



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA NO. 2026-01  
**REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2026**  
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA [ZOOM WEBINAR](#) AND AT  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We respectfully acknowledge the Dena people upon whose traditional lands we reside. We honor the Dena who have been the stewards of Interior lands and waters for centuries, the Elders who lived here before, the Dena people of today, and future generations to come. We also recognize that Alaskan Native people would traditionally gather here and harvest Native foods.
3. INVOCATION
4. FLAG SALUTATION
5. CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognitions, Awards)
6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (oral communications to the City Council on items pertaining to City business that are not up for public hearing). The total comment period is up to one hour, and testimony is limited to three minutes. Any person wishing to speak needs to sign up on the list located in the hallway or must have signed up in advance using the procedures for providing online testimony found at the City's website. 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 Councilmember or member of the staff. In consideration of others, please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.
7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are indicated by asterisks (\*). Consent agenda items are considered together unless a councilmember 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.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- \*a) Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025

9. SPECIAL ORDERS

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

11. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6333 – An Ordinance Partially Releasing a Restrictive Covenant for the Noel Wien Library Lot. Sponsored by Mayor O’Neill. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.
- b) Ordinance No. 6334 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-119(a), Order of Business, Adding a Set Time During the Second Council Meeting of Each Month for Receiving a Report from Leadership in Our Community, Including Denakkanaaga, Fairbanks Native Association, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Doyon, or Other Designated Groups. Sponsored by Councilmembers Sprinkle, Cleworth, and Therrien. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- \*a) Resolution No. 5195 – A Resolution Allocating Discretionary Funds from the Room Rental Tax in the Amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00). Sponsored by Councilmember Marney.
- \*b) Resolution No. 5196 – A Resolution Designating Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) Objectives. Sponsored by Councilmembers Sprinkle and Tidwell.
- c) Resolution No. 5197 – A Resolution Stating the Preference of the Council Against Remote Work and Telecommuting. Sponsored by Councilmembers Ringstad, Marney, and Tidwell.

- \*d) Ordinance No. 6335 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-653, City Council Approval of Excess Expenditures. Sponsored by Councilmember Cleworth.
- \*e) Ordinance No. 6336 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 74-117, Room Rental Tax Purpose and Limitation, by Removing Term Limits for Discretionary Fund Committee Members. Sponsored by Councilmember Marney.
- \*f) Ordinance No. 6337 – An Ordinance Authorizing Public Works to Provide Services Outside the City Benefitting Tanana Valley State Fair Association in Exchange for a Snow Storage Site. Sponsored by Mayor O’Neill.

#### 14. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- \*a) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025
- \*b) Board of Plumber Examiner Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025
- \*c) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025
- \*d) Appointment to the Board of Plumber Examiners
- \*e) Reappointments to the Chena Riverfront Commission
- \*f) Recommendation for Reappointments to the FNSB Planning Commission

#### 15. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS

#### 16. CITY CLERK’S REPORT

#### 17. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

#### 18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### 19. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 1, 2025  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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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 in the City Council Chambers at 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor Mindy O'Neill presiding and the following Councilmembers in attendance:

Councilmembers Present:

Jerry Cleworth, Seat A  
Valerie Therrien, Seat B  
Sue Sprinkle, Seat C  
Crystal Tidwell, Seat D  
Lonny Marney, Seat E  
John Ringstad, Seat F

Absent:

None

Also Present:

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk  
Thomas Chard, City Attorney  
Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff  
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer  
Jake Merritt, Human Resources Director (remotely)  
Andrew Coccaro, Fire Chief  
Jeremiah Cotter, Public Works Director  
Robert Pristash, City Engineer  
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)  
Jennifer Payan, Accounting Specialist (remotely)  
Brenda McFarlane, Crisis Now Coordinator (remotely)

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

**FLAG SALUTATION**

At the request of Mayor O'Neill, **Mr. Cleworth** led the flag salutation.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

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

Glenn Carlo – G. Carlo stated that he serves on the board of Denakkanaaga and expressed support for Ordinance No. 6332. He discussed the Caps for Cops program where, for the last several years, Alaska Native Elders have taught law enforcement officers how to make their own fur hats, serving as an opportunity to make connections and build respect. He spoke of the need to work together to celebrate the community's diversity and stated that a land acknowledgement serves to accomplish

that goal. He shared details of a pictograph near Salcha that stood for centuries, used by Alaska Natives as a lookout, noting that it had to be destroyed for construction of the Richardson Highway.

Steve Ginnis – S. Ginnis indicated that this was his third time speaking to the Council about the need for a land acknowledgement to be recited at Council meetings and added that the statement did not belong just on the wall outside the chambers. He spoke of the potential for improved relationships. He asked the Council to be mindful of their peoples' contributions to the local economy and to understand that they did not have to live here and could move their businesses away from Fairbanks. S. Ginnis asserted that they were not seeking special privileges but simply recognition that they were the first people to inhabit the area, which he believes is a small request.

Stacey Fritz – S. Fritz shared that she moved to the area in 1994 and discussed the term “colonial settler.” She spoke of the challenges of people who are colonized as well as the opportunity for all to succeed when both cultures are celebrated. She spoke in support of a land acknowledgement at the beginning of Council meetings.

Brian Ridley – B. Ridley shared that he is from the village of Eagle, Alaska and has served as the Chairman of Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) for the last few years. He stated that Fairbanks sits on the ancestral lands of the Lower Tanana people who lived here long before the city was established. He discussed the strain that has existed for decades between the City of Fairbanks and the Native community, citing a land acknowledgement as a small, meaningful way to bridge that gap. He asserted that it does not assign blame but simply recognizes history, without attempting to rewrite it. He shared examples of land acknowledgement practices in other community settings and reiterated that this was a long overdue step to rebuild trust and foster more inclusivity for all who call Fairbanks home. He added that the few seconds it takes could have a profound impact, potentially preventing serious problems such as the Fairbanks Four tragedy.

**Ms. Therrien** thanked B. Ridley for his comments and stated that anything the Council can do to encourage more communication would be wonderful. B. Ridley shared that the recognition of Indigenous people is very different over the border. He stated that the relationship between Native organizations and government in Canada is much better.

Shirley Lee – S. Lee shared that she is the Deputy Director of Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) and that her organization joins with others to support Ordinance No. 6332. She explained that the proposed language was drafted by Alaska Native Elders and that a spoken statement carries more meaning than a written version posted in the hallway. She asserted that the Dená people laid the foundation for what is now referred to as the *Golden Heart City*. She spoke of the respect, gratitude, trust, and relationship strengthening that a verbal land acknowledgement conveys.

Dorothy Shockley – D. Shockley shared that she is a member of the Upper Koyukon Dená and that prior to living in Fairbanks she had lived in Tanana, Rampart, Stevens Village, and Manley Hot Springs. She expressed support for a spoken land acknowledgement at the start of City Council meetings. She suggested that a simple vote in favor of the ordinance would be a first step towards reconciliation with the Native community.

Randy Griffin – R. Griffin expressed the belief that it would not be appropriate to place a land acknowledgement prior to the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance at the start of City Council meetings. He clarified that he supports acknowledging all that has been done by the Alaska Native

community but that he believes the practice should continue where any Councilmember can voluntarily express such with sincerity, rather than a rote recitation. He discussed the purposes of the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and suggested that the land acknowledgement does not say much and is bland. He talked about a book he owns regarding contributions to the state of Alaska by Yugoslavian people and asserted that recognition for those individuals also did not belong on the Council's order of business. He discussed the value of visiting the Alaska Native Museum to learn about the culture and history, as well as the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics.

**Mayor O'Neill**, hearing no more requests for comment, declared Citizens' Comments closed.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to APPROVE the agenda and consent agenda.

**Mr. Ringstad** pulled item 12(b), Ordinance No. 6331, from the consent agenda.

**Mayor O'Neill** called for objection to the APPROVAL of the agenda and the consent agenda, as amended, and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

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

### **SPECIAL ORDERS**

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

Lic.	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
10958	Green Life Supply, LLC	Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility	Green Life Supply, LLC	511 30th Avenue
11924	Green Life Supply, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Green Life Supply, LLC	511 30th Avenue

**Mayor O'Neill** called for testimony and hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the marijuana license applications for renewal.

**Ms. Sprinkle** expressed concern that an issue regarding backflow in their ventilation system had not been resolved. **Mayor O'Neill** pointed out that the Building Official had conveyed a willingness to waive protest with the expectation that the noted issues be resolved before the next renewal period. **Ms. Sprinkle** stated that she was not in favor of waiting another year for the problem to be corrected. Chief of Staff Sanders shared that City Hall has also had challenges with its backflow preventers for a few years and that the Building Official had exercised his discretion with this not uncommon issue.

**Mr. Marney** recounted that the applicant had experienced other significant problems in recent history and that he would have expected them to have things in order prior to a license renewal.

**Mr. Ringstad** concurred that issues with the building, as well as changes in ownership and management, had been part of the Council's discussion a year ago. He suggested the Council consider a follow-up in a few months rather than wait a year.

**Ms. Tidwell** reported that she had visited the business earlier in the year to confirm their progress on a few past issues. She added that she has also had backflow problems with a property she owns and that the owner may have just learned about the deficiency. She expressed a preference to accept the recommendation of the Building Official.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked what options were available. City Attorney Chard explained the options available to the Council. Clerk Snider discussed the timeline and reporting process with the State's Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO). **Ms. Sprinkle** reiterated that she was not comfortable waiving protest while unresolved concerns exist and expressed disappointment that the applicant was not present to answer questions.

**Mr. Cleworth** recounted that in the past the Council has waived protest with conditions.

M. Sanders reported that while City Hall's backflow system is more complicated, the City has been working on its own issues for two years.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND the motion to waive protest by adding a condition that the backflow preventer issue be resolved by July 30, 2026.

**Ms. Therrien** explained that this would give a clear deadline while allowing for a couple of months of warmer weather to resolve the issue.

Clerk Snider shared that there would be one more Council meeting before the January 7 response deadline to AMCO, should there be a desire to postpone the matter. **Mayor O'Neill** confirmed that Clerk Snider had extended an invitation to the owner to attend the meeting and that, should the application be postponed until the next meeting, she could do so again.

**Ms. Sprinkle** clarified that while she is not wanting to shut down someone's business, she believes the Council needs to adhere to standards for applications.

**Mr. Marney** stated that if it was his business, he would be present at the meeting. He concurred that requesting the owner's presence at the next meeting would be helpful.

**Ms. Therrien** pointed out that the memo in the agenda packet stated that there were no departmental protests, which could have been confusing for an owner and might explain why they had not felt a need to attend the meeting.

**Mr. Cleworth** recounted that the business had hired an industry professional to help them through other difficult challenges in the last year and that the individual had come in good faith before the Council to provide an update months earlier. He expressed support for the amendment.

**Ms. Tidwell** stated that she would prefer to have a more direct opportunity to engage with the owner before putting a condition on the license renewal. She agreed that the published memo and packet for the application did not give the impression that the City had any concerns.

**Ms. Tidwell**, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to POSTPONE the marijuana license application for renewal to the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE THE MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2025 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

**Mayor O'Neill** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing and considered the following Hotel or Motel Endorsement Application:

Type/ID: Hotel or Motel Endorsement, App. ID 1217

Primary Lic. #: Beverage Dispensary Tourism, #2424

DBA: Sophie Station Hotel

Applicant: Fountainhead Development, Inc.

Location: 1717 University Avenue S., Fairbanks

**Mayor O'Neill** called for testimony and hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

**Mr. Ringstad**, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the Hotel/Motel Endorsement Application.

There being no discussion, **Mayor O'Neill** called for objection to the motion to WAIVE PROTEST on the Hotel/Motel Endorsement Application and, hearing none, declared the MOTION CARRIED.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

**Mayor O'Neill** shared that beginning in 2026, the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Assembly will schedule one of its members to give a report to the City Council at regular meetings under the Mayor's Comments and Report.

### **COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Ms. Sprinkle** expressed appreciation for the news about regular reports from the FNSB Assembly.

**Ms. Therrien** gave a land acknowledgment. She discussed receiving communications in support of Ordinance No. 6322 and suggested it was a good step towards mending bridges.

**Mr. Cleworth** thanked all those who had come out to provide comments.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Resolution No. 5194 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Accept the FFY2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Introduced by Mayor O'Neill.



APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- b) Ordinance No. 6331 – An Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets. Introduced by Mayor O’Neill.

**Ms. Sprinkle**, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6331.

**Mr. Ringstad** pointed out that there would not be a work session before the next regular meeting. He explained that he pulled the ordinance in order to have more time to discuss budget items. He stated he believes the Council should aim for at least \$1MM in reserves going into the new year, noting that there was more than that at the start of 2025, but the funds went quickly after budget amendments were made during the year.

**Ms. Therrien** shared that she intends to advocate for an additional community paramedic (CP) and a clerk position to support the CP program. She indicated that she also would like to see an increase to the Police Chief’s salary. She acknowledged that the Council would not know what the true reserves will be until after the first budget amendment in 2026.

**Ms. Sprinkle** stated that she also supports an additional CP position but would need more information about justification for a salary increase for the Police Chief. She concurred that a \$1MM reserve would be ideal. She asked for clarification about a change in revenue for the parking garage. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Bell provided details in response to Ms. Sprinkle’s inquiry.

**Mr. Marney** stated that while he also supports funding another CP, he is unsure about adding a clerk position. He shared that he had asked the Fire Chief to prepare a statement outlining how the CP program might offset expenses in other areas.

Fire Chief Cocco provided a handout showing a timeline of the CP program, from the initial concept to the present. He recounted that the initial goal was to get seven to eight clients willing to work with the CP and how that number has exploded to over 100. He discussed how non-emergency calls in the past only had the option for high-level response through the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD). He reported that the average cost of this type of call is about \$1,500 and that the CP had reduced overall call volume for FFD by 385 calls since the program began in April 2025. He noted that equated to about \$577,000 in cost avoidance and added that the reduction in use of emergency services saved the local healthcare system an estimated \$1.7MM. Chief Cocco asserted that the CP program is doing exactly what they intended but that one individual working 40 hours a week is insufficient. He stated that coverage is needed all seven days of the week as many clients are in fragile situations, requiring more frequent contact and support which could only be accomplished with another person. He expressed concern that the single CP would eventually be overwhelmed and leave for a better opportunity, which would pull the safety net out from underneath numerous individuals relying on the support. He acknowledged that the requested new clerk position was for administrative needs to assist with paperwork and scheduling. He encouraged the Council to add the second CP position back into the budget and assured them that he would not ask for a third CP in the future unless he had a confirmed, sustainable funding source.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked if they should only consider adding the second Community Paramedic if they can also add the clerk position. Chief Cocco stated the positions should be viewed independently

and that the second CP is a higher priority. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked about the current schedule. Chief Cocco discussed the benefits of a four-day work week with 10-hour shifts.

**Ms. Therrien** noted that the City can often get reimbursement through the federal government for the cost of certain types of ambulance runs. She asked if there was a similar opportunity through the CP program. Chief Cocco reviewed the various systems in place for payments for other calls performed by FFD. He clarified that reimbursement for the type of services through a paramedic-only model is a fight that many communities across the country are currently engaged in.

**Mr. Ringstad** stated that if the FFD was saving money in other areas, it would be nice to reallocate certain funds to further bolster the CP program. Chief Cocco confirmed that was an ultimate goal for the department, although it would likely be years before any real reduction elsewhere would be feasible due to call volumes. He discussed how the variable nature of 9-1-1 calls makes real predictions impossible. He spoke of other ways they intend to advocate for reimbursement models to fund the program. **Mr. Ringstad** asked if any other communities in Alaska have a comparable program. Chief Cocco replied that while no programs are direct comparisons, Juneau, Anchorage, and other communities have integrated health programs. He pointed out that the City's program is unique in that it is 100% self-funded and is more flexible in the services it provides.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked for a more accurate number for the total savings to the local healthcare system. Chief Cocco indicated that he could reach out to the hospital's emergency department to work on a more accurate estimate. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked Chief Cocco if he also works with the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (CAIHC). Chief Cocco confirmed that while he does have a good working relationship with tribal organizations, he had not brought up financial matters for shared patient services, as he wanted to first ensure the CP program was viable.

**Ms. Therrien** asked for details on readmission penalties. Chief Cocco explained that hospitals that accept Medicare and Medicaid are assessed a fee if a discharged patient is readmitted for the same condition within 30 days. He stated that the CP program has the potential to prevent such situations and thus partnerships to include financial support may be a possibility.

Attorney Chard noted that the motion on the floor was to advance Ordinance No. 6331 and advised the Council to keep discussions focused on that purpose and avoid deep dives into specific programs or other details.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked City Engineer Pristash if the projects included in the budget were slated for completion in 2026. B. Pristash explained that while some items are dependent on the Department of Transportation (DOT), everything listed was intended for completion in 2026.

**Mr. Marney** discussed the \$365,000 request for Public Works equipment. He noted that there is \$783,000 set aside for garbage truck replacement and asked if some of those funds could be used to fulfil other requests, even if doing so would require an ordinance to amend the Fairbanks General Code (FGC). CFO Bell explained that a certain percentage of garbage collection fees is used for equipment replacement and that any changes to that would require a change to the FGC. **Mr. Marney** stated that many of the City's trucks appear to be in great condition and asked if the current fleet was fairly new.

**Mr. Cleworth** explained that the original intent of the funding structure was to make garbage collection self-funding, with all aspects of the service incorporated into the fees, and that the fees not be used for unrelated expenses. He acknowledged that the Council could change that, but the idea was to have it be an area of City operations that was efficient and self-contained.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked if the fund balance for truck replacement was appropriate or if some may not be needed. CFO Bell explained that the fund's purpose is to reach a level sufficient to cover any purchasing needs, without pulling from the General Fund. She stated that while the balance was currently in a growth state, they would likely see the funds used in the near future.

**Ms. Therrien** discussed the need for a dedicated Information Technology (IT) Director, rather than the current arrangement of having such duties fall to the Chief of Staff. She noted that the Mayor had included the new position in her initial budget and that the City would benefit from a dedicated IT Director. **Mayor O'Neill** confirmed that the position should be considered an important part of the budget for the reasons shared by Ms. Therrien as well as the significant risk the City faces by not having someone with the appropriate credentials to fulfill such a role.

**Ms. Sprinkle** noted that there was a line item of \$100,000 for trainees in the General Fund and that she would like to see \$25,000 of that moved to abatements. She suggested that getting properties cleaned up can actually bring in revenue in the long run.

**Ms. Sprinkle**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6331 by reducing the \$100,000 line item for account 5352 – Trainees by \$25,000 and putting that amount toward budget line item 7213 – Abatement.

**Ms. Sprinkle** explained that the Code Compliance & Abatement Specialist has a long list of properties to address and that this change would support those efforts.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6331 BY REDUCING THE \$100,000 LINE ITEM FOR ACCOUNT 5352 – TRAINEES BY \$25,000 AND PUTTING THAT AMOUNT TOWARD BUDGET LINE ITEM 7213 – ABATEMENT:

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

NAYS: None

**Mayor O'Neill** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6331, as Amended, by adding \$144,600 to FFD's budget for a new Community Paramedic.

**Ms. Therrien** asserted that the program is working well, that she is worried the lone CP will burn out, and that there was a need for a CP to be available seven days a week. She suggested that the added position would only help the community and the FFD.

**Mr. Ringstad** stated that he supported adding another CP but recounted that Chief Cocco had indicated he would try to find ways to help fund the program. He suggested the Council wait to consider the item at the next meeting in case the funding could come from another source.

**Ms. Therrien** explained that she understood Chief Cocco's comments to be related to finding funding sources for the potential clerk position. She pointed out that the Council could change the funding source for the CP position at a later time.

**Mr. Ringstad** stated he could not support the new position without an identified funding source.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated that he had not been prepared to get into budgetary details but pointed out that in 2025 the Council added 10 new positions. He claimed he had never seen another year when so many new positions were added and noted that 9 of the 10 were at the FFD—one of which was the CP. He suggested that if the Council would like to see the program expand, that it consider repurposing one of the other 8 FFD positions that were added. He reported that the FFD's budget had grown from \$7.7MM in 2023 to \$9.7MM and that no other department had grown close to that rate. He suggested that the Council had ignored the needs of other departments and that was a mistake. He stated that based on national averages for community size, the FFD is overstaffed while the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) is understaffed. **Mr. Cleworth** discussed how quickly the Council blew through the initial 2025 surplus of over \$2MM and how the City will be left with only \$700,000 in surplus funds before the year begins. He declared that the Council cannot keep adding new positions and stated that the bottom line is growing beyond what is sustainable. He asserted that his goal is to take care of the staff the City already has and be able to afford raises when that is in order. He stated that he would likely vote against a budget that includes less than a \$1MM surplus. He reminded the Council that financial forecasts with static employment levels show a budget in the red as soon as 2028.

**Mayor O'Neill** suggested that taking away one position from FFD after adding eight just one year prior felt like a bait-and-switch and did not align with the community's wishes. She discussed the importance of protecting the citizens of Fairbanks and matching the growing need for the services the CP program and FFD provide. She pointed out that the program was successful and deserved support to meet the community's needs but not at the expense of eliminating a firefighter.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated that he was not advocating for a bait-and-switch but rather to reallocate resources, citing the more-than \$2MM increase at FFD in three years. He noted that the population of the City had remained essentially unchanged since the 1980s and that the FNSB was not growing as had been suggested. He expressed concern over rapidly growing government with a stagnant population. **Mayor O'Neill** asserted that the level of government had not been sufficient for the community's needs, and the perceived growth was instead an act of rising to meet those needs.

**Mr. Ringstad** recounted that the Council is often told that the majority of FFD's calls are medical-related, which is why so many firefighters are also paramedics. He asserted that reallocating resources to balance workloads and focus on that aspect of emergency services was appropriate. He argued that if the Council is being told that the CP program is reducing calls that previously would have required an FFD response, it only makes sense to adjust staffing. **Mayor O'Neill** clarified that the suggestion would amount to firing a firefighter, whose duties were not limited to paramedic work but instead the actual fighting of fires in an emergency.

**Mr. Marney** asserted that the real issue is declining revenue. He suggested that the Council would continue with these kinds of debates forever unless the revenue problem was solved.

**Ms. Tidwell** concurred that the City needs more money to meet the identified needs. She shared that the additional CP position was at the top of her priority list. She pointed out that the Council still has a surplus, although the Council will need to be careful with 2026 budget amendments. She added that the new FFD positions were created to alleviate overtime costs and that taking a position away could harm that effort. She expressed hope that Chief Coccoaro will come back with good news regarding funding, as it is clear that adding both the CP and clerk is not affordable.

**Ms. Sprinkle** pointed out that there is \$3MM set aside for work to be completed in Island Homes.

**Ms. Therrien**, with the concurrence of the second, withdrew the motion to AMEND Ordinance No. 6331, as Amended, by adding \$144,600 to FFD's budget for a new Community Paramedic.

**Ms. Therrien** moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6331, as Amended, by adding \$158,470 to hire an IT Director. The motion died for lack of a second.

**Mr. Cleworth** noted that the budget includes \$10,000 for bank charges although the current year's actuals are only \$5,000. CFO Bell indicated that if that line item was reduced, she would prefer to reallocate the \$5,000 funds to office supplies.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6331, as Amended, by moving \$5,000 from account 5352 – Bank Charges to 5401 – Office Supplies.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6331, AS AMENDED BY MOVING \$5,000 FROM ACCOUNT 5352 – BANK CHARGES TO 5401 – OFFICE SUPPLIES AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

**Mayor O'Neill** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Ms. Therrien**, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6331, as Amended, by increasing the Police Chief's salary by \$15,000.

**Ms. Therrien** noted that the Deputy Police Chief currently makes more than the Police Chief, which she believes should not be the case. She noted that the only increase slated for the position was \$2,970 which is low compared to past years. She expressed concern that it would be a challenge to hire someone at the current salary when the Chief retires.

**Mayor O'Neill** explained that she had not approved the request for the position's increase in her initial budget as there had been a 20% increase for the position in 2025. She also noted that the deputy's salary includes a shift differential and educational components. She asserted that the nuances are important to consider when comparing the two salaries.

**Mr. Ringstad** recounted his frustration in the previous year's budget process when, after going through various contract negotiations, the Council was faced with requests for individual raises. He expressed the desire for a better system. He noted that the Mayor's budget outlined a general plan, and the Council should strive to stick to that plan, rather than entertain individual requests.

**Ms. Sprinkle** indicated that she agreed, recalling the substantial increase given the previous year.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6331, AS AMENDED, BY INCREASING THE POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY BY \$15,000 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien

NAYS: Tidwell, Ringstad, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth

**Mayor O'Neill** declared the MOTION FAILED.

**Mr. Cleworth** CALLED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

**Mayor O'Neill** called for objection to the motion to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6331, as Amended, and, hearing none, declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Ordinance No. 6332 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-119(a), Order of Business, Requiring a Land Acknowledgement at Every Regular Council Meeting. Introduced by Mayor O'Neill and Councilmembers Therrien and Tidwell.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Mr. Ringstad** stated that he had previously requested a list of all City-owned properties with respective uses, and details on any active leases. He asked to have the list by the next meeting.

**Mr. Marney** shared that the Discretionary Fund Committee would hold its presentation meeting the following evening to hear from 26 applicants seeking bed tax funds. He added that the day after that would be the distribution meeting where the committee would announce its allocations.

**Ms. Tidwell** stated that she did not have any committee reports. She expressed appreciation for all the public comments regarding Ordinance No. 6332. She discussed her incredible experience of interacting with those in the Alaska Native community and asserted that while a land acknowledgement may seem insignificant to some people, it carries great value to others.

**Ms. Sprinkle** shared that she had accepted an invitation from Mr. Marney to volunteer for a food box giveaway event and was grateful for the experience. She commented on Mayor O'Neill's report that the Borough Assembly would begin sending a representative to provide a report at City Council meetings. She asked if it would be appropriate to establish a standing invitation, through the agenda, to create the same opportunity for representatives from the local Alaska Native organizations, to further foster positive relationships.

**Ms. Therrien** thanked those who had expressed support for Ordinance No. 6332. She shared details about an upcoming local town hall with legislators who represent the community. She reported that she would be attending the Alaska Municipal League's (AML) annual conference later in the week. She stated that she approaches budget obligations with a question of what the community needs and recognized that the City almost always has leftover funds to allocate.

**Mr. Cleworth** referenced Resolution No. 5194 and recounted that a conflict regarding the project had previously been discussed. He asked if things had been resolved with the Senior Center and Moore Street Apartments. Chief of Staff Sanders confirmed that the conflict had been insignificant and explained that the concern raised had zero chance of occurring.

**Mayor O'Neill** gave additional details regarding the town hall that Ms. Therrien had referenced. She spoke of the food box event that Ms. Sprinkle had shared and thanked the many individuals who had made it possible. She shared that HopeLink, the local warming shelter, had been struggling to fill shifts, so she recently volunteered. She suggested that anyone questioning the need for a Community Paramedic or other program that serves local citizens should take a walk around town in the middle of the night or volunteer at a location that needs support, such as HopeLink. She concluded by extending sympathies to the family of Ashley Spann, who had been murdered a few weeks prior. She shared that mental health had played a role in the tragedy and encouraged everyone to remember and use the resources available locally.

### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Snider reported that she as well as the Deputy Clerk would be out of the office at various times in the coming two weeks but that she would be reachable and monitoring email.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Chard noted that with no work session the following week and a two-week window until the next meeting, Councilmembers should keep in mind the restrictions of the Alaska Open Meetings Act (OMA). He explained that although there are big issues pending, such as Ordinance No. 6332 and the 2026 budget, there are constraints with how the Council may communicate outside of public meetings. He shared that he would try to hold a work session in January to serve as a refresher on the OMA as well as other legal issues that are of importance to the Council. He added that he and the Deputy City Attorney would also be out of town for the AML Conference in the following week but that he too would be available, if needed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Mayor O'Neill** declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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MINDY O'NEALL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: CC

**ORDINANCE NO. 6333**

**AN ORDINANCE PARTIALLY RELEASING A RESTRICTIVE  
COVENANT FOR THE NOEL WIEN LIBRARY LOT**

**WHEREAS**, On December 13, 1974, the City of Fairbanks conveyed approximately 18 acres, whereupon the Noel Wien Library is situated, to the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the deed used to convey the property was recorded in the Fairbanks District of the State Recorder's Office in Book 0283 at Page 323 as instrument 401-1974-024549-0 (recorded deed attached for reference); and

**WHEREAS**, the deed included a revisionary interest whereby the City of Fairbanks has a possibility of reverter if the property ceased to be used solely for library and park purposes, facilities for organized athletics were ever constructed, or the Borough exceeded a certain portion of the total acreage allowable for library purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the restrictive covenants originally included in the December 1974 deed have been updated, most recently in the Substitute Deed dated June 12, 1996 and filed with the Fairbanks District of the State Recorder's Office in Book 0957 at Page 085 as instrument 401-1996-011059-0 (recorded deed attached for reference); and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities requires approximately 187 square feet of the property for the Cowles Street Reconstruction Project (detail attached as Exhibit A, Alaska Project 0641003); and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairbanks North Star Borough is interested in conveying the approximately 187 square foot portion of the property required to the State of Alaska for the Cowles Street Reconstruction Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairbanks General Code Sec. 70-42(b) provides that the disposition of the City's interest requires the approval of the City Council by ordinance.

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

**SECTION 1.** The restrictive covenants originally included in the December 13, 1974 deed, updated most recently in the Substitute Deed dated June 12, 1996, between the City of Fairbanks and Fairbanks North Star Borough, are released, but only to the extent necessary for the Fairbanks North Star Borough to convey the portion of property required by the State of Alaska for the described Cowles Street Reconstruction Project and for the State to complete the Project.



**SECTION 2.** The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all instruments, approved as to form by the City Attorney, necessary to execute this release.

**SECTION 3.** The effective date of this Ordinance is six days after adoption.

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**MINDY O'NEALL, Mayor**

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

DEEDS

BOOK 283 PAGE 323  
Fairbanks Recording Dist.

QUITCLAIM DEED

This indenture made this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1974,  
between the CITY OF FAIRBANKS, a municipal corporation of  
the State of Alaska, Grantor, and

The FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH,  
a municipal corporation of the  
State of Alaska, Grantee,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, an ordinance authorizing and directing  
the conveyance of the land hereinafter described, subject to  
the conditions hereinafter stated, was duly initiated in  
accordance with Article XII of the Home Rule Charter of the  
City of Fairbanks, and duly enacted at the annual general  
election held in the City of Fairbanks on October 8, 1974.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grantor does hereby convey and  
quitclaim to Grantee all interest which it has in the following  
described real estate:

A parcel of land situated within the SW  
1/4 of Section 10, T1S, R1W, F.M., which  
is bound by Ninth Avenue and Smythe Street  
on the north, Barnette School and property  
owned by Green Construction Company on  
the east, Wien Park and Airport Way on the  
South, and Cowles Street on the west,  
containing eighteen (18) acres, more or  
less, also known as tax lot 30 and tax  
lot 22 of U.S. Survey 438 of the original  
townsite of Fairbanks, Alaska, and also  
known as east Weeks Field,

SUBJECT TO the following conditions, the breach of any of  
which shall cause the property automatically to revert to  
the Grantor without further action on the part of the  
Grantor:

- a) The property shall be used solely for park and  
library purposes;
- b) No facilities for organized athletics, such as  
football, baseball, or track and field, et cetera shall be  
constructed on the property;

c) No more than two (2) acres shall be used for library purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Fairbanks has on  
the date first written above executed this deed and affixed  
its corporate seal.

CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

(SEAL)

~~HAROLD GILLAM, Mayor~~

**ATTEST:**

KATHLEEN I. DAY, City Clerk

STATE OF ALASKA )  
 ) ss.  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT )

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1974, before me, ROBERT R. WOLTING, a notary public in and for the State of Alaska, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared HAROLD GILLAM, known to me to be the Mayor, and KATHLEEN I. DAY, known to me to be the City Clerk of the City of Fairbanks, the corporation that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate  
first above written.

Notary Public in and for the  
State of Alaska. My commission  
expires 12 14 77

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

FRANCIS van T. KERNAN City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

W. C. DROZ / City Manager

OFFICE OF THE  
CITY ATTORNEY  
P.O. BOX 790  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
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907-455-8124

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**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**SUBSTITUTE DEED**

THIS INDENTURE made and entered into this 12 day of JUNE 1996 between the CITY OF FAIRBANKS, a municipal corporation of the State of Alaska, with address of 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, hereinafter called Grantor, and Fairbanks North Star Borough, a municipal corporation of the State of Alaska, with address of 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, hereinafter called Grantee.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 5242 authorized and directed the conveyance of the property described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grantor, for and in consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby quitclaim and convey without warranty to Grantee the following described property.

A parcel of land situated within the SW ¼ of Section 10, T.1S., R.1W., F.M., which is bounded by Ninth Avenue and Smythe Street on the north, Barnette School and property owned by Green Construction Company on the east, Wien Park and Airport Way on the south, and Cowles Street on the west, containing eighteen (18) acres, more or less, also known as Tax Lot 30 and Tax Lot 22 of U.S Survey 438 of the original Townsite of Fairbanks, Alaska, and also known as east Weeks Field, Fourth Judicial District, Fairbanks Recording District, State of Alaska.

SUBJECT TO to the following conditions, the breach of any of which shall cause the property to automatically revert to the Grantor without further action on the part of the Grantor:

- (a) The property shall be used solely for park and library purposes;
- (b) No facilities for organized athletics, such as football, baseball or track and field et cetera shall be constructed on the property;
- (c) No more than **nine (9)** acres shall be used for library purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has on the date first written above executed this deed and affixed its corporate seal.

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**

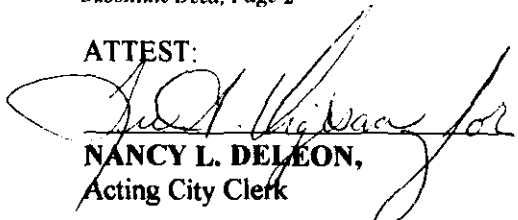
  
JAMES C. HAYES, Mayor

(CITY SEAL)

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Substitute Deed, Page 2

ATTEST:

  
NANCY L. DELEON,  
Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

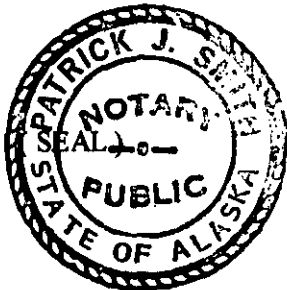
  
HERB KUSS, City Attorney


ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Alaska                     )  
  ) ss  
Fourth Judicial District         )

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this 12 day of JUNE 1996, before me, the undersigned, a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Alaska, duly commissioned and sworn as such, personally appeared **James C. Hayes**, known to me to be the Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and **Nancy L. Deleon**, known to me to be the City Clerk of the City of Fairbanks, the municipal corporation named in the foregoing instrument, and that they acknowledged before me that they executed the same for and on behalf of said municipal corporation and under authority of said municipal corporation so granted by the Fairbanks City Council as the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year above written.



  
NOTARY PUBLIC: Patrick J. Smith  
Commission Expires: 04/16/97

After Recording Return To:

Patrick Smith  
Right of Way Section  
City of Fairbanks  
800 Cushman Street  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701-4615

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FAIRBANKS REC. DISTRICT  
REQUESTED BY ENSB

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND PARCEL PLAT FOR**  
**PARCEL 2**

**ALASKA PROJECT 0641003/NFHWY00126**  
**COWLES STREET RECONSTRUCTION**



**ALASKA DOT&PF**  
**NORTHERN REGION**  
**2301 PEGER ROAD**  
**FAIRBANKS, AK**  
**99709 (907)-451-5400**

## **Parcel 2**

A portion of Lot 30, Weeks Field East, described in the Deed filed May 3rd, 1985 in Book 429, Page 978, Fairbanks Recording District, Fourth Judicial District, State of Alaska; and as shown in the unrecorded survey Weeks Field East (doc. No. C5088), held in City of Fairbanks archives, surveyed by the City of Fairbanks in 1968; known as Parcel No. 2 of Alaska Project No. 0641003/NFHWY00126 and more particularly described as follows:

**COMMENCING** at a point on the Easterly right of way of Cowles Street perpendicular to Station 29+21.50 of Alignment "L1" of the alignment depicted in ADOT & PF project Cowles Street Reconstruction (0641003/NFHWY00126) a distance of 30.02 feet to the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**;

**THENCE** N 32°13'12" E a distance of 41.52 feet to a point; to Station: 29+63.59, Offset: 35.82' Right.

**THENCE** N 24°33'39" E a distance of 36.56 feet to a point on the existing Easterly right of way of Cowles Street; to Station: 30+01.08, Offset: 35.03' Right.

**THENCE** Southerly along the existing ROW line of Cowles Street through a curve to the left with a chord that bears S 26°30'10" W and a chord length of 3.34 feet. having a radius of 1375.00 feet, a central angle of 0°08'21", an arc length of 3.34 feet; to Station: 29+97.66, Offset: 35.03' Right.

**THENCE** Southerly along the existing ROW line of Cowles Street S 31°41'30" W a distance of 46.19 feet; to Station: 29+50.66, Offset: 30.03' Right.

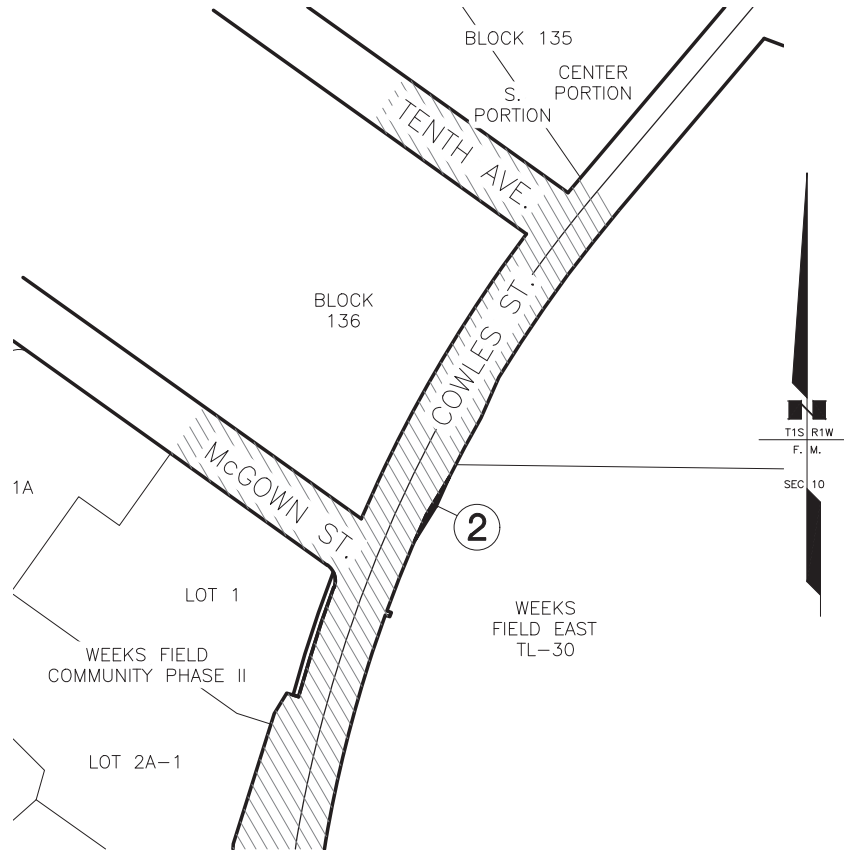
**THENCE** along the existing ROW line of Cowles Street through a curve to the left with a chord that bears S 23°55'51" W and a chord length of 28.53 feet. having a radius of 1380.00 feet, a central angle of 1°11'05", an arc length of 28.54 feet, and the **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**.

Containing 187 Square Feet, more or less.

## **EXHIBIT A**

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
&  
PUBLIC FACILITIES

RIGHT OF WAY MAP  
0641003/NFHWY00126  
COWLES STREET RECONSTRUCTION



STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

RIGHT OF WAY REQUIRED FOR  
COWLES STREET RECONSTRUCTION

**EXHIBIT A**

DRAWING

PROJECT NO. 0641003/NFHWY00126

AREA 187 S.F. PARCEL NO. 2

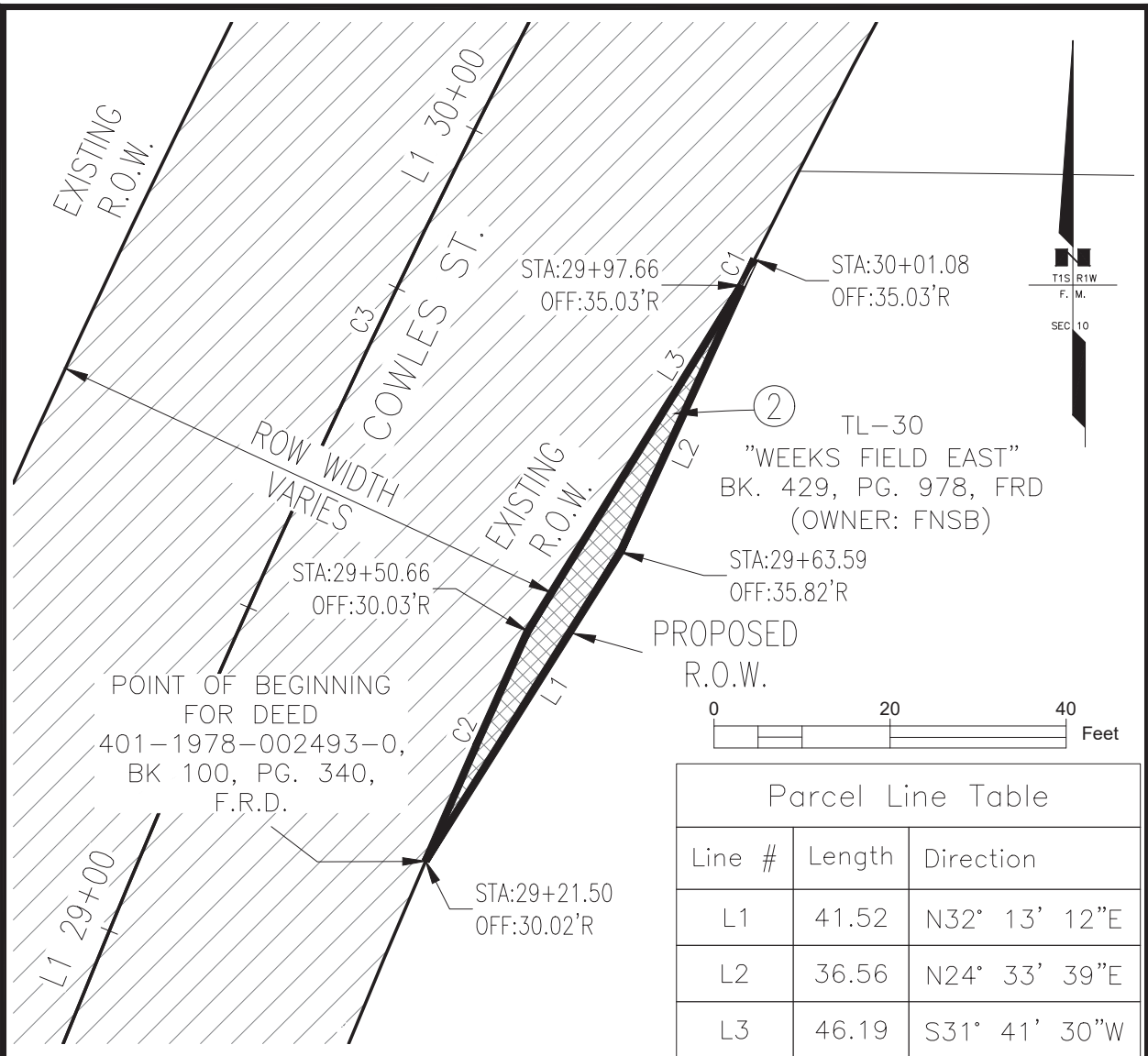
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SCALE 1" = 200' DATE 01/18/21



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Curve Table				
CURVE NO.	RADIUS	DELTA	LENGTH	CHORD BEARING
C1	1375.00	0°08'21"	3.34	S26° 30' 10"W
C2	1380.00	1°11'05"	28.54	S23° 55' 51"W
C3	1410.00	39°28'26"	971.42	S20° 26' 46"W

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES		RIGHT OF WAY REQUIRED FOR COWLES STREET RECONSTRUCTION	
<b>EXHIBIT A</b>		DRAWING	PROJECT NO. <u>641003/NFHWY00126</u>
		2 OF 2	AREA <u>187</u> S.F. PARCEL NO. <u>2</u>
INITIAL	DATE	SCALE <u>1" = 20'</u>	DATE <u>1/18/21</u>

**ORDINANCE NO. 6334**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 2-119(a),  
ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDING A SET TIME DURING THE SECOND COUNCIL  
MEETING OF EACH MONTH FOR RECEIVING A REPORT FROM LEADERSHIP  
IN OUR COMMUNITY INCLUDING DENAKKANAAGA, FAIRBANKS NATIVE  
ASSOCIATION, TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, DOYON, OR OTHER  
DESIGNATED GROUPS**

**WHEREAS**, it would be extremely beneficial for both the City of Fairbanks and leadership from the local Native community to have an ongoing dialogue covering issues that impact both entities; and

**WHEREAS**, a set meeting time each month at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting established for presentations, reports, and identifying potential problems and successes would be desirable.

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

**Section 1.** Fairbanks General Code at Section 2-119(a) is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

**Sec. 2-119. - Order of business; citizens addressing city council.**

- (a) At every regular meeting of the city council, the order of business shall be as follows:
  - (1) Roll call.
  - (2) Land Acknowledgment: We respectfully acknowledge the Dena people upon whose traditional lands we reside. We honor the Dena who have been the stewards of Interior lands and waters for centuries, the Elders who lived here before, the Dena people of today, and future generations to come. We also recognize that Alaskan Native people would traditionally gather here and harvest Native foods.
  - (3) Invocation.
  - (4) Flag salutation.
  - (5) Ceremonial matters (proclamations, introductions, recognitions, and awards).

- (6) Citizens' comments (oral communications to the city council on items not up for public hearing). The comment period will not exceed a total of one hour unless extended by a council vote.
- (7) 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.
- (8) Approval of minutes of previous meetings.
- (9) Special orders.

**(10) Report from Fairbanks Native organizations (second meeting of each month only)**

- ~~(40~~**11**) Mayor's comments and report.
- ~~(44~~**12**) Council members' comments.
- ~~(42~~**13**) Unfinished business.
- ~~(43~~**14**) New business.
- ~~(44~~**15**) Written communication to the city council.
- ~~(45~~**16**) Committee reports and council members' comments.
- ~~(46~~**17**) City clerk's report.
- ~~(47~~**18**) City attorney's report.
- ~~(48~~**19**) Executive session (if necessary).
- ~~(49~~**20**) Adjournment.

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**Section 2.** The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

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**Mindy O'Neill, City Mayor**

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. 5195**

**A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FROM  
THE ROOM RENTAL TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR  
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000.00)**

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of discretionary funds from the room rental tax for the FY2026 budget is four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor appointed a committee to review grant applications from organizations to determine how and to whom these funds should be distributed; and

**WHEREAS**, although most proposals were laudable and had merit, there is only a limited amount of funds available; and

**WHEREAS**, after due deliberation the Discretionary Fund Committee is bringing forth this recommendation for City Council consideration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, that:

**Section 1.** The following named recipients are hereby allocated the total sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) as follows:

	<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Award</b>
1	Fairbanks Youth Litter Patrol, Inc.	\$ 13,833.00
2	Alaska Songbird Institute	\$ 9,192.00
3	Alaska International Senior Games, Inc.	\$ 15,000.00
4	Tanana Yukon Historical Society	\$ 10,340.00
5	Pioneer Memorial Park, Inc. dba Fairbanks Pioneer Museum	\$ 16,000.00
6	World I.C.E. Art Championships dba Ice Alaska	\$ 28,877.00
7	Fairbanks Community Band	\$ 11,167.00
8	Georgeson Botanical Garden Friends	\$ 13,417.00
9	Alaska Dog Mushers Association	\$ 20,167.00
10	Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks	\$ 12,167.00
11	Colt Steel Pan Orchestra	\$ 3,067.00
12	Friends of Creamer's Field	\$ 14,750.00

	<b>Name of Organization (continued)</b>	<b>Award</b>
13	Fairbanks Children's Museum	\$ 13,917.00
14	Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce	\$ 15,417.00
15	Clay Street Cemetery (Commission)	\$ 11,876.00
16	Festival Fairbanks	\$ 24,833.00
17	Downtown Association of Fairbanks Community Services	\$ 11,048.00
18	Literacy Council of Alaska	\$ 9,481.00
19	Fairbanks Community Museum	\$ 18,667.00
20	Fairbanks Curling Club	\$ 13,500.00
21	Alaska Goldpanner Baseball, Inc.	\$ 27,167.00
22	The World Eskimo-Indian Olympics	\$ 23,333.00
23	Fairbanks Arts Association	\$ 43,701.00
24	UA Museum of the North	\$ 7,288.00
25	Golden Heart Consulting	\$ 4,879.00
26	Museums Alaska	\$ 6,916.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 400,000.00</b>

**Section 2.** The effective date of this resolution is six days after adoption.

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**Mindy O'Neill, City 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: 5195

Abbreviated Title: RESOLUTION ALLOCATING DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR 2026

Department(s): GENERAL

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:**

<b>PROJECTS:</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ROOM RENTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
GENERAL FUND [GENERAL ACCOUNT]	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

This fiscal note reflects that the room rental distribution for discretionary grants in the amount of \$400,000 was appropriated in the 2026 budget in accordance with Fairbanks General Code 74-117 (b)(3).

Prepared by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 1/6/2026

## **RESOLUTION NO. 5196**

### **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FAIRBANKS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FEDC) OBJECTIVES**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 6250, adopted by the Council on June 26, 2023, changed the room rental tax allocations in Fairbanks General Code Chapter 74 allocation to the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) from \$100,000 to \$150,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 5153, approved by the Council on January 13, 2025, supported FEDC application to become the official Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) for the Interior Region of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, FEDC was officially recorded as the ARDOR on December 6, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairbanks provides room rental tax for the primary purpose of funding services for the promotion of the tourist industry and other economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council would like to expand economic development from private industries beyond the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Council's intent to state the objectives for the allocation to FEDC.

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

**Section 1.** That FEDC will use the funds to achieve the following objectives:

- a. Update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) report by June 2026.
- b. Finalize the Housing Action Plan with status updates on tasks and rank of potential costs to implement in coordination with University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) by July 2026.
- c. Identify \$2.0 million in regional development grants for Fairbanks, identify a grant review committee, and prepare report of grant timelines by August 2026.



**Section 2.** That FEDC will provide quarterly updates at Council meetings and the progress and accomplishment of the goals and objectives in a report by September 1, 2026.

**Section 3.** That the effective date of this resolution is six days after adoption.

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**Mindy O'Neall, Mayor**

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Sponsored by: Councilmember Ringstad\*  
Councilmember Marney\*  
Councilmember Tidwell  
\*indicates original sponsor  
Introduced: January 12, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 5197**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE PREFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL  
AGAINST REMOTE WORK AND TELECOMMUTING**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairbanks currently has approximately 200 employees, each earning a competitive wage with good benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to encourage those employees to live in Fairbanks, to experience first-hand what community members experience, and to spend their earnings here at home; and

**WHEREAS**, the City should have policies that encourage opportunities for employment and promotion for local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, health and safety, wage and hour, tax, and other state and local laws and regulations governing employees depend on where the employee is working, not where the employer is located; and

**WHEREAS**, managing all the compliance issues becomes even more burdensome when multiple employees are working remotely in different jurisdictions.

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

**SECTION 1.** It is the general policy preference of the City of Fairbanks to discourage out-of-state, long-term, remote work of its employees.

**SECTION 2.** To the extent possible, the administration is encouraged to incorporate this policy preference into practice.

**SECTION 3.** The effective date of this resolution is six days after adoption.

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**Mindy O'Neill, Mayor**

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Sponsored by: Councilmember Ringstad\*  
Councilmember Marney\*  
Councilmember Tidwell  
\*indicates original sponsor  
Introduced: January 12, 2025  
Proposed Substitute Sponsored by:  
Councilmember Tidwell

**RESOLUTION NO. 5197, AS AMENDED  
(PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE)**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE PREFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL  
AGAINST REMOTE WORK AND TELECOMMUTING**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairbanks currently has approximately 200 employees, each earning a competitive wage with good benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to encourage those employees to live in Fairbanks, to experience first-hand what community members experience, and to spend their earnings here at home; and

**WHEREAS**, the City should have policies that encourage opportunities for employment and promotion for local residents; and

**WHEREAS, the current City of Fairbanks Remote Work Policy allows for extended remote work arrangements with executive approval and does not require routine reporting to the City Council regarding the scope or duration of such arrangements; and**

**WHEREAS**, health and safety, wage and hour, tax, and other state and local laws and regulations governing employees depend on where the employee is working, not where the employer is located; and

**WHEREAS**, managing all the compliance issues becomes even more burdensome when multiple employees are working remotely in different jurisdictions.

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

~~**SECTION 1.** It is the general policy preference of the City of Fairbanks to discourage out-of-state, long-term, remote work of its employees.~~

**SECTION 1. It is the policy preference of the City Council that extended or indefinite remote work arrangements be used sparingly, be structured with clear duration and review periods, and be approved only when consistent with operational needs, workforce availability, and the long-term interests of the City of Fairbanks.**

~~**SECTION 2.** To the extent possible, the administration is encouraged to incorporate this policy preference into practice.~~

**SECTION 2. The City Council encourages the administration to ensure that remote work arrangements are implemented in a manner that is consistent, equitable, and transparent, and that supports effective service delivery and the City's role as a Fairbanks-based employer.**

**SECTION 3. The administration shall provide an annual report to the City Council summarizing remote work arrangements City-wide, including:**

- 1. The number of employees approved for remote work;**
- 2. General duration categories of those arrangements; and**
- 3. The operational rationale for approving extended remote work.**

**SECTION 4. This resolution is intended to guide future administrative practice and policy development and does not alter or invalidate any existing remote work agreements.**

**SECTION 35.** The effective date of this resolution is six days after adoption.

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**Mindy O'Neill, Mayor**

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

**ORDINANCE NO. 6335**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SECTION 2-653,  
CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF EXCESS EXPENDITURES**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council develop an annual budget that provides for general and capital expenses with available revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's budget is approved by an ordinance that requires at least two readings and must provide an opportunity for public testimony; and

**WHEREAS**, any amendments to the City's budget must also be by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairbanks General Code currently allows for an appropriation by resolution under Sec. 2-149; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike an ordinance that requires two readings, a resolution can be adopted after only one reading per Fairbanks General Code Sec. 2-147(b) and does not require an opportunity for public testimony; and

**WHEREAS**, there are specific circumstances that may call for an appropriation by resolution, however it is generally preferable to appropriate funds using an ordinance so the public has more notice and better opportunity for public testimony.

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

**Section 1.** Fairbanks General Code Sec. 2-653 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

**Sec. 2-653. - City council approval of excess expenditures.**

**(a)** ~~The director of finance~~ **chief financial officer** shall not permit without city council approval **by ordinance**, ~~during any budget year, unless expressly provided for in Charter or Code~~ **otherwise**, any expenditure or contract or incurring of any liability, ~~in excess of the amount appropriated for each department, except that~~

**(b)** ~~The director of finance~~ **chief financial officer** is authorized to accept grants of restricted funds from asset forfeiture programs without city council preapproval so long as there is no financial obligation placed upon the city. ~~Examples of such grants are asset forfeiture proceeds under state, federal or local law.~~ The proceeds of such grants shall **must** be held in a trust account and not be included in the general fund. The mayor is authorized to expend such grant funds in accord with the restrictions placed upon the grant without an appropriating

ordinance. An annual report of all such receipts and expenditures shall be made by the ~~director of finance~~ **chief financial officer** to the mayor and city council in January of each subsequent year.

**Section 2.** The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

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**Mindy O'Neall, City Mayor**

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

**ORDINANCE NO. 6336**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE SEC. 74-117,  
ROOM RENTAL TAX PURPOSE AND LIMITATION, BY REMOVING TERM  
LIMITS FOR DISCRETIONARY FUND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, Fairbanks General Code Sec. 74-117(g)(2) provides for the make up of the Discretionary Fund Committee, including terms and term limits; and

**WHEREAS**, term limits do not exist for other City boards or commissions.

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

**SECTION 1.** Fairbanks General Code Sec. 774-117(g) is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underlined** font; deleted text in ~~striketrough~~ font]:

**Sec. 74-117. Room rental tax purpose and limitation.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(g) The city council establishes the following criteria and process for discretionary grants.

(1) The primary purpose of discretionary grants is the promotion of the tourism industry and other economic development in the City of Fairbanks. Discretionary grants cannot support the following:

- a. Loans, deficits, or debt reduction.
- b. Endowments.
- c. Scholarships.
- d. Health and social services activities.

(2) A discretionary fund committee will be composed of five community members and a council person, who will function as the chair, all appointed by the mayor. The members of the committee will serve three-year terms ~~with a limit of two consecutive full terms~~. Unless appointed to fill a vacancy, terms begin July 1 and expire June 30.

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

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**Mindy O'Neall, Mayor**



AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

**ORDINANCE NO. 6337**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE  
SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CITY BENEFITTING TANANA VALLEY STATE  
FAIR ASSOCIATION IN EXCHANGE FOR A SNOW STORAGE SITE**

**WHEREAS**, the City has an interest in expeditiously removing snow in the most cost-efficient manner from city streets in or about the Aurora and Johnson housing subdivisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tanana Valley State Fair Association (TVSFA) has available space at its nearby fairground property on which the City may store snow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and TVSFA have determined it is in the best interests of each to provide mutual assistance to the other for snow storage on fairground property by the City in exchange for the City performing related snow removal, providing certain improvement services, and removing any trash caused by and remaining after the City's snow removal activities upon TVSFA's fairground property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns and maintains equipment and retains personnel able to store snow and provide various levels of improvement services; and

**WHEREAS**, FGC 2-656 requires the Council's express approval by ordinance for any city service provided to any entity outside the political boundaries of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, TVSFA's fairground, where the envisioned activities will be conducted, is located on College Road, outside the city's boundaries.

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

**Section 1.** The Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Tanana Valley State Fair Association for certain services, to be identified by the Mayor and Director of Public Works, in exchange for the City's use of the fairground property for snow storage.

**Section 2.** This ordinance expressly provides the authority to the Mayor necessary to satisfy FGC 2-656 to enter into like agreements on an annual basis at the Mayor's discretion until such time that the authority is revoked by resolution of the City Council.

**Section 3.** The cost of the services, along with any proceeds, called for in the agreement will be included in Public Works' annual operating budget.

**Section 4.** The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

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**Mindy O'Neill, Mayor**

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

**I. REQUEST:**

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6337

Abbreviated Title: ORD ATHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR SNOW SITE

Department(s): PUBLIC WORKS

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:**

EXPENDITURES:	2026	TOTAL
PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

FUNDING SOURCE:	2026	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND [PUBLIC WORKS]	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Public Works will provide services to Tanana Valley State Fair Association in exchange for snow storage. The operations and maintenance costs associated with this agreement will be performed by Public Works with annual general fund budget, and the estimated cost is \$12,000.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial mb

Date 1/6/2026

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
Historic Preservation Commission  
September 2, 2025  
5:30 p.m.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, September 2, 2025, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**B. ROLL CALL**

There were present:

Martin Gutoski	Amy Viltrakis
John Poirrier (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)	Joshua Reuther
Patricia Peirsol, Vice-Chair	Matthew Reckard, Chair

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Melissa Kellner, Community Planning Deputy Director  
Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III  
Aurora Marhenke, Assistant Clerk I

Absent and Excused

NONE

**C. MESSAGES**

C.1. Citizens' Comments - limited to three (3) minutes

C.1.a. Agenda items not scheduled for public hearing

NONE

C.1.b. Items other than those appearing on the agenda

NONE

## **MESSAGES – continued**

### **C.2. Disclosure and Statement of Conflict of Interest**

Commissioner Reuther disclosed a potential conflict of interest on Item G.2. due to reviewing the Chena River area vegetation from the museum standpoint. Chair Reckard ruled that a conflict did not exist.

## **D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of consent agenda passes all routine items indicated by asterisk (\*) on the agenda. Consent agenda items are not considered separately unless any commission member or citizen so requests. In the event of such a request, the item is returned to the general agenda.

PEIRSOL,  
Seconded by GUTOSKI

moved to approve the agenda and the  
consent agenda as read.

**VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.**

Yeses: Viltrakis, Gutoski, Reuther, Peirsol,  
Reckard

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 5 Yeses, 0 Noes

## **E. MINUTES**

E.1. \*Special Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes from April 2, 2025.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

E.2. \*Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes from June 3, 2025.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

E.3. \*Special Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes from July 25, 2025.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

E.4. \*Special Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes from August 13, 2025.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

## **F. REPORTS**

- F.1. Report from Melissa Kellner, Community Planning Deputy Director, and Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III.

Melissa Kellner, Community Planning Deputy Director, and Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III, reported on the following:

- Certified Local Government program.
- Office of History and Archaeology updates.
- Commissioner terms expiring and applications for reapplying.
- Lathrop Pedestrian Overcrossing Bridge Project updates.
- National Register of Historic Places listings.
- America250 and Alaska's Week of Dreams national celebration plans.
- Alaska Cultural Resource Program annual report.

- F.2. Update from Public Works staff on the S.S. Nenana.

Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III, and Chair Reckard provided an update on maintenance completed during the summer, construction plans and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- F.3. Report from Chair Reckard.

Chair Reckard reported on the following:

- Recent meeting with Mayor Hopkins and Tom Hewitt, Special Assistant to the Mayor regarding projects for the Commission to work on and a tour of the S.S. Nenana.
- City of Fairbanks tax incentive programs for new construction and renovations.
- Fairbanks Neighborhood Housing Services rehabilitation program.
- Stamp mill preservation and documentation around the Borough.

- F.4. Report from Commissioner Poirrier on participation with the Cultural Resource Program at Eielson Air Force Base (AFB) to develop a new Programmatic Agreement (PA) between the Department of the Air Force (DAF) Eielson AFB, the State of Alaska Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO), the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation (ACHP), and consulting Federally Recognized Tribes for the ongoing maintenance of Eielson's historic buildings and a streamlined approach to National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 review.

Brooks Lawler, 354th Fighter Wing of Eielson Air Force Base Civil Engineer Squadron Representative, reported on the finalization process, extending the comment period and communication with Federally Recognized Tribes.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

- G.1. Presentation by Brooks Lawler, 354th Fighter Wing of Eielson Air Force Base Civil Engineer Squadron Representative, on the Section 106 Project Brief regarding Quarry Hill Consolidation; a request from the United States Air Force 354th Fighter Wing at Eielson Air Force Base proposing a consolidation of munition storage across the installation which will include demolition of facilities located within a Historic District, to include a discussion and potential recommendations.

Brooks Lawler, 354th Fighter Wing of Eielson Air Force Base Civil Engineer Squadron Representative, and Joshua Millard, Fighter Wing Historian for Eielson Air Force Base, presented on the following:

- Grants and funding.
- Cooperation with Federally Recognized Tribes.
- Environmental assessment.
- Cultural Resources Survey for Quarry Hill Consolidation New Construction.
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to resolve adverse effects.
- Monitoring plan for ground disturbing work.
- Review of archaeological sites.
- Revaluation of eligibility on Building 6163.
- Process moving forward before demolition of facilities.

Discussion ensued on the Commission's appreciation of being given the opportunity to participate in this discussion. No action was taken.

- G.2. Review and potential recommendations regarding Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation Letters.

Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III, presented on a letter regarding the proposed vegetation removal at the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project Area and how it would not have adverse effects on historic properties.

No discussion ensued and no action was taken.

- G.3. Review and potential recommendations regarding Alaska Historic Preservation Act Consultation Letters.

Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III, stated that no letters had been received for review and/or a recommendation from the Commission.



## **NEW BUSINESS – continued**

- G.4. Discussion with Community Planning Staff on Certified Local Government Program pre-development grants to include possible recommendations.

Kayde Whiteside, Long Range-Range Planner III, and Melissa Kellner, Community Planning Deputy Director, presented information on Certified Local Government Program grant application deadlines and funding being uncertain and there are no updates.

Discussion ensued on future ideas for grants, funding and projects.

- G.5. Discussion and potential recommendations regarding the Polaris Building Demolition Memorandum of Agreement and required deliverables.

Kayde Whiteside, Long Range-Planner III, presented on the Polaris Pamphlet Suggested Distribution List.

Discussion ensued on adding the Fairbanks Daily News Miner to the list.

## **H. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

Commissioner Viltrakis will be unavailable to attend the December 2, 2025 meeting.

## **I. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

APPROVED: December 2, 2025.



**BOARD OF PLUMBER EXAMINERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, September 16, 2025  
HELD IN FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**



The Board of Plumber Examiners convened at noon on the above date, to conduct a meeting in the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with the following members in attendance:

Members Present:                    JT McComas-Roe, Seat A  
   Aaron Mabee, Seat B  
   Vacant, Seat C  
   Dan Portwine, Seat D  
   Kraig Hogenson, Seat E  
   Christoph Falke, Ex-Officio

Absent:                                    None

Also Present:                           Michael Davis, Constantinos Nafpliotis, and Royce Eagle

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Member Dan Portwine**, seconded by **Member Aaron Mabee**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda.

**Chair Kraig Hogenson** called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Royce Eagle made a few brief comments. Mr. Eagle asked if the Board had any questions regarding his lawsuit. The Board was not aware of his lawsuit and did not have any questions. Mr. Eagle then left the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

We reviewed the composition of the Board. The Board Seat assignments will be adjusted as needed to meet the new requirements of each seat.

JT McComas-Roe will move from Seat A to Seat C because he does not now live in the city.

Dan Portwine has Seat D. His term expires at the end of the year. He will not renew his membership.

Christoph Falke will submit Michael Davis to the Seat A vacancy as a city resident.

Constantinos Nafpliotis will be submitted to fill the Seat D vacancy created when Dan Portwine retires.


**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The Board will review the existing Exam B and verify the exam questions as being sound and applicable to our current amendments.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair** Kraig Hogenson declared the meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm.

 12-16-25  
Kraig Hogenson, Chair



CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – December 3, 2025  
HELD VIA ZOOM WEBINAR AND  
IN FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The Clay Street Cemetery Commission convened at 5:03 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, and via teleconference, with **Chair Aldean Kilbourn** presiding and the following Commission members in attendance:

Members Present: George Dalton, Seat A  
Jessica Desmond, Seat B  
Aldean Kilbourn, Seat C  
Janet Richardson, Seat D (remotely)  
Julie Jones, Seat E  
Jeremiah Cotter, Public Works Director (remotely)

Absent: Amy Stratman, Seat G  
Karen Erickson, Seat F

Also Present: Colt Chase, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2025

**J. Jones**, seconded by **G. Dalton**, moved to APPROVE the November 5, 2025 minutes.

**Chair Kilbourn** took a voice vote on the motion to APPROVE the November 5, 2025 minutes and all members voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**J. Jones**, seconded by **J. Desmond**, moved to APPROVE the agenda.

**Chair Kilbourn** took a voice vote on the motion to APPROVE the agenda and all members voted in favor.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** – None

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – None

a) Letter from Dr. Robert A. Perkins, PE – Bender Mountain and the Life of James M. Bender

The Commission discussed an email received from a Dr. Robert A. Perkins, PE, which stated:

*“A few months ago, I heard a great lunch hour talk about the cemetery. I told the speaker, whose name slips me, about a paper I was writing about one of pioneers interred in Clay*

*Street Cemetery. She encouraged me to send a copy of the paper to the Cemetery. It's taken a while, but it is attached."*

The Commission reviewed the paper and discussed its contents.

#### **EVENTS & PUBLIC RELATIONS** – None

#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Chair Kilbourn** referenced the financial report and noted the current account balance of \$2,279.89.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### a) Cemetery Rack Card Redesign

Deputy Clerk Colt Chase shared design drafts on the overhead screen in the meeting room and via Zoom.

**J. Jones** expressed appreciation for J. Desmond's work to jumpstart the project.

**J. Desmond** noted that the minutes for the past month's meeting reported a decision to not include a hashtag for the cemetery and advocated that the decision be reconsidered. She provided examples of effective uses of hashtags to increase search results and the potential reach of social media. Discussion ensued regarding the use of hashtags, what demographics do and do not utilize them, and the overall intent to drive visitors to the Find-a-Grave website. A consensus was reached to include the hashtag #claystreetcemetery within the updated rack card and the appropriate size and placement for such.

DC Chase reviewed the details of various design drafts which had been produced based on their discussion during the November meeting. Commission members provided input on numerous design aspects that they were in favor of as well as those they would like to see changed.

**Chair Kilbourn** discussed getting the cards printed after DC Chase completed the requested edits.

##### b) Quiring Monuments Order

**J. Jones** shared that J. Richardson had sent her 21 names which were submitted to Quiring and that the order was already prepaid and underway.

**Chair Kilbourn** asked if she had inquired about the jump in shipping via the "crating fee" that had appeared on the last invoice. **J. Jones** stated that she had not but would inquire on the matter.

##### c) Bed Tax Grant

**J. Jones** shared that they would be receiving \$11,876 in 2026, which was slightly higher than the \$11,712 received in 2025. She noted that the City Council would still have to approve the proposal disbursements for all entities in January but assured them that changes at that stage were rare. She noted that one grant recipient, Museums Alaska, was an Anchorage-based museum group that was planning an event in

Fairbanks as part of the United States Semiquincentennial celebrations in 2026. Discussion occurred regarding the overall grant program, including why some entities listed were disqualified for the current year or had not received anything in the previous year.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**OPEN AGENDA** – None

**NEXT MEETING DATES** – January 7, 2026

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Kilbourn** declared the meeting ADJOURNED at 5:35 p.m.

  
Aldean Kilbourn, Chair

  
Colt Chase, CMC, Deputy City Clerk


Transcribed by: CC



Mindy O'Neill, Mayor

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## MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members  
From: Mindy O'Neill, City Mayor   
Subject: Request for Concurrence – Board of Plumber Examiners  
Date: January 8, 2026

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There is a vacancy in Seat D on the Board of Plumber Examiners caused by a recent member resignation.

Constantinos Nafpliotis has applied to serve on the Board and meets the required qualification for the seat as a Master Plumber. I hereby request your concurrence to the following appointment:

Mr. Constantinos Nafpliotis      Seat D      Term to expire: June 30, 2026

Mr. Nafpliotis's application and resume are attached.

Thank you.





**CITY OF FAIRBANKS**  
**Office of the City Clerk**  
**800 Cushman Street**  
**Fairbanks, Alaska 99701**  
**Ph 907-459-6774 | Fax 907-459-6710**  
**cityclerk@fairbanks.us**

Please complete this form and submit it to the City Clerk's Office.

## **CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM**

*Please note that profile information may be available to the public.*

First Name Constantinos "Dino" Last Name Nafpliotis Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address [REDACTED]

Board/Committee Board of Plumber Examiners

Phone Number [REDACTED] Alternate Number [REDACTED]

Residence Address [REDACTED]

City Fairbanks State Ak Zip Code 99709

Mailing Address [REDACTED]

City Fairbanks State Ak Zip Code 99709

Employer (if applicable) Patrick Mechanical LLC, Job Title Vice President

**Interests & Experiences** - Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? What life experience can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?

I've lived and worked in Alaska most of my life, and I care deeply about our communities. I want to serve on this board as a way to give back and have an opportunity to quorum with other experienced plumbers. My leadership and project experience have taught me how to listen and get things done, and I believe those skills would be a benefit to the board.

### **Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume)**

Resume Attached

### **Professional Licenses/Training**

State of Alaska Mechanical Administrator, City of Fairbanks Master Plumber,  
ASSE Medgas Installer, ASSE Backflow Testing



## Duties

- Project Manager
- Equipment / Material Procurement
- Scheduling
- Ensuring Safety Compliance
- Job Budgets
- Purchasing
- Manpower
- Design Build Assist
- Coordination with other trades

## Contact

- (907) 452-3334 (office)
- (480) 689-6990 (cell)
- dinon@patrickmechanical.com
- Fairbanks, Ak

## Education

- Olean Highschool (New York)
- Local 375 Apprenticeship
- Advanced CAD Certificate (UAF)
- Business Analytics Certificate (Harvard Business School Online)

## Licenses & Qualifications

- 17 Years in the field as Plumber Pipefitter
- 8 Years Project Manager
- Medical Gas Certification
- Alaska Licensed Plumber
- Mechanical Administrator
- Master Plumber License
- Backflow Prevention Certified

# Constantinos “Dino” Nafpliotis

**POSITION: Vice President**

**ROLES: Project Management, Procurement, Design Assistance**

Started working out of Local 375 on the North Slope in 2001. First worked for Patrick Mechanical in 2004. Over the last 20+ years he has worked for PMI as an apprentice, a journeyman, foreman, junior project manager, project manager, and vice president. Worked on some of the largest mechanical vertical construction projects and utilidors in the interior including Ruth Burnette Sports Fish Hatchery, UAF Virology, UAF ENNF, UAF Powerplant, UAF Life Science, and multiple hotel buildings and industrial projects.

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## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

UAF BMHR | University of Alaska Fairbanks

\$5.36M | 2 each, 8 story dorms | Design Assist

Started on preconstruction, aiding with design review and estimating. Handled submittals, O&Ms, purchase orders, mechanical RFPs/RFIs, and red lines. Attended all weekly meetings and managed the project through completion.

**Reference:** Matt Chacho      GHEMM Company      [REDACTED]

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BACH CUE and Boiler #3 Retube | Ft Wainright, Ak

\$3.5M | Design Assist

Design assist, replacing all major mechanical equipment including all med gas source equipment, steam generators, steam water heaters, and water booster skids. Handled submittals, O&Ms, purchase orders, and coordination of \$1.5 million in equipment getting to Fairbanks from the East Coast, successfully navigating the political climate.

**Reference:** Luis Jimenez      J&J Worldwide Services      [REDACTED]

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UAF Engineering Building | University of Alaska Fairbanks

\$17M | Large mechanical Div 23 project

Ran the Div 23 crew on site under the general foreman. Handled setting of most major equipment and heating/cooling systems. Familiar with design intent for Troth Yeddha' ISC and Park based on this project

**Reference:** Ryan Kramer      Davis Constructors      [REDACTED]



Mindy O'Neill, Mayor

## MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members

From: Mindy O'Neill, City Mayor *MO*

Subject: Request for Concurrence – Joint FNSB/COF Chena Riverfront Commission

Date: January 8, 2026

The Joint FNSB Chena Riverfront Commission includes nine Borough residents, four of which are, appointed by the City Mayor and confirmed by the City Council to represent the City. The term of two City representatives, Buki Wright and Julie Jones, expired on December 31, 2025, and they have both applied for reappointment.

I hereby request your concurrence to the following **re-appointments** to the Joint FNSB/COF- Chena Riverfront Commission:

Mr. Buki Wright

Term Expires: December 31, 2028

Ms. Julie Jones

Term Expires: December 31, 2028

Mr. Wright's and Ms. Jones' information is attached.

Thank you.





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## **CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM**

*Please note that profile information may be available to the public.*

First Name **Buki** Last Name **Wright** Date **11/21/2025**

Email Address **[REDACTED]**

Board/Committee **Joint FNSB Chena Riverfront Commission**

Phone Number **[REDACTED]** Alternate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address **[REDACTED]**

City **Fairbanks** State **AK** Zip Code **99712**

Mailing Address **Same as above**

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (if applicable) **Retired** Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Interests & Experiences** - Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? What life experience can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?

I have served on the CRFC for many years. I was appointed to this commission by Mayor Strl. I have always worked in downtown Fairbanks. The river is an integral part of our community life. It is important that all residents and visitors are able to enjoy and use the river throughout the year. As former President of Aurora Energy, I have a unique perspective on the river's value to the community. I would be honored to serve for another term.

### **Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume)**

First arrived in Fairbanks in 1974. Met my wife (Peggy) here. All three children and 7 (soon to be 8) grandchildren were born here. I have been part of downtown Fairbanks in different capacities over the years. Most recently, as President of Aurora Energy from 2000 - 2018. Currently on the Board of Directors of Downtown Association of Fairbanks, Polaris Working Group, Borough Working Group developing Downtown Fairbanks Plan. Former President, CEO, Board Member and Chairman of Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

### **Professional Licenses/Training**

See comments above



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## **CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM**

*Please note that profile information may be available to the public.*

First Name **Julie** Last Name **Jones** Date **01/06/2026**

Email Address [REDACTED]

Board/Committee **Joint FNSB Chena Riverfront Commission**

Phone Number [REDACTED] Alternate Number [REDACTED]

Residence Address [REDACTED]

City **Ester** State **AK** Zip Code **99709**

Mailing Address [REDACTED]

City **Fairbanks** State **AK** Zip Code **99701**

Employer (if applicable) **Festival Fairbanks** Job Title **Executive Director**

**Interests & Experiences** - Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? What life experience can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?

As the director of a downtown Fairbanks nonprofit and a member of the Chena Riverfront Commission, I have more than a decade of experience and service to this cause. I get to enjoy the river downtown nearly every day. I'm passionate about encouraging everyone to develop positive habits and values that help preserve our beautiful Chena River—the true crown jewel of our city. Together, we can make a difference and keep this amazing waterway healthy and vibrant for years to come! I have served as a commissioner for more than a decade.

### **Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume)**

Julie Jones has served as Executive Director of Festival Fairbanks since 2012, bringing nearly 21 years of experience with the company. She also serves as Managing Director of the Palace Theatre in Pioneer Park in her spare time and has been with the company for more than 31 years. She currently serves on the Clay Street Cemetery Commission and the Downtown Implementation Group. Julie volunteers in the community with Pet Pride of Alaska, Honor Flight, Fairbanks Shakespeare, and Fairbanks Drama, and has served on numerous committees, including Arctic Winter Games Bid, Airport Way Redesign, Fairbanks Wayfinding, and Asphalt Art Initiative.


### **Professional Licenses/Training**

In 2024, Julie Jones graduated summa cum laude with an Associate of Applied Science in Accounting from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Special training includes CPR, Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens and High-Risk Bodily Fluids, Service Excellence, Valuing Diversity, Compassionate Listening, Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force and Street Gangs Awareness, and Interpersonal Skills. Julie has worked in organizing, planning, and facilitating special events for more than 3 decades.



Mindy O'Neill, Mayor

## MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members  
From: Mindy O'Neill, City Mayor   
Subject: Request for Concurrence – Nomination for reappointments  
Date: January 8, 2026

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Two of the four City-represented seats on the FNSB Planning Commission, most recently filled by Walker Ringstad and Joe Collier, expired on December 31, 2025.

FNSB Code of Ordinances Section 4.80.010A states, "The appointments of members from the cities shall be selected from a list of recommendations submitted to the Borough Mayor by the city councils."

By approving this memorandum, The Fairbanks City Council recommends to the Borough Mayor the re-appointment of Walker Ringstad and Joe Collier as City representatives on the FNSB Planning Commission, with new terms to expire December 31, 2028.

The application information for Mr. Walker and Mr. Collier are attached.

Thank you.







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## **CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM**

*Please note that profile information may be available to the public.*

First Name Walker Last Name Ringstad Date 11/24/2025

Email Address [REDACTED]

Board/Committee FNSB Planning Commission

Phone Number [REDACTED] Alternate Number

Residence Address [REDACTED]

City Fairbanks State AK Zip Code 99701

Mailing Address [REDACTED]

City Fairbanks State AK Zip Code 99701

Employer (if applicable) Hage & Associates Job Title Associate Appraiser

**Interests & Experiences** - Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? What life experience can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?

I have been on this commission for the past 2 years. It has been an excellent learning experience and I hope to continue my service on this commission.

**Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume)**

**Professional Licenses/Training**

Residential Real Estate Appraisal License

# Walker Ringstad

[REDACTED]  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Objective

To continue my service as a planning commissioner.

## Skills

- Fair and open minded
- Eager to learn
- Detail Oriented

## Experience

### **Hage & Associates - Appraiser Associate 2021-Current**

- Appraise residential home values
- Appraisal of vacant land values
- Appraisal of 2-4 unit homes
- Experience with zoning related items
- Experience researching properties, plats, tax lots and information pertaining to the appraised property
- Working with financial institutions
- Knowledgeable in building materials and construction methods

## Education

**University of Alaska Fairbanks - Business Administration Degree**

**Certified Real Estate Appraisal Licensing Courses**

- Licensed in April 2023



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### **CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM**

*Please note that profile information may be available to the public.*

First Name Joseph Last Name Colleer Date 01/07/2026

Email Address [REDACTED]

Board/Committee FNSB Planning Commission

Phone Number [REDACTED] Alternate Number

Residence Address [REDACTED]

City Fairbanks State AK Zip Code 99701

Mailing Address [REDACTED]

City Fairbanks State AK Zip Code 99701

Employer (if applicable) Joe the Builder Job Title Owner

**Interests & Experiences** - Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission? What life experience can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?

I have served on the FNSB Planning Commission for the last three-and-a-half years. I believe it to be a valuable service where my input is pertinent in deciding the issues that come before the board

#### **Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume)**

I am a general building and remodeling contractor in Fairbanks. I have worked in the building trades for more than forty years.

#### **Professional Licenses/Training**

Alaska General contractor  
EPA certified renovator  
VA build certified  
Member of the BBB and Chamber of Commerce