita Webb, Chair

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