FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2026-13
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 13, 2026
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM WEBINAR AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

REGULAR MEETING
6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

2. 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 City Council Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2026

*b) Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026

9. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
4247	This and That Grill, LLC	Beverage Dispensary	This and That Grill, LLC	3578 Airport Way
3489	Soba Authentic Moldovan Restaurant	Beverage Dispensary	Soba, LLC	535 2nd Avenue, Suite 106
4941	Seoul Gate Restaurant	Restaurant/ Eating Place	Seoul Gate, Inc.	958 Cowles Street

b) The Fairbanks City Council will hear interested citizens concerned with the following application for a new manufacturer direct shipment license. Public testimony will be taken and limited to three minutes.

Primary License #: 60771
D.B.A.: Hoarfrost Distilling, LLC
Application Type: Manufacturer Direct Shipment License
Licensee/Applicant: Dark Lamb Industries, LLC
Physical Location: 3501 Lathrop Street, Unit F

10. REPORT FROM FAIRBANKS ALASKA NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS
(second meeting of every other month)

11. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

a) Special Reports

12. COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Ordinance No. 6351 – An Ordinance Amending the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Second Time. Sponsored by Mayor O’Neall. Second reading and public hearing.

b) Ordinance No. 6352 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 66 to Establish a Garbage Collection Discount for Residents Who Receive Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. Sponsored by Councilmember Therrien. Second reading and public hearing.

14. NEW BUSINESS

*a) Resolution No. 5220 – A Resolution Authorizing Payment to Alaska Public Risk Alliance (APRA) for Municipal Insurance Coverage. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall.

*b) Resolution No. 5221 – A Resolution in Support of the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Proposal to Divide the Fairbanks North Star Borough PM2.5 Nonattainment Area Into Two Zones: Fairbanks–Goldstream Valley and North Pole. Sponsored by Councilmember Cleworth.

*c) Resolution No. 5222 – A Resolution Approving the City of Fairbanks Police Department to Be the Fiduciary for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program for the Fairbanks Region. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall.

*d) Resolution No. 5223 – A Resolution Responding to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Submitted for Public Comment to the Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning Policy Board, and Sharing Observations, Ideas, and Suggestions Pertaining to City of Fairbanks Projects and Planning Parameters. Sponsored by Councilmember Cleworth.

15. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

*a) Fairbanks Diversity Council Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026

*b) Special Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026

*c) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026

*d) Special Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026 (Reconvened on March 3, 2026)

*e) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2026

*f) Appointment to the Fairbanks Parking Authority Board of Directors

*g) Appointment to the Clay Street Cemetery Commission

*h) Reappointment to the Clay Street Cemetery Commission *i) Appointment to the Fairbanks Diversity Council

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

17. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

18. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

19. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

a) IBEW/COF Labor Negotiations: Guidance from Council [permissible under State law, including the provision at AS 44.62.310(c)(1)]

b) *Chapman v. COF*: Guidance from Council [permissible under State law, including the provision at AS 44.62.310(c)(1)]

20. ADJOURNMENT

FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 8, 2026
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following the Annual Audit Presentation at 5:30 p.m., 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'Neall 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
Also Present:	D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk Thomas Chard, City Attorney Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer Ron Dupee, Police Chief (remotely) Richard Sweet, Deputy Police Chief Andrew Coccaro, Fire Chief Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely) Jake Merritt, Human Resources Director Jarrod Zerbe, Code Compliance Officer

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At the request of Mayor O'Neall, **Mr. Cleworth** read the land acknowledgement.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of Mayor O'Neall, **Mr. Marney** led the flag salutation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Barbara Kalen – B. Kalen shared that she moved to Fairbanks from Skagway 58 years ago and was astounded to learn that a mural was to be painted on City Hall, noting its status as the last historic public building in Fairbanks. She asked if the Mayor had requested and received permission from the Alaska Historical Society, which she claimed would have been required for the project. **Mayor O'Neall** explained that Councilmembers may not answer questions during Citizen's Comments.

Vera Kuklina – V. Kuklina stated that she is an Associate Research Professor at the University of Maryland and the principal of the project titled, "Biocultural Heritage in Arctic Cities as a Potential Resource for Climate Adaptation" (ARCA). She discussed the City Hall mural's role in the project and the collaboration that had occurred between various entities and individuals.

Ms. Sprinkle asked how long the project had been in the works. V. Kuklina reported that the project launched in 2024 and shared details of what had occurred since it began. She stated that they were unsuccessful in attempts to coordinate with the previous Mayor but had been working with Mayor O'Neall's office since February 2026.

Mr. Marney asked what other cities were involved with the program and why Fairbanks was chosen. V. Kuklina shared about the other cities they have worked with. She added that she is originally from Siberia and considered a cold climate like Fairbanks optimal for the project.

Diana Khaziakhmetova – D. Khaziakhmetova shared that she is a Research Associate with the ARCA project and had been involved from the beginning. She provided details and context for how the mural project came to be, including interviews with local residents and organizations. She expressed appreciation for the support they had received from the community.

Ms. Sprinkle asked where she was from. D. Khaziakhmetova shared that she is an indigenous person originally from Russia and provided details about her higher education in the United States.

Mr. Marney asked if there had been conversation about painting other buildings, such as those owned by Alaska Native organizations. D. Khaziakhmetova stated that they were open to working with those organizations as well as the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) but that City Hall was considered the best option.

Jo Woodward – J. Woodward spoke of the six-month limit for those staying at the Fairbanks Rescue Mission and asked what an individual should do once they have hit the cutoff. She noted that many services available to homeless people are limited to those dealing with addiction or those experiencing mental health issues. She stated that support is limited for those outside those groups and that the Rescue Mission is not the type of facility many believe it to be. She expressed additional frustration with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

Tristan Glowa – T. Glowa shared that he is an executive with a non-profit organization based in the city and that he was pleased to see the murals at City Hall. He discussed his involvement with the FNSB Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and that the project aligned with goals in the 20-year Comprehensive Plan to celebrate local heritage and culture. He added that one of the artists is a friend who shared their positive experience in working with local Alaska Native Elders.

Aldean Kilbourn – A. Kilbourn spoke against the City Hall murals and asserted that they amounted to destruction of the building. She noted that City Hall had been added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990, as shared on the placard near the entrance. She suggested that it was unacceptable that the City had neither gotten clearance from the National Register nor consulted with the local Historic Preservation Commission, the Fairbanks Genealogical Society, or the Tanana-Yukon Historical Society. She declared the project an abomination.

Mr. Cleworth pointed out that agenda item 9(a), which involved the possible reconsideration of a vote to protest an alcohol license, did not include a public hearing. He asked if now would be the best time to speak for those wishing to provide comments on the subject. City Attorney Thomas Chard confirmed that Citizen's Comments was the appropriate time for anyone wishing to speak on a matter that did not have a its own public hearing.

<u>*Kathy Lavelle*</u> – K. Lavelle stated that she was speaking on behalf of her daughter, Arlette Eagle-Lavelle, who had a prior engagement. She read a written statement from A. Eagle-Lavelle which discussed her ownership of Lavelle's Taphouse and overall participation in the business network in downtown Fairbanks. A. Eagle-Lavelle *[via her statement as read by K. Lavelle]* spoke against the Block 13 Hotel's application for a new Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL) which would only cost $2,500. She expressed disapproval of the process, suggested that money and status had influenced the decision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, and asked that the City Council uphold its decision to protest the application.

Ms. Sprinkle asked how much she had paid for a Beverage Dispensary License (BDL) when she and her husband opened their restaurant. K. Lavelle recounted a cost of about $100,000.

Mr. Marney noted that he did not recall seeing an application for K. Lavelle's former restaurant, Lavelle's Bistro, when they applied for a BDTL in 2023 and asked why. K. Lavelle explained that it would have only gone before local governing bodies if approved by the ABC Board.

<u>*Levi Kinkade*</u> – L. Kinkade stated that he represents Block 13 Hotel, LLC and that they are seeking the Council's support of their application for a BDTL. He provided details about the ownership entity and their investment of over $22MM in local development over the years. He affirmed that Lavelle's Bistro had been an excellent partner for many years, operating as an independent restaurant within SpringHill Suites, their downtown hotel. L. Kinkade recounted that the two primary reasons the Eagles had been denied in their pursuit of a BDTL were because they did not own the hotel and they had not done enough to renovate the space to enhance tourism. He asserted that Block 13 Hotel, LLC owns the hotel and is doing substantial renovations, with tourists being the primary focus. He pointed out that the ABC Board determined that Block 13 Hotel, LLC clearly qualifies for consideration of a BDTL, despite the objections from their former tenants.

Ms. Therrien asked if they currently experience problems attracting tourist groups due to the lack of a restaurant in the hotel. L. Kinkade stated that summer months are never a problem but that winter months are a challenge, as visitors typically want to have a restaurant onsite. He shared that the restaurant space is currently gutted and that they stopped renovations after the Council's recent protest of their application. **Ms. Therrien** asked if they have had to redirect tourist groups away from downtown because there is no hotel restaurant. L. Kinkade confirmed that they had. **Ms. Therrien** asked if they intend to complete renovations on the restaurant space. L. Kinkade indicated that they would if the license is approved. **Ms. Therrien** asked if they would be able to purchase a different type of license if the current application was not approved. L. Kinkade stated that he was unsure if they would do so, as the ABC Board had already affirmed that they qualify for the BDTL. He added that they had moved forward with the work on good faith.

Ms. Sprinkle noted that some simpler licenses allow for just beer and wine. She asked if that was an option. L. Kinkade stated that would be a negative option in their view. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if they viewed alcohol sales as necessary to open a restaurant in that space. L. Kinkade confirmed that for the customer base at the location it would not make sense to have a restaurant without an alcohol license. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if it is typical for any hotel to be granted a BDTL. L. Kinkade explained that there are specific requirements which make it less obtainable. He estimated that only seven or eight hotels within the state hold a BDTL. **Ms. Sprinkle** noted that many restaurants in the downtown area are closed on Sunday and/or Monday and asked if they would be open on those days. L. Kinkade declared that they intend to operate seven days a week.

John Theis – J. Theis shared that he works with the contractors performing the remodel of the restaurant space at the SpringHill Suites and that work had been halted due to the Council's protest of the BDTL. He asserted that JL Properties, the hotel manager, contributes millions in taxes to the City, operates hotels across Alaska, and would be great operators of a restaurant at that location.

David Pruhs – D. Pruhs applauded the Council's willingness to reconsider its protest of Block 13 Hotel's BDTL application. He stated that a BDTL is only available to owners of a hotel, so it was never an option for the owners of the former restaurant Lavelle's Bistro. He declared that the parameters are clear and that the decision on the appeal outlined why they had been denied the license. D. Pruhs noted that JL Properties has a great deal of real estate in Fairbanks and a lot of experience with the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) process. He discussed when it is appropriate for the City to protest an application and asserted that during his time on the Council, he never felt that it was acceptable to take away a business owner's rights. He pointed out that the applicant had been granted the right to obtain a BDTL by the State of Alaska and that F. Eagle and K. Lavelle were asking the City Council to take away that right.

Franklin Eagle – F. Eagle acknowledged that it was a good thing for the SpringHill Suites to have a restaurant but asserted that Block 13 Hotel made a bad business decision by applying for a BDTL. He stated that he had tried to help by warning them in December 2025 that they would not qualify, given his own experience, and that he also wrote to the ABC Board and encouraged them to advise Block 13 Hotel that their application would be denied. He discussed his own experience with the process and claimed that laws were being applied inconsistently, with the ABC Board ignoring statutes cited in his denied appeal. F. Eagle encouraged the Council to uphold the protest and send a message to the ABC Board, implying that the Council would otherwise be complicit in ignoring Alaska statutes; he suggested that the Council's reputation and integrity was on the line.

Ms. Sprinkle noted that F. Eagle already held an alcohol license when he had applied for a BDTL and asked why he applied for a second one. F. Eagle explained that he wanted a succession plan as he prepared to sell the restaurant and that handing over a BDTL as part of any deal would allow for a new owner to spend about $250,000 less. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked F. Eagle to confirm that they closed the restaurant due to Block 13 Hotel not renewing their lease. F. Eagle explained that, unfortunately, they could not come to terms after years of negotiations. He stated that he was surprised to hear L. Kinkade suggest that they would likely not open a restaurant without an alcohol license nor would they pursue purchasing a regular BDL. He pointed out that he had operated a successful restaurant in the same space for over 20 years and had to pay the full price of a BDL.

Mr. Marney asked for more details on the cost of the different licenses. F. Eagle explained that a BDTL only costs $2,500 plus a biannual fee while a regular BDL, which is limited by population size, would cost up to $250,000 in the Fairbanks area.

Peter Miller – P. Miller shared that he works downtown and spoke in favor of the many recent revitalization efforts he has seen. He discussed the increased presence of artwork and many positive interactions with both tourists and locals. He advocated for improved pedestrian corridors throughout the city, such as the less-driven Lacey Street, and adding more life to downtown.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection to motion to APPROVE the agenda and the consent agenda and hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

Clerk Snider read the consent agenda into the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2026

> APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

b) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026

> APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

SPECIAL ORDERS

a) Request for reconsideration of the motion to RESCIND the City Council's action to protest the following new beverage dispensary tourism license application with endorsements:

Type/License:	Beverage Dispensary Tourism, License 5656
Endorsements:	Hotel/Motel & Restaurant
DBA:	Block 13 Hotel
Applicant:	Block 13 Hotel, LLC
Location:	575 1st Avenue

Clerk Note: At the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026, the City Council PROTESTED the above new alcohol license. At the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026, a motion to RESCIND this action was made and seconded. The motion to rescind failed. A request by Mr. Marney for reconsideration of the motion to RESCIND was filed timely with the City Clerk on May 19, 2026.

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to RECONSIDER the motion to rescind the City Council's vote from May 11, 2026 to protest the Block 13 hotel application for a new beverage dispensary tourism license.

There was no discussion.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO RESCIND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE FROM MAY 11, 2026 TO PROTEST THE BLOCK 13 HOTEL APPLICATION FOR A NEW BEVERAGE DISPENSARY TOURISM LICENSE AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Marney, Ringstad, Cleworth, Sprinkle, Therrien, Tidwell
NAYS: None
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Marney explained his reasoning for making the request. He recounted that for the last few years the Council had placed strong emphasis on hearing from applicants of alcohol and marijuana licenses and that L. Kinkade had flown up from Anchorage to attend the May 11, 2026, but was never given a chance to address the Council regarding its vote to protest the license. He stated that the Council not allowing Kinkade to speak had been rude and noted that new information regarding the denied appeal of F. Eagle's application prompted his request to revisit the issue.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if the ABC Board would proceed with granting the license regardless of the Council's decision. Clerk Snider reported that the City Attorney had informed the ABC Board of the Council's vote to protest after the May 11 meeting but that the matter may be further deliberated. She shared that the City's response deadline had been June 2 but that staff had held off on any further communication as the request for reconsideration had already been received. She stated that the next regular meeting of the ABC Board was scheduled for June 23 and that the statute reads that the Board honor a local government's protest unless it is determined that the local governing body's decision was found to be "unreasonable, capricious, or arbitrary."

Mr. Cleworth asked the City Attorney to clarify whether or not an applicant for a BDTL must be the owner of a hotel. Attorney Chard recounted that there had been several questions after the last work session, following a review of F. Eagle's appeal denial. He explained that the best he could glean from his research was that while it was not absolutely necessary for a BDTL applicant to be a hotel owner, it was exceedingly easier for an owner applicant to be successful due to the requirement to show improvements that enhance tourism—not just maintenance activities within the business space. He noted that a non-owner applicant could technically perform the same improvement with coordination of the owner but that it was more difficult to envision that scenario. **Mr. Cleworth** asked for clarification on the legal definition of an improvement to a property. Attorney Chard reported that the appellate court had put a lot of time into reviewing that definition but found no clear answer in statutes or regulations. He recounted that Black's Law Dictionary had been referenced and, as such, it was deemed that upgrades such as changing out flooring and furniture fell under maintenance of a business and did not meet the threshold for improvements. He noted that F. Eagle had correctly stated that he could have appealed to a higher court but had chosen not to do so. He reiterated that a hotel owner would have a much easier time fulfilling the BDTL obligation for property improvements. **Mr. Cleworth** read from an email that Attorney Chard had sent, noting his advice to the Council to not get drawn into a disagreement between an individual and the State. He expressed agreement with that advice, suggesting that the Council was getting caught up in poorly written law which had created conflict between F. Eagle and the ABC Board—not the City of Fairbanks. He shared that he would vote in favor of the license but that he sympathized with F. Eagle's frustrations and agreed that the statutes should be clarified.

Ms. Therrien noted that the window for F. Eagle to appeal had been 30 days from July 1, 2024. She disclosed that she had represented him for many years on legal matters and wanted to know if she had a conflict of interest and should abstain from consideration of the matter. Attorney Chard provided details on how a conflict of interest would be determined, including pecuniary interests and any perception of impropriety. **Mayor O'Neall** asked if Ms. Therrien was representing F. Eagle on anything related to the matter before the Council. **Ms. Therrien** stated that she was not. **Mayor O'Neall** asked when the last time was that she had represented F. Eagle in any matter. **Ms. Therrien** reported that she had done so within the last six months. **Mayor O'Neall** ruled that Ms. Therrien did not have a conflict of interest. **Ms. Therrien** indicated that she disagreed. Attorney Chard explained how the Council could overrule the Mayor's decision. He acknowledged Ms. Therrien's commitment to a former client but noted that voting on the matter, to his understanding, would not be based on any knowledge gleaned from past representation.

Ms. Sprinkle asked why Block 13 Hotel was pursuing a BDTL now rather than when the hotel was first built; she questioned whether a BDTL existed then. Clerk Snider stated that the license type was not new but that she could not speak to whether it existed at the time the hotel was built.

Ms. Tidwell expressed frustration with the issue and stated that she stands by her past comments. She suggested that the mere presence of a restaurant does not attract tourists to Fairbanks and that several other establishments sell alcohol with a block of the hotel. She stated that it was hard for her to understand why Block 13 Hotel would be unwilling to open a restaurant even if they could not sell alcohol or why they would not pursue a regular BDL. She acknowledged that the property improvements were nice but noted that Block 13 Hotel's application appeared similar to F. Eagle's denied application. She reiterated that it was hard to say yes to one while saying no to another.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO RESCIND THE COUNCIL'S VOTE FROM MAY 11, 2026 TO PROTEST THE BLOCK 13 HOTEL APPLICATION FOR A NEW BEVERAGE DISPENSARY TOURISM LICENSE AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Marney, Therrien, Cleworth
NAYS: Tidwell, Sprinkle
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the new alcohol license application with endorsements.

Ms. Therrien acknowledged that without further action the Council would effectively be waiving protest but that she felt that a vote would ensure no misunderstanding of the Council's intent.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE NEW ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION WITH ENDORSEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Therrien, Marney, Cleworth
NAYS: Sprinkle, Tidwell
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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

Lic.	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
2565	El Dorado Bar & Grill	Beverage Dispensary	Eldorado Bar & Grill, Inc.	530 Third Avenue
4170	Caliente	Beverage Dispensary	Red Box, LLC	603 Lacey Street
4816	Mayan Palace	Beverage Dispensary	Taco Azteca, Inc.	3401 Airport Way
4174	Big Daddy's Bar-B-Q & Banquet Hall	Beverage Dispensary	RTG, LLC	107 Wickersham Street
3170	The Odom Corporation	General Wholesale	The Odom Corporation	3101 Peger Road – Bay 1

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

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

There was no discussion.

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection on the motion to WAIVE PROTEST on the alcohol license applications for renewal and hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

c) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing and considered the new marijuana product manufacturing facility license application:

Type/License:	Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility, License 30924
DBA:	Mood Lab
Applicant:	H.S., LLC
Location:	899 Old Steese Highway

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

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the new marijuana product manufacturing facility license application.

Ms. Sprinkle asked for clarification on the location. **Mr. Marney** pointed out that it appeared to be in the rear portion of the building that is home to The Cabin as well as Pipe and Leaf.

Ms. Tidwell asked if there is a limit to the number of marijuana product manufacturing facility licenses that can be issued in the city. Clerk Snider clarified that there are limits on the number of retail marijuana stores within the city but that she was unsure if this type of license had limits. She noted that there are only a few licenses of that type in Fairbanks.

Mayor O'Neall pointed out that the application indicated that the kitchen would be within a secure area of the marijuana retail store, which suggested the rear portion of Pipe and Leaf.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if it was typical for a manufacturing operation to exist within a retail store.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to REOPEN Public Testimony.

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection on the motion to REOPEN Public Testimony and hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

<u>*Hailey Essig*</u> – H. Essig shared that she is the applicant and the owner of Pipe and Leaf and that they had applied to open an edibles manufacturing operation in the kitchen area of the building, noting that it had only been utilized for storage up to that point.

Ms. Sprinkle asked how customers might engage with the manufacturing facility component of the operation. H. Essig explained that it is a completely separate license in an area that would not be accessible to the public. She clarified that the only overlap between the two businesses would be that properly licensed employees may be allowed, during slow sales periods in the retail store, to access the secured kitchen area and assist with packaging products.

Mayor O'Neall, hearing no more requests for comment, declared Public Testimony closed.

There was no further discussion on the main motion.

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection on the motion to WAIVE PROTEST on the new marijuana product manufacturing facility license application and hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

d) The Fairbanks City Council considered whether to veto the decision of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Platting Board to approve a request to replat Blocks 11, 12, and 13 of 3rd Addition Leasure Subdivision, totaling approximately 16.97 acres, into two tracts of 14.16 and 2.81 acres. A variance was requested from FNSBC 17.56.010(I) to allow a tract's depth-to-width ratio to exceed 4:1. The request included:

- Vacation of a portion of the Braddock Street right-of-way (VA006-26). This is the portion between Thirty-Second Avenue and the North Star Industrial Railroad Spur.
- Vacation of a portion of the Macarthur Street right-of-way (VA007-26). This is the portion between Thirty-Second Avenue and the North Star Industrial Railroad Spur.
- Vacation of public utility easements (PUE). These include the 10 ft. wide PUEs along the road rights-of-way proposed for vacation and the 7.5 ft. wide PUE along the south boundary of Block 11. New PUEs will be created by this plat to provide easement continuity, and the 10 ft. wide PUE along the replat's north boundary will be widened to 30 ft.

Clerk Snider explained that the Council only needed to take action if it intended to veto the decision of the FNSB Platting Board.

Mr. Marney asked if the change would remove the property from the City's tax base. Attorney Chard stated he did not believe so but would welcome clarification from a Borough representative.

<u>*George Stefan, Platting Officer with FNSB Community Planning*</u> – G. Stefan explained that if the vacation stands, the vacated area would be absorbed by the adjoining lots. He added that the result would reconfigure the space as one larger tract and one smaller tract.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the Engineering Department had reviewed the decision. Chief of Staff Michael Sanders confirmed that they had and that the City would not be losing any existing roads, only land that had been reserved for potential roads.

No action was taken by the Council regarding the decision of the FNSB Platting Board.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor O'Neall provided an update on several items, including activities from the past weekend such as street art downtown and 10 storm drains getting painted by local artists. In regard to the City Hall murals, she stated that she had issued a press release and emailed the Council after the initial timeline of July had moved up. She congratulated Fairbanks Police Department's Lieutenant Benn on his recent retirement and commended the Fairbanks Fire Department for becoming the first Emergency Medical Services agency in the state to earn the Gold-Level Pediatric Recognition from the Alaska State Office of EMS. **Mayor O'Neall** reported that the dock had been installed next to Golden Heart Plaza and had gotten a lot of use over the weekend. She shared that she had attended the recent "Build the Line" rally to express the City's support for a liquid natural gas (LNG) pipeline to be constructed with a Fairbanks spur line, and that she and Mr. Ringstad had met with representatives from the project's developer, Glenfarne Group. **Mayor O'Neall** stated that she had attended a two-day Alaska Municipal League (AML) board meeting which involved a comprehensive review of all its services. She spoke about the City's recently launched Ambassador program that enlisted 20 trained volunteers, and she shared details about the downtown walking challenge that was issued to businesses and community members. She concluded with an update on the effort to implement a mental health court for Fairbanks, to divert people from the criminal justice system into the mental health system to provide adequate care.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Therrien recounted that, during Citizens' Comments, some had cited concern over the murals due to City Hall being on the National Register of Historic Places and asked for clarification. **Mayor O'Neall** explained that although the building is on the registry, it was not built with federal funding, so painting, upgrades, and other alterations did not require approval.

Mr. Cleworth stated that during Citizens' Comments, someone had spoken in favor of Lacey Street permanently closing and becoming a pedestrian corridor. He stated that he did not support that idea, pointed out that the closure was intended to be temporary, and advocated for the street to reopen as soon as possible. He spoke of the murals on City Hall, noting that he only learned of the project when the email was sent the Wednesday prior. He added that it would have been nice for the Council to have had an opportunity to discuss it during its work session so that members could ask questions and gain more knowledge. He suggested that from a procedural standpoint, it would have been preferable to have the Council involved, either by sharing a preview of the plan or having a conversation about whether the project should be open for competitive bidding. He explained that he had received several strong opinions from residents on the matter after the press release but that he had no information with which to respond.

Ms. Therrien spoke of the Mayor and Mr. Ringstad's recent meeting with the Glenfarne Group regarding the LNG pipeline and asked if there would be opportunities for other Councilmembers to attend similar meetings. **Mayor O'Neall** indicated that there would not be, as getting more

Councilmembers involved would trigger requirements for public notice. **Ms. Therrien** asked if more information about the meeting could be shared. **Mayor O'Neall** invited Mr. Ringstad to provide a report. **Mr. Ringstad** shared that details about who was present and the topics discussed, such as communication, housing challenges, public safety concerns, and the company's intent for a Fairbanks-based office to assist with logistics. **Ms. Therrien** stated that if the company was to return for further discussions, she would like for the entire Council to be involved.

Ms. Sprinkle shared that she spent time as a tourist in her own town over the weekend and was surprised to see the amount of graffiti on the pedestrian bridge near Golden Heart Plaza. She asked who maintains the bridge. **Mayor O'Neall** indicated that FNSB is responsible for that particular bridge. **Ms. Sprinkle** stated that she would follow up with the FNSB. She reported seeing seasonal foot patrol Officer Elzey on duty downtown and that it was great to witness the activities taking place at the Starter Block on Lacey Street. She added that she would love to someday see the stretch of Second Avenue between Cushman and Noble convert to a pedestrian-only corridor.

Ms. Tidwell stated that she enjoyed the many great activities downtown over the weekend and that she also received feedback regarding the City Hall murals, although it was more positive than negative. She reported having participated in a ride-along with the Code Compliance Officer and gained a clearer perspective on how much had been accomplished in the few years since she joined the Council. She expressed excitement and hope for the direction they were heading and stated she believes the City Council is accomplishing great things.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Ordinance No. 6348 – An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Fairbanks General Code Dealing with Nuisances. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6348.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6348 by substituting the amended, proposed version.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to AMEND the amendment by striking Sec. 78-397(c) under Section 3, which read:

> "No person may park a travel trailer, mobile home, or camp upon a city street or any other city owned or controlled property for more than 10 days for the purpose of residing therein, whether temporarily or not, except in area that are designated for that purpose."

Mayor O'Neall explained that the issue is addressed elsewhere in the Fairbanks General Code (FGC), so the language was unnecessary. Attorney Chard clarified that the language proposed for removal by the amendment conflicts with another section of the FGC which prohibits trailers from being parked on a publicly maintained street for over one hour.

Ms. Sprinkle expressed disapproval of the one-hour limit but acknowledged that it would need to be addressed through a separate motion.

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection on the motion to AMEND the amendment by striking Sec. 78-397(c) and hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she would like to see a change to Sec 78-397(a) and the one-hour limit for parking a trailer on a street. Attorney Chard clarified that the language had been in FGC for decades and while the Council could certainly amend it, a separate ordinance would be appropriate.

Mr. Marney suggested that the one-hour limit was not being enforced at all. Attorney Chard reported that they regularly see citations and even impounds for vehicles that had been left on the street for a period of time. **Mr. Marney** discussed the various departments involved with such removals and expressed interest in updating certain processes. **Mayor O'Neall** ruled that this was not germane to the motion on the floor but could be addressed at a future work session.

Ms. Sprinkle pointed out that other language within the same area of Code addressed time constraints and that it seemed confusing. At the invitation of Mayor O'Neall, Deputy Police Chief Richard Sweet and Code Compliance Officer Jarrod Zerbe explained the logic and enforcement of the regulations associated with parking within the right-of-way and answered clarifying questions.

Mr. Ringstad suggested that common sense would be key for whomever enforced the laws in question because there could easily be unintended consequences. Deputy Chief Sweet concurred and provided a summary of the process used when staff encounters an abandoned vehicle or trailer.

Attorney Chard advised that, after further consideration, an amendment to increase the one-hour limit for trailers would be appropriate, but only up to 24 hours as that is the limit established elsewhere in the FGC for all vehicles parked in the right-of-way. He added that the motion on the floor would first need to be disposed of.

Clerk Snider reviewed the items that would be revised with adoption of the proposed substitute.

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection on the motion to AMEND Ordinance No. 6348 by substituting the amended, proposed version and hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth referenced the blighted property definition in Sec 10-208 which, if adopted, would state: "Properties zoned as residential containing two or more unregistered, inoperable, uncovered, or unscreened vehicles for more than 90 days." He stated that he knows many people who have two vehicles that meet that criteria and that they are often purchased to be worked on over time.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6348, as Amended, by changing "two" to "three" under Sec. 10-208(a)(5).

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection on the motion to AMEND Ordinance No. 6348, as Amended, by changing "two" to "three" under Sec. 10-208(a)(5) and hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

Mr. Marney, in reference to Sec. 46-42, spoke of complaints from residents regarding noise tied to events at bars late in the evenings. **Mayor O'Neall** provided a summary of the noise variance process that businesses can apply for and how the City enforces any deviations. **Mr. Marney** noted that defecation and urination in public was not listed under the list of "*Nuisance activities*" between pages six and seven and asked if that was covered elsewhere in the FGC. Attorney Chard confirmed that Sec. 46-256 and Sec. 46-257 of the FGC addresses those items. He clarified that "nuisance" would generally refer to a repeated action. **Mr. Marney** explained that the Executive Director of Festival Fairbanks had shared that those issues continue to be a problem downtown.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6348, as Amended, by changing "one hour" to "24 hours" under Sec. 78-397(a).

Ms. Therrien suggested the change would be more reasonable and in line with what is already enforced. Deputy Chief Sweet expressed support for the change.

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection on the motion to AMEND Ordinance No. 6348, as Amended, by changing "one hour" to "24 hours" under Sec. 78-397(a) and hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

Ms. Therrien gave examples of situations outside the permitted guidelines for RVs and vehicles parked on the street and asked if they were violations. Attorney Chard clarified that enforcement is typically in response to complaints or to address a dangerous situation but that, generally speaking, the City does not seek out parking violations absent of any other concern.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he has often been frustrated by certain unenforced laws but acknowledged that having the laws in place and available is a prudent approach.

Ms. Sprinkle agreed that there are other examples where the FGC provides enforcement "teeth" should a problem warrant a firmer response but that the reasonable discretion is also important.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6348, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

> YEAS: Sprinkle, Therrien, Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Tidwell
> NAYS: None
> **Mayor O'Neall** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6348, as Amended, ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Resolution No. 5215 – A Resolution Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services by Adding a Fee for Excessive Police Responses. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5215.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he supported the idea behind the resolution but had some concerns over the functional reality. He recounted that the Council had seen several properties with long call reports where many calls were not related to that specific address. He expressed hope that staff would have a conversation with any property owners or businesses before assessing any fees under the new regulation. **Ms. Sprinkle** noted that Ordinance No. 6348 included considerations to address the very concerns Mr. Ringstad had identified.

Mr. Cleworth stated he thought the fee already existed. M. Sanders clarified that Ordinance No. 6348 deleted the fee from Code, and Resolution No. 5215 would add it to the fee schedule.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5215 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Tidwell, Cleworth, Ringstad, Marney, Sprinkle, Therrien
NAYS: None
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5215 APPROVED.

b) Resolution No. 5216 – A Resolution Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services by Adjusting Garbage Collection Rates. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall.

Ms. Tidwell, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5216.

Mr. Marney recounted that garbage collection rates had gone up each of the six years that he served on the Council. He asked if there were any options to pursue relief from the FNSB. **Mayor O'Neall** reported that she had spoken with the Borough Mayor who indicated openness to the idea, provided the City offered a concession such as not charging the Borough for fire inspections.

Ms. Sprinkle recalled that one year the Council had chosen to not raise rates, which negatively impacted the budget the following year. M. Sanders confirmed that was correct. He stated that by the end of that year the numbers did not pencil out, and he explained how constraints for allowable annual increases prevented the City from raising rates enough to make up for the difference.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the numbers in the resolution aligned with those in the 2026 budget. Chief Financial Officer Margarita Bell confirmed that the budget had used an estimated increase of 2.2% and that the actual change had come to 2.1%. **Mr. Cleworth** asked if failing to approve the increases would require a later budget amendment. CFO Bell confirmed it would.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5216 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Therrien, Tidwell, Ringstad, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth
NAYS: None
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5216 APPROVED.

c) Resolution No. 5217 – A Resolution Establishing the Rate of Levy of 2026 Real Property Taxes for the City of Fairbanks, Alaska. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5217.

Ms. Sprinkle recounted that in 2025 the Council had chosen to pay $3MM out of the City's General Fund to cover the first payment of a lawsuit settlement *[see the regular meetings minutes of June 9 and 23, 2025]*. She asked if any increase in the mill rate was being used to recover funds for that payment. CFO Bell confirmed that it was not.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he recalled one $3MM payment earlier in 2025 and another later in 2025. **Mayor O'Neall** asked CFO Bell to provide a history of the payments related to the settlement.

CFO Bell explained that in early 2025, the City's insurance provider made its payment of $2MM towards the $11.5MM settlement and that another $3MM was paid by the City directly. She recounted that in June 2025 it was proposed *[see Resolution No. 5175]* that the $3MM be recovered through the mill rate for the coming year, as outlined in FGC for claims and judgements against the City. She noted that the Council amended the resolution at that time to reduce the rate of levy such that the first payment of $3MM would come from the General Fund, with the understanding that the remaining payments would involve recovery through property taxes in coming years. CFO Bell reminded the Council that a $3.25MM payment was made in October 2025, and a final payment of $3.25MM would be due in October 2026. She clarified that while Resolution No. 5217 would increase the rate of levy, the footnote explains that "taxes for judgements and claims were reduced by $4,000,000. This amount will be levied over five to ten years beginning June 2028."

Mr. Ringstad expressed frustration that taxpayers would be responsible for something that had nothing to do with them from decades ago. He indicated a preference for the City to pay what it can from savings. CFO Bell explained that the Council would not be able to transfer the funds without violating the FGC, as the unassigned General Fund balance cannot drop below $10MM or 20% of budgeted operational expenditures, whichever is greater *[FGC Sec 2-651(b)]*. **Mr. Ringstad** stated that he would like more details on the fund balance to better understand the Council's options. CFO Bell shared that that would be reviewed at the next Finance Committee meeting. **Mr. Ringstad** pointed out that he was expected to vote on the resolution presently.

Ms. Therrien suggested that it could have been worse. She recalled discussion at the work session over an estimated mill rate of 7.587 but that the suggestion from Mayor O'Neall to spread the Risk Fund replenishment in $1MM increments over five or more years had brought it down to 6.381.

Mr. Marney asked if the Council had to make that decision right away. CFO Bell stated that the Council need only set the mill rate for the coming year right away and that it could determine at a later time how to address the outstanding $4MM.

Ms. Sprinkle recounted having always heard that the current Council could not commit specific spending obligations for a future Council and asked if the proposal was permitted. **Mayor O'Neall** confirmed that this was an existing liability that must be paid but that the manner in which the Council replenishes the Risk Fund was within its purview. She gave an example of the type of fiscal commitments that would not be permitted.

Mr. Ringstad surmised that this meant the Council could set the mill rate for the coming year but not any years beyond that. He reiterated his disappointment in not having additional fund balance information to review other options.

Mr. Marney noted that while the Council must set the mill rate by June 15, the City does not receive certification documents from the Borough until the end of May, which gives the Council very little time to make a significant decision. **Mayor O'Neall** acknowledged the challenge of the timing and clarified that it is driven by State statute and the difference in fiscal years.

Ms. Sprinkle and **Mr. Ringstad** asked additional questions regarding the proposed amounts and rates. CFO Bell provided details about the mechanics associated with the mill rate process.

Mr. Cleworth pointed out that by not including all the payments in the mill rate, the Council is creating a $4MM debt. He noted that a final $3.25MM payment is due by October 2026 and asked if there will be sufficient cashflow to cover it. CFO Bell confirmed that there would be.

Ms. Therrien suggested that the Council's hands are tied in the matter and that the Mayor's proposal to spread the burden over several years would help taxpayers.

Ms. Sprinkle agreed that two weeks to address such an important issue was unfortunate and asked to confirm there was not time for a work session discussion. CFO Bell confirmed that was correct.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5217 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Sprinkle, Tidwell, Marney, Therrien
NAYS: Ringstad
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5217 APPROVED.

d) Resolution No. 5218 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Fairbanks to Apply For Funds from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the FY2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall.

Chief of Staff Sanders provided a report on the grant, noting that with a 10% match the City could receive up to $1MM worth of training and equipment for the Fairbanks Fire Department.

Ms. Therrien, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5218.

Mr. Marney acknowledged that it was a good opportunity but asked if the City would have the money to cover a $100,000 match. M. Sanders shared that he believed the match was feasible. **Mayor O'Neall** clarified that the resolution only authorized the City to apply for the grant.

Ms. Sprinkle referenced the project details in the fiscal note and asked about a "Hazmat unit." M. Sanders explained that it was a vehicle specific for responding to incidents involving hazardous materials. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if one must be specially licensed to operate the vehicle, similar to an ambulance. M. Sanders clarified that any firefighter would be able to drive the vehicle.

Mr. Cleworth pointed out the $600,000 to cover overtime associated with training and asked if that was accurate. Fire Chief Andrew Coccaro explained that the department would modify staffing, as much of the training is 40-80 hours and not conducive for regular shift schedules. He affirmed that, other than the match, all of the expenses would be covered through the federal grant.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if the department had the manpower to hold the trainings in addition to their regular workload. Chief Coccaro confirmed that the trainings could be spread out effectively.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5218 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Therrien, Cleworth, Marney, Sprinkle, Tidwell
NAYS: None
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5218 APPROVED.

e) Ordinance No. 6349 – An Ordinance Transferring Land to the State of Alaska and Creating a Temporary Easement for the Steese/Johansen Interchange Project. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

f) Ordinance No. 6350 – An Ordinance Enacting Fairbanks General Code Chapter 70, Article II, Section 70-63, Requiring a Request for Proposals and Certain Procedures to Aid in the Solicitation and Selection of Long-Term Lessees of City-Owned Property. Sponsored by Councilmembers Cleworth, Marney, Sprinkle, Therrien, and Ringstad.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

a) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2026

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Therrien shared a message she received from Randy Frank regarding his disappointment in the name change of Pioneer Park as well as how he had been treated at the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics. She shared that AML would hold a conference in August.

Ms. Sprinkle reported that the FNSB Economic Development Commission had discussed certain economic sharing powers between the City and Borough which needed to be reviewed and renewed soon. She discussed positive examples of the Storefront Improvement Program she had seen downtown and shared that the Borough had issued a bowling rematch challenge to the City Council. She reported having also received positive and negative feedback from citizens regarding the City Hall murals and stated that it was a shame the Council had no prior knowledge of the project. M. Sanders shared details about the original plan which would have involved more public input and an anticipated implementation of July or August. He provided clarification on a lull in communication that had occurred and how the plan changed recently, with almost no notice, which put the Mayor in a difficult position to either say yes or see the whole project fold. He asserted that there had been no nefarious intent or desire to keep details from the Council or the public. He confirmed that he had spoken a State official in reference to the National Register of Historic

Places concerns to ensure the City could proceed with the murals. **Ms. Sprinkle** acknowledged the timing challenges and suggested that even a simple mention of the project to the Council, when the idea was coming together earlier in the year, would have been nice.

Mr. Cleworth suggested it was a mistake to move forward with the murals without the involvement of the Council or the public and that it may have been better to hold off on such a decision even if it meant the project may not come to fruition. He shared having seen an announcement that the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation may be considering separating Fairbanks from North Pole for air quality issues, which would be positive for the City. He recounted that Fairbanks had not been out of compliance for many years and that it would be nice to not be penalized when the sensors in the Badger Road area get triggered. He recommended the Council pass a resolution supporting the change. **Mr. Cleworth** discussed electric, pedalless bicycles which can reach high speeds and are generally ridden by youth on sidewalks. He stated that he is unaware of any regulations for the "e-moto bikes" but that he has heard they have caused some problems in town. He suggested the Council discuss the issue at the next work session.

Mr. Marney shared that he has seen groups of kids riding e-bikes at high speeds and he agrees it should be discussed. He provided a report on the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation's recent Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) committee meeting.

Ms. Therrien expressed disagreement with the Mayor's ruling that she did not have a conflict of interest regarding the BDTL license. She explained that attorneys develop relationships with clients where even if they are not representing the client on a current issue, the client still views them as their attorney, as the relationship may be reactivated. She asserted that the decision put her in a difficult place and she wished the Council would have considered overruling the Mayor.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Snider stated that she had nothing to report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chard stated that he had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor O'Neall declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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MINDY O'NEALL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 22, 2026
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:45 p.m. Work Session for an Update on Housing with Fairbanks Neighborhood Housing Services, 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'Neall 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
Also Present:	D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk Thomas Chard, City Attorney Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer Ron Dupee, Police Chief Richard Sweet, Deputy Police Chief Nathan Werner, Police Captain Andrew Coccaro, Fire Chief Nick Clark, Fire Battalion Chief (remotely) Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager Teal Soden, Public Information Officer Jake Merritt, Human Resources Director Jennifer Payan, Grants Administrator (remotely)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At the request of Mayor O'Neall, **Ms. Therrien** read the land acknowledgement.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

Mayor O'Neall led the flag salutation.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognitions, Awards)

a) Swearing in Ceremony: New Fairbanks Police Department Officers

Police Chief Ron Dupee discussed staffing levels at the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD). Deputy Chief Richard Sweet introduced Dylan Howard and Kincaid Crumley, two new officers with FPD. He welcomed both officers and administered their Oaths of Office.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jomo Stewart, President/CEO of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) – J. Stewart provided a quarterly report of FEDC programs and events. He shared an update about the recently formed Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) Committee.

Ms. Therrien asked for more details about the ARDOR Committee. J. Stewart reported that the group had met three times and has been focused on education and gathering information. He provided details about the committee makeup and grant opportunities that had been explored.

Ms. Tidwell referenced the materials provided and asked how one gets included in the Interior Agricultural Directory. J. Stewart described the networking that occurs and the steps taken when they learn of a new business entity or individual. **Ms. Tidwell** stated that she would follow up.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if vetting occurs. J. Stewart confirmed it does and explained the process.

Jo Woodward – J. Woodward expressed concern over excessively loud mufflers from motorcycles and cars which can be heard at all hours of the night. She discussed noise ordinances and requested that something be done to address the issue.

Victoria Dowling – V. Dowling addressed concerns over the activities at 109 5th Avenue and stated she had spoken with City staff to provide reports on the issues multiple times over the years. She explained that although the property is boarded up, the door remains wide open, with traffic coming in and out all through the night. She reported that water is hand-carried into the house in jugs and that people relieve themselves outside. She shared that during last winter someone from the building came to her rental property next door, asked her to call an ambulance, then passed out on her steps. She asserted that safety concerns persist despite being told that the City is addressing the issues. She asked what progress had been made, as conditions appear to be unchanged. She explained that she had heavily invested in the neighborhood and had done everything the City asks of responsible property owners. V. Dowling asked for accountability in return and to hear an explanation of either how what she has witnessed is in compliance with local laws or, if not, what enforcement actions remain available. She asserted that residents deserve to know why reported problems are allowed to continue and that she is looking for answers, not just promises.

Ms. Therrien requested that V. Dowling leave her contact information with the Chief of Staff.

Ms. Sprinkle asked how long the building had been boarded up. V. Dowling stated that she believes it was condemned and boarded up by the City in 2023, that the water had been shut off, then restored, and potentially shut off again. She reiterated that people regularly walk out of the building to urinate on the side of the street.

Mr. Marney asked if she believes drugs are being trafficked at the location. V. Dowling stated that she does and explained that there is 24-hour traffic with no respect for volume regardless of the hour. **Mr. Marney** asked if she has seen underage visitors at the property. V. Dowling admitted that it is hard to tell if any visitors are minors but that she has seen many young women coming and going. **Mr. Marney** asked if she had experienced any property damage due to the activity at the property. V. Dowling confirmed that she had and gave examples. She shared that the property is at the end of 5th Avenue, which happens to be the start of a walking path that goes through the cemetery and connects with the riverwalk. She stated she would be terrified to go to the end of her own street and that she sees tourists, on the way to the path, turn around after seeing the house.

Gene Salzman, Sr. – G. Salzman, Sr. expressed frustration with the lack of maintenance at the Birch Hill Cemetery where he buried his wife two years ago. He described having to do his own groundskeeping at her grave and how it did not seem that any work had taken place so far this year. He spoke about his efforts to get in touch with someone and asked who was responsible for the cemetery's maintenance. **Mayor O'Neall** shared that the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) is responsible for the Birch Hill Cemetery. She added that the City Clerk may have some additional information and asked him to leave his contact information for a follow-up.

Nick Stepovich, Owner of Soapie Smith's Pioneer Restaurant – N. Stepovich shared that he has operated a business downtown for 30 years and that he recently stopped to say hello when he saw the Mayor and Chief of Police in the area. He reported that the Mayor pointed out the signs for his business, which were placed on the sidewalk as they had been for decades and informed him that they needed to be moved. He stated that he disagreed but was told that if he did not move them, she would. He acknowledged being agitated at the interaction and afterwards contacted some City Councilmembers, who called the City Attorney. He asserted that there was no law against his signs.

Ms. Therrien asked if he had spoken with the City Attorney. N. Stepovich clarified that he contacted Mr. Cleworth who spoke with the City Attorney, and that a review of the Fairbanks General Code (FGC) determined that he could place his signs as he had. He stated that he also confirmed that with the Chief of Police and that the whole situation felt vindictive and aggressive. He reported that the Mayor grabbed his signs and moved them to his business location herself and afterwards called him in what felt like an argumentative spirit. He asserted that the situation was irrational and came across as poor leadership. **Ms. Therrien** asked what the City Attorney had said in response to the inquiry. N. Stepovich clarified that he had not spoken with the City Attorney directly. **Mayor O'Neall** asked if the City Attorney could share the information he had provided. Attorney Chard confirmed that he and N. Stepovich did not speak directly.

Mr. Marney asked if other businesses have signs posted in the same location. N. Stepovich stated that they do and have done so for years. **Mr. Marney** asked if he felt targeted. N. Stepovich confirmed that he did and that it felt vindictive since he had advocated against the Mayor's recent effort to lease the log cabin on 1st Avenue to a new business that he would consider a competitor.

Ms. Tidwell asked N. Stepovich to confirm the location of his restaurant and whether the signs were located at his business. N. Stepovich shared that his business is located on 2nd Avenue and reiterated that he and others had placed signs on 1st Avenue for years. He added that new signs for other businesses had shown up since the incident. **Ms. Tidwell** asked the City Attorney if there were any regulations regarding signs on sidewalks. Attorney Chard explained that while the FGC does not specifically prohibit such signs there is language regarding the obstruction of sidewalks. **Ms. Tidwell** acknowledged that the topic would be prudent for further conversation in the future.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection to motion to APPROVE the agenda and the consent agenda and, hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

Clerk Snider read the consent agenda into the record.

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic.	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
104	The Happy Husky Bar & Grill	Beverage Dispensary	Westmark Hotels, Inc.	813 Noble Street
1059	Raven Landing Center	Beverage Dispensary	Retirement Community of Fairbanks	1222 Cowles Street
3997	BPO Elks Lodge #1551	Club	Fairbanks Lodge #1551 of the BPO of Elks	1003 Pioneer Road
3151	Fred Meyer #485	Package Store	Fred Meyer Stores, Inc.	3755 Airport Way
4819	The Antler Room	Beverage Dispensary	The Antler Room, Inc.	1003 Pioneer Road, A
4530	Blue Flame Bar & Grill	Beverage Dispensary	Midnight Sun Catering Services, LLC	95 10th Avenue
15582	Fairbanks Distilling Company	Distillery Retail	Patrick Wayne Levy	410 Cushman Street
5353	Fairbanks Distilling Company	Distillery Manufacturing	Patrick Wayne Levy	410 Cushman Street

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

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

Ms. Sprinkle noted that while Westmark Hotel held license no. 104, another entity appears to manage the restaurant. She asked if the Westmark Hotel held a beverage dispensary license or beverage dispensary tourism license. Clerk Snider confirmed that it was not a tourism license.

Ms. Therrien shared that she is a member of the Elks Lodge and while she did not believe she had a conflict of interest regarding License No. 3997, she wanted to disclose the connection. **Mayor O'Neall** ruled that she did not have a conflict of interest in the matter.

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

> YEAS: Marney, Ringstad, Cleworth, Sprinkle, Therrien, Tidwell
> NAYS: None
> **Mayor O'Neall** declared the MOTION CARRIED.

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

Lic.	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
39378	Blaze, LLC	Retail Marijuana Store	Blaze, LLC	607 Old Steese Highway, Suite 106
22809	Airport Way Best Bud	Retail Marijuana Store	Airport Way Trade Center, LLC	3598 Airport Way

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

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

There was no discussion.

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

YEAS: Tidwell, Sprinkle, Ringstad, Marney, Therrien, Cleworth
NAYS: None
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED.

c) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing and considered the following marijuana license application for transfer of controlling interest:

Type/License: Marijuana Retail Store, License #12325
DBA: GOOD Cannabis, LLC
Applicant: Good, LLC (transfer of controlling interest only)
Location: 356 Old Steese Highway, Fairbanks

Mayor O'Neall called for public testimony.

Greg Allison, co-owner of GOOD Cannabis – G. Allison thanked the Council for the trust shown in the business nine years prior when they had the opportunity to open for business. He spoke of their passion for the community and their goal to create something more than just another cannabis shop. He discussed their expansion efforts into new areas of Alaska as well as branching into the coffee and café industry. He expressed appreciation for the community and local government.

Ms. Sprinkle recounted approving a recent tasting room application for the business and asked how the venture was going. G. Allison confirmed that their non-combustion, onsite consumption license was a nice addition to their store but admitted it had not taken off as much as other projects.

Mr. Cleworth noted on the application the departure of an individual, Christian, and asked if she was no longer part of the business. G. Allison explained that she had shifted her focus to home life and that her partner was taking over her controlling interest role.

Mr. Marney asked about business tours. G. Allison shared that the cultivation facility was designed to be tour-friendly but that other expansion efforts had put tour options on the backburner.

Ms. Therrien thanked G. Allison for attending the meeting and availing himself for questions.

There being no more comments, **Mayor O'Neall** closed the public hearing.

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to WAIVE PROTEST on the marijuana license application for transfer of controlling interest.

There was no discussion.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE PROTEST ON THE MARIJUANA LICENSE APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROLLING INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Therrien, Marney, Sprinkle, Cleworth, Tidwell
NAYS: None
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED.

REPORT FROM FAIRBANKS ALASKA NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

Mayor O'Neall invited Marilyn Andon, Executive Director of Clinical Health Services at Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) to provide a report.

M. Andon shared that TCC Chief/Chairman Sharon Hildebrand was out of town on business but had provided a summary for her to share, including TCC's focus on organizational priorities, building relationships with tribal leaders and communities, strengthening communication through village visits, and supporting stronger government-to-government relationships. She spoke of Fairbanks as a key connection point for tribal members accessing services, regional meetings, and partnerships. She discussed advocacy priorities that benefit both rural members and those that live in town. M. Andon outlined various TCC programs such as housing, public safety, community wellness, and infrastructure planning. She asserted that continued communication with the City Council would strengthen awareness of these issues and provide opportunities for collaboration.

Mr. Ringstad recounted that senior housing has been a significant concern and asked if TCC is seeing similar challenges. M. Andon confirmed that housing is a major issue across the entire region and that many come to Fairbanks when housing in their own community is unavailable.

Mr. Cleworth asked if "Elder housing" had specific age requirements. M. Andon discussed TCC's flexible age considerations across tribal communities and stated that they often use lower thresholds than what Medicaid has in place. **Mr. Cleworth** asked if TCC has its own local housing options. M. Andon stated that TCC does not have Elder housing. She indicated that they search for available options and are open to opportunities for a sustainable program to run themselves.

Mr. Marney asked if TCC had held any serious conversations about what can be done about homelessness for its members during the winter months. M. Andon shared details about TCC's Housing First program and the sobering center, which is available to anyone in the community.

Ms. Therrien thanked M. Andon for attending. **Mayor O'Neall** also expressed appreciation for M. Andon's attendance and for the ongoing positive partnership with Chief/Chairman Hildebrand.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor O’Neall shared that June 30 would be Fairbanks Emergency Communication Center (FECC) Manager Kristi Merideth’s last day with the City. She added that K. Merideth had been extremely helpful with the transition process. She reported that the position had been posted and that the City intends to fill it with someone who resides within the Fairbanks area. **Mayor O’Neall** discussed the various solstice events that occurred the previous weekend and thanked all those involved, including FPD and Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD), who staffed a first responder station during the Midnight Sun Festival. She shared details about the upcoming America 250 Block Party taking place at City Hall on July 8 as part of the United States Semiquincentennial celebration. **Mayor O’Neall** addressed the concerns of N. Stepovich, acknowledging that she did move his business signs after receiving a few complaints from downtown businesses. She explained that there are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility concerns when signage takes up sidewalk space and that it is unfair for a business to advertise in such a manner.

Ms. Therrien asked if the 356th Fighter Squadron was excited to participate with the planned flyover. Chief of Staff Sanders confirmed that they had been in frequent communication with the City and that they were on board, with a commitment to the flyover’s target time.

a) Special Reports *[Clerk Note: This item occurred after “Councilmembers’ Comments”]*

Mayor O’Neall invited FNSB Assemblymember Kristan Kelly to provide a report.

K. Kelly reported on noteworthy Assembly items, such as the breaking of ground on the animal shelter, an ordinance granting a developer a property tax exemption on improvements for up to three years, and the passing of a design contract for a 12-court pickleball facility. She recounted the 2025 bowling challenge from the City Council to the Borough Assembly and delivered a new challenge from the Assembly for a round of pickleball matches, hopefully to be held this summer.

Ms. Sprinkle asked K. Kelly if she would follow up regarding the Birch Hill Cemetery concerns raised by G. Salzman, Sr. K. Kelly confirmed that she would. **Mr. Sprinkle** asked K. Kelly to provide an update on a recent situation involving FNSB Animal Control that resulted in public outcry. K. Kelly acknowledged that it had been a complicated situation, given the absence of the property owner, and provided a summary of what occurred. She affirmed that discussion continues, with a goal to revise policies, procedures, and the code of ordinances to prevent a future situations.

COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Ringstad shared that he recently watched an electric scooter going around 30 miles per hour down the road. He stated he had always been under the impression that unlicensed, unregistered vehicles such as that were not street legal and that it warranted further discussion.

Ms. Therrien thanked K. Merideth and initiated a round of applause in recognition of her service.

Ms. Sprinkle requested that the Council give attention to the 5th Avenue issue addressed earlier.

Mr. Marney volunteered to assist with the reading of the Declaration of Independence at the America 250 Block Party.

Mr. Cleworth spoke highly of K. Merideth's work at FECC over the years and stated that she would be missed. He asserted that the issues at 109 5th Avenue had only gotten worse and that the lengthy list of calls to the City regarding public safety concerns should surely trigger action from the City. He agreed that he would be upset if the property was in his neighborhood and recognized the risk taken by those who choose to speak up. **Mr. Cleworth** recounted that many years ago a new police officer had gone down 2nd Avenue and made all business owners remove their signs from the sidewalk, a tradition employed for years, and it resulted in complaints. He reported that it was determined that no law existed on the issue other than ADA considerations and ensuring that the signs did not obstruct the sidewalk. He suggested that if the City intends to get strict on the matter that there should be an ordinance to update the FGC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Ordinance No. 6349 – An Ordinance Transferring Land to the State of Alaska and Creating a Temporary Easement for the Steese/Johansen Interchange Project. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

At the request of Mayor O'Neall, Attorney Chard provided a brief summary of the ordinance.

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

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6349.

There was no discussion.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6349 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Tidwell, Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Therrien
NAYS: None
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6349 ADOPTED.

b) Ordinance No. 6350 – An Ordinance Enacting Fairbanks General Code Chapter 70, Article II, Section 70-63, Requiring a Request for Proposals and Certain Procedures to Aid in the Solicitation and Selection of Long-Term Lessees of City-Owned Property. Sponsored by Councilmembers Cleworth, Marney, Sprinkle, Therrien, and Ringstad. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6350.

Mr. Cleworth recounted that during the May 11 meeting, when the Council considered an ordinance to award a lease of the 1st Avenue log cabin and in response to concerns expressed, the City Attorney cautioned that the FGC lacks specific procedures on awarding a lease. He explained that Ordinance No. 6350 was a result of that discussion and expressed hope that it would pass.

Mayor O'Neall referenced a memo which she had provided to the Council at the last work session. She stated that the administration views the potential change in process as cumbersome and that if the Council desires a more transparent, clear process with timely notification, there are other ways to go about it. She asserted that passing such an ordinance after a specific incident felt reactive and was bad practice. She expressed hope for continued conversation.

Ms. Tidwell suggested that the ordinance did not address the Council's stated intent to be involved with the process and stated that the administration had given many opportunities to be a part of the process ahead of time. She predicted that the ordinance would create more problems than it solves.

Ms. Therrien requested she be removed as sponsor to the ordinance.

Mr. Cleworth asserted that ordinances are typically written in response to a problem and that he considered the issue problematic. He recalled what occurred with a recent request for information (RFI) *[see the Regular Meetings Minutes of April 27, 2026 and May 11, 2026]*. He read aloud from the Mayor's memo and asserted that the two-step process of an RFI then a request for proposal (RFP) was unnecessary and adds more time to a project. **Mr. Cleworth** explained that the ordinance would allow the Council to have a say in the procedure and would prevent the Council's frustration. He added he did not see how it could be viewed as anything but positive.

Mayor O'Neall suggested that Mr. Cleworth may not understand what an RFI is and pointed out that the ordinance did not have anything to do with an RFI. She asserted that just because the Council was unfamiliar with or less inclined towards that particular process did not mean that it was the wrong approach. She discussed better ways they could approach projects and the direction they would like to go as a community. She defended the use of RFIs to gather information and reiterated that the ordinance was problematic.

Ms. Sprinkle noted that the Council dealt with four different projects involving City-owned properties recently and that each had employed a different process, which she thought was confusing to both the public and Councilmembers. She suggested that the ordinance was straightforward and ensured the Council would be involved with processes earlier than only the final step of voting yes or no. **Mayor O'Neall** pointed out that prior to voting on an ordinance the Council has at least two other meetings to discuss the specifics of a particular project, such as awarding a lease. She asserted that it was incorrect for Councilmembers to claim that they were caught unaware of a particular project. **Ms. Sprinkle** stated that she believes many would disagree.

Mayor O'Neall asked M. Sanders to review the leases and explain why the process for each differed. M. Sanders recounted that the Polaris site had been handled by a small committee with only two Councilmembers included but was shifted to the entire Council after desire had been expressed for all to be involved, which delayed the process by six to eight months. He noted that the RFP for childcare services in City Hall had included a lease that was secondary to the primary goal of providing a specific service. He explained that the log cabin lease was a result of a time crunch and the hope to have something open by summer but that the Council voted it down. He suggested that a year ago the administration's efforts would have been praised. He concluded with the example of a leased City Hall space to the Denali Commission, a process which had no public outreach and was happily approved by the Council. **Mayor O'Neall** stated that they could do better than the ordinance before them and reiterated that it was bad policy.

Mr. Cleworth recounted that the log cabin RFI had an addendum stating that proposals must be food related. He stated the Council had not discussed limiting the potential use of the building nor been made aware of the limitation. He asserted that had caused confusion, that the Mayor had used the RFI for more than gathering information, and that an RFP was never even issued. He pointed out that the Council spent three months on an RFP for the Polaris site, finished by December 2025, then waited for it to appear on an agenda—and it did not. He spoke of the Mayor's preference to go in a different direction with the project and clarified that the administration—not the Council—had dragged out the process. He recounted being told that the delay was influenced by the inability for any developer to commence real work in 2026 and that he took umbrage with that claim.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6350 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle
NAYS: Therrien, Tidwell
Mayor O'Neall declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6350 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Resolution No. 5219 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Chalmers Ford, Inc. to Provide Three Police Vehicles in the Amount of $266,840.19. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

b) Ordinance No. 6351 – An Ordinance Amending the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Second Time. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

c) Ordinance No. 6352 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Chapter 66 to Establish a Garbage Collection Discount for Residents Who Receive Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Amending the City Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services. Sponsored by Councilmember Therrien.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

a) Board of Plumber Examiner Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2026

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

b) Reappointment to the Board of Plumber Examiners

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Cleworth discussed the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) published by Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning, noting the 30-day public comment period. He shared that the North Pole Mayor had contacted him with concerns and that he too saw some concerning items. He stated that he would draft a resolution for the next work session. **Mr. Cleworth** expressed concern over the budget ordinance and the precarious position the City would be in with only a $24,000 surplus. He suggested the Council agree to a targeted surplus to work towards as a way to guard against unexpected expenses such as the recent large energy increases. He discussed the increased traffic on Trainor Gate Road, noting the impact of upcoming construction projects in the area. He stated that he thought Fort Wainwright no longer wanted to use the road and preferred the Lazelle Road gate instead, which would reduce traffic by the schools. He asked if the Mayor had any further information on the matter. **Mayor O'Neall** reported that FAST Planning had implemented a temporary solution to increase visual awareness of the pedestrian crosswalks and that a permanent solution was in the works to create a tabled intersection to help with traffic calming. **Mr. Cleworth** shared that tabled intersections had some negative history in northern communities due to how snow affects them but acknowledged that other variations may be satisfactory to the City Engineer. He recommended a four-way stop be installed. **Mayor O'Neall** noted that the presence of two schools, a military base, and the railroad tracks running parallel to the road make for a very complicated intersection, especially given the overlap of three jurisdictions involved. She explained that the immediate goal is to get enough attention directed towards the problem so that permanent solutions could be considered. **Mr. Cleworth** expressed appreciation for receiving more information about e-bikes after the last meeting. He clarified that bicycles with pedals and a battery pack had been around for years without any major problems and that the concern is over newer, high-powered models without pedals, comparing them to low-powered motorcycles which require registration and a license to ride. He encouraged the administration to look into the issue and consider where the City should draw a line.

Ms. Therrien reported that she and June Rogers had been attending the change of command ceremonies at Fort Wainwright and that she did not understand why the City does not get invited. She noted that candidate filing would soon open and she hopes to see many candidates for office. She concurred with the concerns over the property on 5th Avenue. She shared that she and Mr. Cleworth had been discussing the start time of work sessions and the desire to return to a 7:00 a.m. start time. **Mayor O'Neall** confirmed that the issue would be addressed at the next work session.

Ms. Sprinkle thanked the public safety personnel who assisted with the downtown festival. She offered to help with the painting of pavement at the Trainor Gate intersection discussed earlier.

Mr. Marney also expressed concern about the budget and stated that having only $24,000 left halfway through the year is not right. He asserted that the City is spending too freely, that he may have to vote no on some budget amendment items, and that the City needs to tighten its belt.

Ms. Tidwell agreed that the weekend's events had been better than ever. She thanked V. Dowling for sharing concerns regarding the 5th Avenue property. She recounted that a previous assessment determined that the property did not meet the threshold for an abatement processes but that the understanding at the time was that the water had been restored. She asserted that there are other properties that are just as bad or worse but also do not meet the criteria for action. She suggested a review of the FGC dealing with nuisance properties and that the City crack down on problems.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Snider shared that the upcoming candidate filing period is July 15 to 29. She shared that there would be an additional week between Council meetings. She stated that it had been her pleasure to work with K. Merideth over the years and wished her well.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chard stated that he had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Therrien**, moved to ENTER into Executive Session to discuss IBEW/COF Labor Negotiations: Guidance from Council and the Security Assessment Report.

> **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection on the motion to ENTER into Executive Session and, hearing none, declared the motion CARRIED.

Mayor O'Neall called for a recess at 8:25 p.m., then the Council reconvened in Executive Session.

a) IBEW/COF Labor Negotiations: Guidance from Council [permissible under State law, including the provision at AS 44.62.310(c)(1)]

b) Security Assessment Report [permissible under State law, including the provision at AS 44.62.310(c)(1)]

The Executive Sessions began at 8:34 p.m. Those present were Mayor O'Neall; Councilmembers. Cleworth, Therrien, Tidwell, Marney, Ringstad and Sprinkle; Clerk Snider, Attorney Chard, Chief of Staff Sanders, CFO Bell, and HR Director Merritt. The sessions concluded at 9:09 p.m.

Mayor O'Neall stated the Council met in Executive Sessions to discuss IBEW/COF Labor Negotiations: Guidance from Council and the Security Assessment Report. She affirmed that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor O'Neall declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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MINDY O'NEALL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: CC

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor O'Neall and City Councilmembers

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Alcohol License Renewal Applications

DATE: July 8, 2026

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
4247*	This and That Grill, LLC	Beverage Dispensary	This and That Grill, LLC	3578 Airport Way
3489*	Soba Authentic Moldovan Cuisine	Beverage Dispensary	Soba, LLC	535 2nd Avenue, Suite 106
4941	Seoul Gate Restaurant	Restaurant/ Eating Place	Seoul Gate, Inc.	958 Cowles Street

*The renewal applications for license nos. 4247 and 3489 include a restaurant endorsement. A restaurant endorsement authorizes the holder of a beverage dispensary license to allow a person under 21 years of age to: (1) access the premises of a bona fide restaurant on the licensed premises; and (2) enter or remain on the licensed premises to consume food or nonalcoholic beverages. [see AS 04.09.450]

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-178 the Council may determine whether to protest alcohol license renewal applications after holding a public hearing. As required by FGC Sec. 14-167(b), I have sent written notice of the public hearing to the above-listed licensees.

The renewal applications for license nos. 104 and 3151 were considered by the ABC Board on June 23, 2026. The City's 60-day response deadline to AMCO is July 21, 2026.

<u>There are no department-recommended protests</u> for these alcohol license renewal applications.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor O'Neall and City Councilmembers

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Alcohol License Renewal Applications

DATE: July 8, 2026

An application has been received from the State of Alaska Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) for the following alcohol license:

Sub-license #:	60771
Primary License #:	15732, Distillery Retail
D.B.A.:	**Hoarfrost Distilling, LLC**
Application Type:	**Manufacturer Direct Shipment License**
Licensee/Applicant:	Dark Lamb Industries, LLC
Physical Location:	3501 Lathrop Street, Unit F

Corp/LLC Agent:	Mailing Address	Date/State of Ltd Partner/Corp	Good standing?
Dark Lamb Industries, LLC Alexess Nichols	3158 N. Van Horn Road Fairbanks, AK 99701	10/08/2025 – AK	Yes

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

The Council may determine whether to protest this application within 60 days of the City's receipt of notification of the application. The 60-day deadline for the City's response to AMCO is July 31, 2026. As required by FGC Sec. 14-167(b), I have sent written notice of the public hearing to the licensee.

<u>There are no department-recommended protests</u> for this alcohol license application.

Document reference ID : 7830

Licensing Application Summary

Application ID:	7830
Applicant Name:	Dark Lamb Industries Llc
License Type applied for:	Manufacturer Direct Shipment License (MDSL) (AS 04.09.370)
Application Status:	In Review
Application Submitted On:	06/03/2026 03:15 PM AKDT

Entity Information

Business Structure:	Limited liability company
FEIN/SSN Number:	394910124
Member Managed or Manager Managed:	Member Managed
Not registered in the state of Alaska:	No
Alaska Entity Number (CBPL):	10335033
Alaska Entity Formed Date:	10/08/2025
Home State:	AK

Entity Contact Information

Name	Phone	Email	Relation
Alexess Nichols	907-687-9044	alexessholt@gmail.com	Designated Licensee
Logan Nichols	907-888-6340	ramdna24@gmail.com	Executive Management
Mailing Address:	3158 N Van Horn Rd, Fairbanks, AK, 99701, USA		

Tell Us About You

Authority Type: I am authorized user by the designated licensee with binding authority

Legal First Name: Alexess

Legal Last Name: Nichols

Email Address: alexess@hoarfrostdistilling.com

Phone Number: 907-687-9044

Additional Authorized Users

Legal Name	Relation with Applicant
Logan Nichols	Executive Management

Registered Agent Information

Name	Alexess Nichols
Agent's Phone Number	907-687-9044
Agent's Email	alexessholt@gmail.com
Address	3158 N Van Horn Rd, Fairbanks, AK, 99701, USA
The registered agent is either an individual resident of the state or a domestic corporation authorized to transact business in the state and whose business office is the same as the registered office?	Yes

Ownership / Principal Party Details

Principal Parent Entity	Principal Party	Role	%Ownership
Dark Lamb Industries Llc	Alexess Nichols	Member	51
Dark Lamb Industries Llc	Logan Nichols	Member	49

Premises Address

Address: 3501 Lathrop St, UNIT F, Fairbanks, AK, 99701, USA

Does the proposed site include a valid street address? Yes

Primary license number

Primary License Information License Number - 15732 - Distillery Retail License (DIRL) - Fairbanks

Basic Business information

Business/Trade Name: Hoarfrost Distilling LLC

What is your primary business at this location? Manufacturer

Premises Contact Details

Contact Person Name Alexess Nichols

Business Phone Number 907-687-9044

Alternate Phone Number 907-888-6340

Email Address alexess@hoarfrostdistilling.com

Local Government and Community Council Details

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

Other Licenses Involvement

Does any representative or owner named in this application have any direct or indirect financial interest in any other alcoholic beverage business that does business in or is licensed in Alaska?

Yes

Description

YES Licenses #5436 and #157321

Individual Certification and Financial Interest

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

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

Attestations

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

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

I certify that all licensees, agents, and employees who sell or serve alcoholic beverages or check the identification of a patron will complete an approved alcohol server education course, if required by AS 04.21.025, and, while selling or serving alcoholic beverages, will carry or have available to show a current course card or a photocopy of the card certifying completion of approved alcohol server education course, if required by 3 AAC 305.700.

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

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

I certify that all proposed licensees have been listed with Division of Corporation, Business, and Professional Licensing.

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

Signature

This application was digitally signed by : Alexess nichols on 06/03/2026 03:15 PM AKDT

Payment Info

Payment Type : CC

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Receipt Number: 101314205

Payment Date: 05/14/2026 03:18 PM AKDT

STATE OF ALASKA - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

2026-2027

License Number: **15732**
Issued Date: **5/14/2026**
Type of License: **DISTILLERY RETAIL LICENSE (DIRL)**

D/B/A: **HOARFROST DISTILLING LLC**

Premises Address:

3501 LATHROP ST.UNIT F , FAIRBANKS, AK, 99709, USA

Name/Mailing Address:

DARK LAMB INDUSTRIES LLC

3158 N VAN HORN RD, FAIRBANKS, AK, 99701, USA

Enforcement Conditions:

None

LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION DUE
DECEMBER 31, 2027
THIS LICENSE EXPIRES MIDNIGHT
FEBRUARY 28, 2028, UNLESS DATED BELOW

CITY/BOROUGH:

Fairbanks (City of)/Fairbanks North Star Borough

This license cannot be transferred without permission of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

DIRECTOR

THIS LICENSE MUST BE POSTED IN A VISIBLE PLACE ON THE PREMISES AND AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION 3 AAC 305.630(c)

STATE OF ALASKA - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

2026-2027

License Number: **5436**
Issued Date: **5/14/2026**
Type of License: **DISTILLERY MANUFACTURER LICENSE (DML)**

D/B/A: **HOARFROST DISTILLING**
Premises Address:
3501 LATHROP ST.UNIT F , FAIRBANKS, AK, 99709, USA
Name/Mailing Address:
DARK LAMB INDUSTRIES LLC
3158 N VAN HORN RD, FAIRBANKS, AK, 99701, USA
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Sponsored by: Mayor O’Neall
Date: June 22, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 6351

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE SECOND TIME

WHEREAS, this ordinance incorporates the changes outlined on the attached fiscal note to amend the 2026 operating and capital budget.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the 2026 General Fund and Capital Fund budgets the following sources of revenue and expenditures in the amounts indicated to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 (see pages 2 and 3):

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE	APPROVED APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION
Taxes (all sources)	$ 29,686,055	$ -	$ 29,686,055
Charges for Services	6,895,700	-	6,895,700
Intergovernmental Revenues	3,612,630	490,000	4,102,630
Licenses and Permits	2,313,060	-	2,313,060
Fines and Forfeitures	526,500	-	526,500
Interest and Penalties	1,625,000	-	1,625,000
Rental and Lease Income	143,659	-	143,659
Other Revenues	250,000	-	250,000
Total revenue appropriation	$ 45,052,604	$ 490,000	$ 45,542,604
EXPENDITURES			
Mayor Department	$ 1,035,400	$ -	$ 1,035,400
Legal Department	271,210	-	271,210
Office of the City Clerk	655,630	-	655,630
Finance Department	1,049,700	-	1,049,700
Information Technology	3,389,645	171,700	3,561,345
General Account	7,202,624	202,000	7,404,624
Police Department	8,971,389	-	8,971,389
Communications Center	3,597,570	-	3,597,570
Fire Department	11,292,170	600,000	11,892,170
Public Works Department	10,902,565	200,000	11,102,565
Engineering Department	1,210,930	-	1,210,930
Building Department	834,470	-	834,470
Total expenditure appropriation	$ 50,413,303	$ 1,173,700	$ 51,587,003
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfer from Permanent Fund	$ 5,967,514	$ -	$ 5,967,514
Transfer to Capital/Risk Fund	(663,508)	-	(663,508)
Transfer to Capital Fund (Council)	(1,067,873)	-	(1,067,873)
Sale of capital assets	250,000	-	250,000
Total other financing appropriation	$ 4,486,133	$ -	$ 4,486,133
2025 estimated unassigned fund balance	$ 13,352,665	$ -	$ 13,352,665
Prior year encumbrances	(514,393)	-	(514,393)
Transfers to other funds	(1,067,873)	-	(1,067,873)
Other changes to the budget	707,700	(683,700)	24,000
2026 estimated unassigned fund balance	$ 12,478,099	$ (683,700)	$ 11,794,399

Minimum unassigned fund balance requirement is 20% of budgeted annual expenditures but not less than $10,000,000. 20% of budgeted annual expenditures is $ 10,317,401

CAPITAL FUND

REVENUE	APPROVED APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION
Property Repair & Replacement	$ 150,000	$ -	$ 150,000
Public Works	300,000	-	300,000
IT	75,000	-	75,000
Police	300,000	-	300,000
Communications Center	140,000	-	140,000
Fire	250,000	-	250,000
Building	10,000	-	10,000
Total revenue appropriation	$ 1,225,000	$ -	$ 1,225,000
EXPENDITURES			
Property Repair & Replacement	$ 7,023,335	$ 1,285,000	$ 8,308,335
Public Works Department	1,239,497	48,000	1,287,497
Garbage Equipment Reserve	180,000	-	180,000
IT Department	146,311	-	146,311
Police Department	351,317	-	351,317
Communications Center	1,596,960	-	1,596,960
Fire Department	1,598,892	370,000	1,968,892
Engineering Department	23,000	-	23,000
Road Maintenance	1,992,725	265,450	2,258,175
Building Department	32,820	-	32,820
Total expenditure appropriation	$ 14,184,857	$ 1,968,450	$ 16,153,307
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfer from Permanent Fund	$ 745,939	$ -	$ 745,939
Transfer from General Fund	1,067,873	-	1,067,873
Transfer from General Fund - Ambulance	150,000	-	150,000
Transfer from General Fund - Garbage	295,200	-	295,200
Total other financing appropriation	$ 2,259,012	$ -	$ 2,259,012
2025 estimated fund balance	$ 20,587,223	$ -	$ 20,587,223
Prior year encumbrances	(2,414,348)	-	(2,414,348)
Prior year reappropriations	(4,305,208)	-	(4,305,208)
Transfers from other funds	1,078,424	-	1,078,424
Other changes to the budget	(5,059,713)	(1,968,450)	(7,028,163)
2026 estimated fund balance	$ 9,886,378	$ (1,968,450)	$ 7,917,928

Estimated uncommitted capital fund balance for projects	**$ 4,261,902**

SECTION 2. All appropriations made by this ordinance lapse at the end of the fiscal year to the extent they have not been expended or contractually committed to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of said departments of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

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

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Mindy L. O'Neall, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
______________________________	______________________________
D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk	Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE
ORDINANCE NO. 6351
AMENDING THE 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
FOR THE SECOND TIME

GENERAL FUND
$490,000 Increase in Revenue
$1,173,700 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Intergovernmental Revenues
    - $490,000 increase to State of Alaska municipal assistance for the community assistance program

Expenditures

2. Clerks Department
    - Council travel includes cost for attending Alaska Municipal League (AML) and legislative conferences and meetings.
3. Information Technology
    - $137,100 increase to outside contracts for security maintenance agreement for cost increases
    - $34,600 increase to computer fiber services for monthly charges for cost increases
4. General Account
    - $2,000 increase to contingency for the diversity council
    - $200,000 increase to heating fuel for cost increases
5. Fire Department
    - $600,000 increase to overtime and benefits
6. Public Works Department
    - $200,000 increase to temporary salaries and benefits for winter season
7. Engineering Department
    - Change one full-time Engineering II position to one full-time Engineering Assistant position

<u>CAPITAL FUND</u>
$1,968,450 Increase in Expenditures

<u>Expenditures</u>

1. Property Repair and Replacement
    - $400,000 increase to city hall steam heat system project (Current Project Total $5,017,041)
    - $125,000 increase to city hall upgrades for the bathrooms (Current Project Total $336,143)
    - $760,000 increase to polaris building for final project costs
2. Public Works Department
    - $48,000 increase to replace engine on loader L-11
3. Fire Department
    - $290,000 increase to remount ambulance A-008, reduces time for replacement from two years to 90 days
    - $80,000 **<u>uncommitment</u>** of funds for grant matches
4. Road Maintenance
    - $200,000 **<u>uncommitment</u>** of funds for minnie street match (Committed Balance $669,487)
    - $65,450 increase to surface improvement for the lavery transportation center enhancements match
    - **<u>Reallocate</u>** $505,000 from B Street project ($340,000) and Juneau Avenue project ($165,000) for Shannon Drive and Holt Road projects

Sponsored by: Councilmember Therrien
Date: June 22, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 6352

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 66 TO ESTABLISH A GARBAGE COLLECTION DISCOUNT FOR RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) AND AMENDING THE CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, aside from apartment buildings or complexes which include more than four apartment units and commercial accounts, the property owner of each residence within the city must pay the City's residential rates for solid waste collection per FGC 66-21; and

WHEREAS, the City's residential rates for solid waste collection are established each year and set forth in the City's Schedule of Fees as required under FGC 66-22; and

WHEREAS, FGC 66-23 currently provides that qualified senior citizens can receive a discount on the City's residential rates for solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the City's current Schedule of Fees, adopted by Resolution No. 5216 and effective July 1, 2026, provides that the Senior Rate for the City's residential rates for solid waste collection is 75% of the single-family dwelling rate; and

WHEREAS, based on the United States Social Security Administration's SSI Recipients by State and County, 2024, and SSI Monthly Statistics, April 2026, there are approximately 631 individuals currently receiving SSI payments living in the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to extend the same discount for solid waste collection provided to senior citizens residing in the city to individuals on SSI.

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

<u>**SECTION 1**</u>**.** Fairbanks General Code Chapter 66, Article II, is amended as follows [new text in <u>**bold/underlined**</u> font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

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Sec. 66-23. - Senior citizen rate.

(a) A qualified senior citizen may apply to the office of the city clerk or the city finance department for the senior citizen rate. The senior citizen rate will be as provided in the city's schedule of fees and charges for services and will become effective the first billing quarter following a qualified filing.

(b) The term "qualified senior citizen" as used in this section is defined as a person at least 65 years of age or a person at least 60 years of age who is the widow or widower of a person who was receiving the senior citizen rate at the time of their death. The widow or widower must file a new application for the senior citizen rate and must meet the requirements of subsection (c).

(c) To receive the senior citizen rate under this section, a qualified senior citizen must:

(1) Be an owner of record of the property receiving the solid waste service.

(2) Occupy the property as a permanent place of abode. If the qualified senior citizen owns multiple properties, only their primary residence will be eligible for the senior rate.

(3) File for the senior citizen rate with the city clerk or the city finance department, provide proof of age, and have the application signature notarized. A qualified senior citizen need not file such an application for successive years.

(4) Maintain all city accounts in current status. The senior citizen rate will be revoked if a city account(s) is delinquent. The senior citizen rate will be reinstated without requiring a new filing when the account(s) is brought into current status.

(5) If living in a residence provided service pursuant to section 66-21(a)(2), all residents must be qualified.

(d) Annually, the city finance department will audit a minimum of ten percent of the accounts receiving the senior citizen rate to determine eligibility and compliance with this section.

(e) The qualified senior citizen receiving a senior citizen rate or their designated representative is responsible for notifying the city clerk or finance department of any change in ownership, residency, or permanent place of abode. Any account that is receiving the senior citizen rate for any period during which it is not eligible will be billed for the ineligible period at the regular collection rate and charged interest at the current rate for delinquent accounts.

Sec. 66-24. - Rate for qualified individuals receiving Federal Supplemental Security Income.

(a) A qualified individual receiving federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) may apply to the office of the city clerk or the city finance department for a discounted rate. The discounted rate will be as provided in the city's schedule of fees and charges for services and will become effective the first billing quarter following a qualified filing.

(b) The term “qualified individual receiving federal Supplemental Security Income” as used in this section is defined as a person who provides

current proof that they are receiving federal Supplemental Security Income payments.

(c) To receive the discounted rate under this section, a qualified individual must:

(1) Be an owner of record of the property receiving the solid waste service.

(2) Occupy the property as a permanent place of abode. If the qualified individual owns multiple properties, only their primary residence will be eligible for the discounted rate.

(3) File for the discounted rate with the city clerk or the city finance department, provide proof of eligibility, and have the application signature notarized. The qualified individual needs to file such an application each year.

(4) Maintain all city accounts in current status. The discounted rate will be revoked if a city account(s) is delinquent. The discounted rate will be reinstated without requiring a new filing when the account(s) is brought into current status.

(5) If living in a residence provided service pursuant to section 66-21(a)(2), all residents must be qualified.

(d) The discount available in this section for individuals receiving federal supplemental security income payments cannot be combined with the discount for seniors available under FGC 66-23.

(e) The qualified individual, or their designated representative, receiving a discounted rate under this section is responsible for notifying the city clerk or finance department of any change in ownership, residency, or permanent place of abode. Any account that is receiving the discounted rate for any period during which it is not eligible will be billed for the ineligible period at the regular collection rate and charged interest at the current rate for delinquent accounts.

Sec. 66-~~24~~25. - Charge for collection of oversized items; other charges.

(a) A customer shall be assessed an additional charge for the collection of any oversized items which cannot be collected during the routine weekly collection, and which require a special trip by the public works department. Oversized item collection can be requested with the public works department, the fee is listed in the schedule of fees.

(b) A customer shall be assessed an additional charge for failing to properly dispose of home medical wastes, hazardous wastes, and ashes, per section 66-42, and for failing to maintain their container or receptacle in a proper manner per section 66-62(c) after a second notice from the director of public works.

Sec. 66-~~25~~26. - Customer service policies.

(a) Charge for service. It shall be the duty of the chief financial officer to keep accounts of solid waste customer accounts, to enter on such accounts all charges and penalties, and to establish billing dates for such service.

(b) Billings, due dates, and delinquent dates. The charges for services shall be billed during the first month of the service quarter. The billing shall be due on the last business day of the first month in the quarter of service. Failure of any person to pay the charges by the due date shall cause such charges to become delinquent. Failure to receive mail shall not be recognized as a valid excuse for failure to pay bills when due. A maximum legal rate of interest charge, but no more than 18 percent per annum, shall be added to the delinquent balance as of the first day of the third month in the billing cycle.

(c) Automatic recurring bank payments. Citizens may enroll in the automated clearing house (ACH) service for payment of quarterly bills from a personal checking or savings account. ACH transactions will be posted to customer accounts on the last day of the billing month. Non-sufficient funds (NSF) will result in a charge on the customer's account.

(d) Action to collect delinquent accounts. Delinquent accounts are subject to lien filings. All costs incurred by the city to record and release the lien will be applied to the owner's account. The lien will be released when the account is paid in full. Property owners involved in a Fairbanks North Star Borough foreclosure proceedings will retain ownership during the redemption period and responsibility of the charge for services.

(e) Property owner liable for payment of solid waste service fees. The owner of record of the real estate receiving service shall be chargeable for the service and such fees shall be a lien against the real estate.

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SECTION 2. As provided herein, a discounted fee for Garbage Collection for Individuals Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, incorporating the same discount currently used in the Senior Rate, 75% of the single-family dwelling rate, is to be added to the City's Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services.

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

Mindy O’Neall, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6352

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE GARBAGE COLLECTION DISCOUNTS FOR SSI RECIPIENTS

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:

EXPENDITURES:	ANNUAL
TOTAL	**$ -**

FUNDING SOURCE:	ANNUAL
GENERAL FUND (GARBAGE COLLECTION)	$ (63,100)
TOTAL	**$ (63,100)**

This fiscal note reflects the maximum amount of discount based on the number of Social Security Income recipients (ages 18-64) in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The discount would be $25.00 per quarter.

Prepared by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 6/12/2026

Sponsored by: Mayor O’Neall
Date: July 13, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 5220

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ALASKA PUBLIC RISK ALLIANCE (APRA) FOR MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 5173 approved the City’s General Liability, Workers’ Compensation, Auto Liability, Property, Public Officials Liability, Mobile Equipment, Police Professional Liability, and Cyber Liability policies to be provided under a Participant Membership Agreement with the Alaska Public Risk Alliance (APRA); and

WHEREAS, the City’s Broker of Record, Hale & Associates, has received and reviewed APRA’s proposal for the period July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, in the amount of $1,937,560; and

WHEREAS, the administration has met with David Hale of Hale & Associates, has reviewed APRA’s proposal and the service provided by APRA, and concurs with the recommendation by Hale & Associates to accept the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, as follows:

Section 1. The Council approves the proposal and authorizes the Mayor to execute all necessary documents to secure coverage with the Alaska Public Risk Alliance under the terms of the proposal.

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

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Mindy O’Neall, City 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

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5220

Abbreviated Title: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO APRA FOR INSURANCE

Department(s): ALL

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? ______

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

EXPENDITURES:	COST
CITY OF FAIRBANKS INSURANCE	$1,937,560
TOTAL	**$1,937,560**

FUNDING SOURCE:	TOTAL
RISK FUND	$1,937,560
TOTAL	**$1,937,560**

City of Fairbanks insurance includes General Liability & Public Officials, Workers' Compensation, Auto Liability, Rental Auto Physical Damage, Property/Boiler & Machinery, Mobile Equipment, Police Professional Liability, and Cyber Policy.

Prepared by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 6/24/2026

Sponsored by: Councilmember Cleworth
Date: July 13, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 5221

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S (DEC) PROPOSAL TO DIVIDE THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH PM2.5 NONATTAINMENT AREA INTO TWO ZONES: FAIRBANKS–GOLDSTREAM VALLEY AND NORTH POLE

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has proposed to divide the existing Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) 24-hour PM2.5 nonattainment area into two distinct Air Quality Control Zones (AQCZs): the Fairbanks–Goldstream Valley AQCZ, encompassing the City of Fairbanks, Goldstream Valley, and surrounding communities currently meeting attainment standards, and the North Pole AQCZ, encompassing the City of North Pole and adjacent neighborhoods where winter PM2.5 levels continue to exceed federal standards (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, DEC's proposal supersedes the agency's prior November 20, 2015 request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which DEC asked EPA to hold in abeyance on June 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, DEC has clarified that no final decision has been made and that public comment is expected in the summer of 2026, with specific dates yet to be determined; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks and North Pole areas are currently regulated under the same air quality control measures despite experiencing substantially different pollution patterns and severity, and separating the areas would allow each community to pursue solutions tailored to its actual air quality challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Fairbanks expresses its support for the State of Alaska DEC's proposal to divide the FNSB PM2.5 nonattainment area into the Fairbanks–Goldstream Valley and North Pole Air Quality Control Zones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alaska DEC Commissioner Randy Bates, Division of Air Quality Director Jason Olds, Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Mayor Grier Hopkins, City of North Pole Mayor Larry Terch, and the FAST Planning Policy Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of this resolution is six days after adoption.

Mindy O'Neall, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

Attachment A to Resolution No. 5221

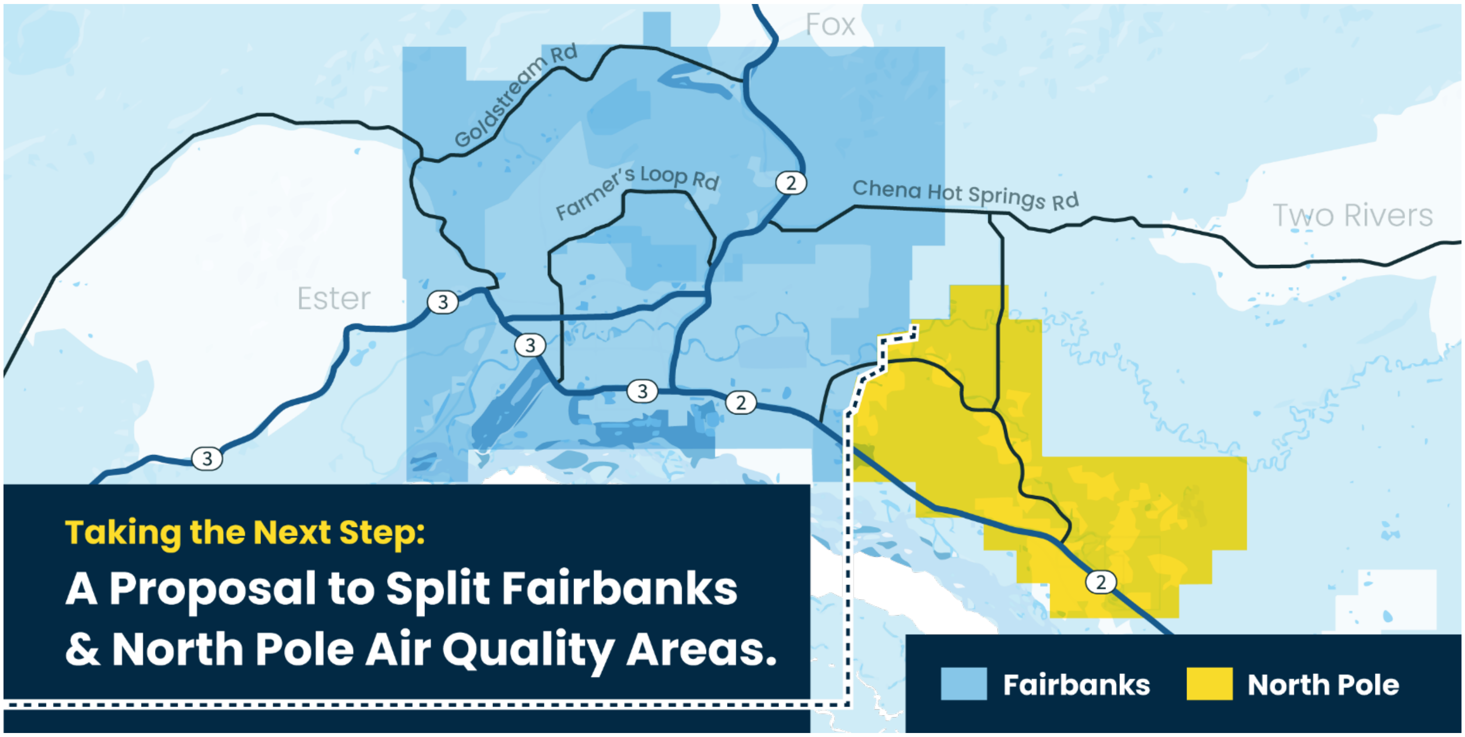

Illustration taken from the Department of Enviornmental Conservation website at https://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/communities/fbks-pm2-5-nonattainment-area-split-faq/.

Sponsored by: Mayor O'Neall
Date: July 13, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 5222

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE THE FIDUCIARY FOR THE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (HIDTA) PROGRAM FOR THE FAIRBANKS REGION

WHEREAS, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA) is established in the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to provide funding resources to joint initiatives of federal, state, local, and tribal agencies designated to carry out activities that address drug threats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks Police Department participates in the HIDTA program and would like to be the fiduciary for the Fairbanks region to expedite spending to mitigate drug threats in the Fairbanks area; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks region also includes the City of North Pole Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks will receive federal funds for HIDTA activities for overtime ($100,000), travel ($30,000), services ($20,000), and supplies ($35,000).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Fairbanks City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents to participate in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program for the Fairbanks region.

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Mindy L. O'Neall, City Mayor

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5222

Abbreviated Title: RESOLUTION APPROVING HIDTA FIDUCIARY FOR FAIRBANKS AREA

Department(s): POLICE

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

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

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

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

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

If yes, how many positions? ____

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

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

PROJECTS:	ANNUAL
OVERTIME	$100,000
TRAVEL	$30,000
SERVICES	$20,000
SUPPLIES	$35,000
TOTAL	**$185,000**

FUNDING SOURCE:	TOTAL
GRANT FUND [FEDERAL]	$185,000
TOTAL	**$185,000**

The City of Fairbanks Police Department will be the fiduciary for the Fairbanks region and will receive reimbursements for program costs in the Fairbanks region to mitigate drug threats in the area.

Prepared by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 6/22/2026

Sponsored by: Councilmember Cleworth
Date: July 13, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 5223

A RESOLUTION RESPONDING TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP), SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE FAIRBANKS AREA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) PLANNING POLICY BOARD, AND SHARING OBSERVATIONS, IDEAS, AND SUGGESTIONS PERTAINING TO CITY OF FAIRBANKS PROJECTS AND PLANNING PARAMETERS

WHEREAS, FAST Planning's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines funding and transportation planning tasks for the Fairbanks and North Pole area; and

WHEREAS, the UPWP ensures a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive approach to local transportation planning, and the City Council seeks to offer comments to support effective coordination with City priorities.

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

Section 1. The City Council provides the following feedback on the Draft FFY2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program to FAST Planning:

1. Page 4: Seven National Goals. The City Council strongly supports the seven goals, especially maintaining infrastructure and reducing traffic congestion.
2. Page 4: Planning Emphasis Areas. The City Council questions some of the December 2021 FHWA and FTA planning emphasis areas, which are not binding on Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), especially since the number 2 goal (Equity and Justice40) was repealed last year. Before adding emphasis areas, they should be analyzed for redundancy with existing regulations and relevance.
3. Page 14: Task 300(b) Complete Streets Prioritization Plan [ongoing]. Currently, the City of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation (AKDOT) plans projects using the Complete Streets policy, which consists of 6 pages of guidelines along with a 9-page "punch list." There are many good factors in the Complete Streets plan, however, it is a regulation that adds cost and time. Prioritization would best be stipulated by the two entities involved rather than a committee which simply adds more steps before a project can begin. The City Council recommends keeping planning costs at a reasonable level to ensure the project itself can be fully funded.
4. Page 15: Task 300(e) Downtown Fairbanks Traffic Study [new]. The study was discussed by the Downtown Fairbanks 2040 Plan Committee, but it was ultimately not included in the 2040 Plan for various reasons. The estimated cost for the study is $227,425. Changing downtown streets from one-way to two-way is extremely problematic, especially when considering the narrow right-of way on many streets. It would create significant logistical challenges, including loss of parking, increased congestion, limited snow storage, difficulties with

loading and unloading, and confusion that could lead to accidents from altered traffic patterns. Fifteen years ago, it was estimated that the cost of making the conversion would exceed $10 million and would not add to the infrastructure. Instead of using the funds to change street directions, the City Council recommends investing in maintaining or expanding existing infrastructure, such as conducting a full inventory of sidewalks that need repair or do not meet ADA standards.

5. Page 16: Task 300(i) Lacey Street Planning Study [new]. The information provided refers to having had a "large stakeholder group" discussion about a vision for Lacey Street. The term "stakeholder" refers to residences and businesses that are adjacent to the street itself, yet there were no true stakeholders involved in the original group. Letters of concern from two entities on Lacey Street were received sharing their disappointment of not being included at that time. The City Council strongly recommends convening a new stakeholder group composed of residents and businesses directly affected by this project. Proposals involving the potential closure or repurposing of portions of Lacey Street, such as converting areas to parks or other uses, should be carefully evaluated by the City, including the Fire Department, which relies heavily on this corridor for emergency access.
6. Page 18: Task 400(g) Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Improvements Implementation Plan. The estimated cost for this plan is $50,000. Every road project is already subject to the Complete Streets methodology which includes pedestrians, bikes, etc. Gillam Way is a good example of a road that was constructed to easily accommodate bicycles by simply moving the fog line further from the curb and moving traffic closer to the center of the road. This provides for short-term snow storage during the winter and expanded sidewalks for pedestrians. Task 400(g) proposes that FAST Planning staff, along with the Walk, Ride, and Roll Advisory Committee, be instrumental in creating a Non-Motorized Plan that identifies and prioritizes projects. The missing partners in this discussion include both State of Alaska DOT&PF and the City of Fairbanks' Engineering and Public Works departments. The City Council questions if the task is necessary given the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan already in place. If this task is funded, the City Council believes that involving the City's Engineering and Public Works departments is essential at the outset.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the FAST Planning Technical Committee and Policy Committee with thanks for the opportunity to "weigh in" on these important projects.

Section 3. The effective date of this resolution 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	Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

FAIRBANKS DIVERSITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12, 2026, 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.
HELD VIA ZOOM WEBINAR AND AT
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The **Fairbanks Diversity Council** (FDC) met on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting via Zoom Webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. **Mayor O'Neall** served as the Chair, and the following members were in attendance:

Members Present (In Person):
Erica Dillard, Seat A
Terry Norman, Seat E
Lainey Appel, Seat G
Mary Jo Skaggs, Seat H
Herb Butler, Seat J
Lonny Marney, Councilmember
Jake Merritt, HR Director

Members Present (Zoom):
Karen Blackburn, Seat I

Members Absent:
Alyssa Quintyne, Seat B (excused)
June Rogers, Seat C
Vacant, Seat D
Dorothy Shockley, Seat F
Deirdre Hamilton, Seat K

Also Present:
D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor O'Neall called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. She read the FDC mission statement and the land acknowledgement.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance together.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. Dillard, seconded by **H. Butler**, moved to APPROVE the agenda. There being no discussion or objection, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026

H. Butler, seconded by **T. Norman**, moved to approve the minutes. There being no discussion or objection, the minutes were approved.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Mayor O'Neall welcomed new member, Lainey Appel. She shared that long-time member Juanita Webb had submitted her resignation and suggested that a resolution in her honor may be appropriate. She announced that Alyssa Quintyne had recently been appointed to the FDC but that she was unable to make it to the meeting. **Mayor O'Neall** emphasized the importance of going "back to the beginning" of the FDC and that the agenda reflects that effort. She shared her vision of next steps for the group and asked for feedback.

H. Butler expressed agreement with Mayor O'Neall's plan and suggested that it may take more than one meeting to review the Diversity Action Plan (DAP). **Mayor O'Neall** commented that there may be some homework for members between meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

a) Review of FDC Original Enacting Ordinance and Current Fairbanks General Code

Clerk Snider outlined the items included in the agenda packet, including the original enacting ordinance of the FDC. At Mayor O'Neall's request, she reviewed the changes that had been made to the ordinance since that time (2014), primarily regarding FDC composition, chairperson, committees, and quorum. She pointed out that Fairbanks General Code (FGC) Section 2-234, FDC Duties; rules, and Section 2-235, Diversity action plan—guiding principles, had not changed since the FDC's inception.

H. Butler asked how the current FDC ordinance had evolved. Clerk Snider explained that after the original, enacting ordinance, a number of ordinances had been sponsored, either by previous Mayors or Councilmembers, and adopted by the City Council, which resulted in the version currently in effect. **H. Butler** questioned where ex-officio assignments are spelled out in the ordinance. Clerk Snider stated that non-voting (ex-officio) members are referenced in Section 2-231, although they are not called "ex-officio" members within the ordinance. She explained that the term "ex-officio" means, "by nature of the position" in general terms, so the three non-voting members (Mayor, Councilmember, and HR Director) serve on the FDC because of the positions they hold at the City. **H. Butler** asked whether the Clerk should be included as an ex-officio member. Clerk Snider stated that the City Clerk is only assigned to administratively support the FDC and is not a member. **H. Butler** suggested that the FDC may wish to submit a resolution with recommended changes to the City Council after its review of the FDC. **Mayor O'Neall** stated that it is important that the rules of the body reflect the body's purpose; she suggested that there may be some legitimate changes in order. Clerk Snider explained that there are two major pieces: the FDC ordinance, which the FDC may make recommendations for amendment through the Mayor to the City Council; and the DAP, which is similar to a strategic plan of the FDC, that the body reviews and makes recommendations on via resolution to the City Council. She stated that they are two separate processes that apply to two different guiding documents. She clarified that a resolution of the FDC would carry either forward to the City Council but that a resolution or ordinance of the City Council, whichever applies, would be required to make changes to either the FGC or the DAP. **H. Butler** suggested relaxing FDC rules and the DAP, stating that he feels the FDC is bound by compliance.

T. Norman expressed confusion about the FDC's purpose. She asked whether the FDC is a body of decision-makers that addresses local problems within the law. Clerk Snider stated that the role of the FDC is to serve as an advisory body to the City Council and to serve as a local forum for citizens to voice concerns, and thus make recommendations to the City Council, which has the authority to make changes. She stated that the FDC may pursue endeavors regarding public outreach and education, as stated in the FGC, and she provided some examples of what that has looked like in the past. **T. Norman** stated that she works closely with the Warming Center downtown and the need for funding there, and she commented that she has heard that the City does not claim responsibility in that regard. She indicated that she would like to hear more about that. **H. Butler** commented that his opinion of the FDC is that the group is in sort of a surveillance mode, of which the City Council is not a part of at this time. He stated that the FDC is considering the things it sees and may consider making recommendations to the City Council on the community issues it learns of. **T. Norman** asked when it may be appropriate to bring up such issues. Clerk Snider stated that any member may suggest an agenda item, which are vetted through the Chair, Mayor O'Neall. **T. Norman** requested that the next agenda include an item addressing the homeless issue, the function of the Warming Center, and what the City's responsibility is in that regard. **Mayor O'Neall** reiterated that members may request items be added to future agendas. She commented that it would be nice to hear from community members during FDC meetings.

L. Marney suggested a refresher on the Open Meetings Act (OMA) for the FDC. Clerk Snider provided a very brief overview of the OMA. **H. Butler** was grateful for the reminder. **Mayor O'Neall** stated that a review of the OMA could be added to a future agenda.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

a) Race Against Racism

Mayor O'Neall asked if anyone knew about the event planning for the Race Against Racism. Clerk Snider stated that the event is scheduled for May 30. She stated that former member J. Webb had a pulse on the event, but she would like direction from the FDC on whether to reach out to the event organizers or J. Webb. **K. Blackburn** shared that the event is normally headquartered at the J.P. Jones Community Center, and the FDC role in the past had been to help set up and pass out drinks and snacks. **L. Appel** stated that, in her research, she did not find much other than it was a 5K route. She expressed uncertainty as to the FDC's role in the event. **Mayor O'Neall** asked Clerk Snider to reach out to J. Webb to see what, if any, role the FDC is expected to play in the May 30 event and relay her response to the FDC.

b) Juneteenth

K. Blackburn shared that the FDC has hosted a table in the past and distributed information about the FDC. She stated that the event is put on by the NAACP. **Mayor O'Neall** stated that the event will occur June 20 and asked FDC members whether the FDC should participate. Members recalled that the event lasted about 6 hours in duration. The question arose as to whether the FDC had a banner or event materials. **E. Dillard** stated that the FDC did not have much to offer by way of handouts or swag, in her experience. **H. Butler** suggested that FDC members wander around events, start conversations about the FDC, and invite community members to meetings. **T. Norman** suggested having informational cards to hand out at events. **H. Butler** provided an FDC rack card he had from past events. Clerk Snider stated that the local Juneteenth event website had not been updated for 2026. **Mayor O'Neall** suggested that it is okay for the FDC to take a moment to regroup if it was not prepared to participate in public-facing events. **E. Dillard** agreed, stating that it would be better to do that instead of presenting as disorganized and unprepared. She suggested that the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) may be a better event to present at and prepare for. **Mayor O'Neall** spoke in support of more preparation for community events, while making smaller efforts to promote the FDC in the meantime, such as inviting groups to present to the FDC. **L. Appel** spoke in support of inviting other groups to present at upcoming meetings. **Mayor O'Neall** directed the City Clerk to reach out to the NAACP to present to the FDC at the July meeting about the Juneteenth event and how the FDC may partner with them for that event and throughout the year. **T. Norman** suggested that the FDC find out how to partner with groups organizing the Midnight Sun Intertribal Powwow and WEIO. **Mayor O'Neall** mentioned that that June is Pride Month and suggested that the FDC could ask for a presentation in July. **L. Appel** stated that Fairbanks Queer Collective has many programs; she suggested reaching out to that group. **Mayor O'Neall** requested that Clerk Snider reach out to that group for a July presentation. **T. Norman** suggested other groups, such as the Trappers Association or "Save Our Domes," a group dedicated to informing residents about gold exploration in Fairbanks. **H. Butler** stated that a major concern amongst Alaska Natives is the salmon population; however, he stated that he was not sure that was relevant to diversity. **Mayor O'Neall** encouraged members to consider inviting groups that relate to diversity to future meetings. She directed the Clerk to reach out to the NAACP for a June presentation and to the Fairbanks Queer Collective for the July meeting.

c) Other Upcoming Events

T. Norman mentioned that the Midnight Sun Festival was not on the FDC calendar. She stated that she would think about other items and send any updates to Clerk Snider.

FDC MEMBERS' COMMENTS

E. Dillard suggested adding the Fairbanks Wellness Coalition as a presenter at a future meeting.

L. Appel agreed with E. Dillard's idea. She stated that as someone who has lived in Alaska for 6 years, she has seen how mental health is a relevant topic. She supported the idea of the FDC getting more organized and getting into a rhythm.

M. J. Skaggs introduced herself as a newer member to the FDC. She shared that she is excited to see the FDC talking more about outreach and visibility. She spoke to the importance of meeting the diverse communities where they are, getting information out to those communities, and how members represent the FDC to the community. She stated that there needs to be effort made in visibility and outreach and expressed a desire to ensure the community knows the FDC exists.

K. Blackburn introduced herself as the Executive Director of the Northern Hope Center (NHC). She stated that since 2019, her organization has expanded its services into more than a drop-in center, now offering 24-hour crisis stabilization services. She shared that the Center will be moving from 909 Cushman Street to 513 12th Avenue. She commented that Mayor O'Neall is working hard to put together a plan for people needing a winter warming shelter and that she is a part of the team working to that effect. She stated that the NHC will be launching new services within the next two weeks and that it serves not only those with mental health issues but also provides other services.

T. Norman introduced herself as a downtown business owner and stated that she feels she is a part of the diverse downtown population. She stated she is thankful for downtown law enforcement and that she has worked with the Midnight Sun Intertribal Powwow organization and the Spiritual Unity of the Tribes. She expressed gratefulness to be a part of the FDC and a commitment to promote the FDC to the community and to relay concerns she hears to the FDC.

H. Butler stated he was sorry J. Rogers was not in attendance because he is sure she would have a lot to say. He gave a short talk on the Native American community nationwide. He stated that in Alaska there is movement all the time from community-to-community amongst Alaska Natives. He stated he is glad to be a part of the FDC and expressed a desire to share about his community.

J. Merritt introduced himself as the City's HR Director and stated that he enjoys the group. He welcomed all members.

Clerk Snider commented that she has been with the City of Fairbanks since 2009 and that she is always happy to communicate with FDC members and answer questions.

Mayor O'Neall stated that she helped with Mayor Eberhart's campaign, so it is neat to come full circle with the FDC. She shared that there is much City activity happening around the homelessness issue and that there will be a peer group serving as a street team with one-on-one service to meet people in the field, triage issues, and connect people with resources; she added that the funding comes from the opioid settlement. She talked about the City's emergency service patrol (ESP) program now run by Fairbanks Integrated Community Services (FICS), and she spoke to the recent changes to the program, including more focus on behavioral health. She stated that there was recently another Community Paramedic position added at the Fairbanks Fire Department (FFD). She added that the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) still responds to calls relating to mental health issues. **Mayor O'Neall** spoke about folks' hesitancy in calling 9-1-1- when they encounter issues, and she encouraged anyone who identifies a crisis to call 9-1-1, as those dispatchers are trained to know which services to dispatch. In regard to HopeLink, she shared that the City Council appropriated $40,000 to get the organization through its April services and that the City is looking to identify where gaps are in the system. **Mayor O'Neall** stated that the City has closed Lacey Street from 1st to 2nd Avenue to host a skate park, as well as retail chalets and space for games, music, and performances throughout the summer at the Starter Block. She announced that the City has also launched an ambassador program, which entails volunteers walking around downtown, helping tourists, and securing resources as needed. She shared that the City has launched a walking challenge for employers in the downtown area, with the idea that more people on the streets and sidewalks will reduce negative activity. **Mayor O'Neall** spoke of Tanana Chiefs Conference's (TCC) basket toss training, stating that it is a 2.5 hour session; she suggested that it may be a good activity for FDC members. She announced that on May 29, there will be a Mental Health Awareness Day where the City will talk about the services it provides, along with its plan to address mental health issues—including the creation of a mental health court. She shard that she meets with the other two local mayors and Native organizations on a monthly basis, and she extended an invitation to an FDC member to attend the Alaska Native Roundtable meetings with her as a representative of the FDC.

MEETING DATES

a) Next Regular Meeting Date, June 9, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor O'Neall declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Mindy L. O'Neall
Mayor O'Neall, Chair

D. Danyielle Snider
D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Transcribed by: DS

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Special Historic Preservation Commission
February 24, 2026
5:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 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
John Poirrier
Patricia Peirsol, Vice-Chair
Amy Viltrakis
Joshua Reuther
Matthew Reckard, Chair

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Kuba Grzeda, Chief of Staff
Tom Hewitt, Special Assistant to the Mayor
Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III
April Trickey, MMC, Borough Clerk

Absent and Excused

NONE

C. MESSAGES

C.1. Citizens' Comments - limited to three (3) minutes. Limited to items that are scheduled on the agenda only

NONE

C.2. Disclosure and Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

REUTHER, Seconded by PEIRSOL	moved to approve the agenda with it reordered to hear Item E.2. immediately after Item E.4.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH IT REORDERED TO HEAR ITEM E.2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM E.4.

Yeses:	Viltrakis, Poirrier, Gutoski, Reuther, Peirsol, Reckard
Noes:	None
MOTION CARRIED	6 Yeses, 0 Noes

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.1. A discussion with Mayor Hopkins concerning the codified roles and responsibilities of the commission, with consideration of possible recommended changes.

Kuba Grzeda, Chief of Staff, and Tom Hewitt, Special Assistant to the Mayor, introduced the Boards and Commissions Revitalization Survey and requested input on the future direction and purpose of the commission.

Discussion ensued on the responsibilities of the Commission and distribution of the survey.

Clerk's Note: Item E.2. was reordered and heard immediately after Item E.4.

E.2. Review and consideration of a grant application to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office of History and Archeology Historic Preservation Fund Certified Local Government grant program.

Kayde Whiteside, Long Range Planner III, and Commissioner Reuther, provided a report on the grant timeline and presented on the draft grant application for the Chena Building.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Chena Building's identity and significance.
- Relocation history, archaeological context, and preservation rationale.
- Plans for display.
- Pre-development planning and phasing using CLG grants for building stabilization.
- Educational opportunities.
- Grant matching and contractor identification.

NEW BUSINESS – continued

- Securing grant funding to extend building life.
- Next steps for further work on the grant application.

REUTHER, Seconded by GUTOSKI	moved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 3, 2026, immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN TO TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

Yeses:	Reuther, Viltrakis, Gutoski, Poirrier, Peirsol, Reckard
Noes:	None
MOTION CARRIED	6 Yeses, 0 Noes

Clerk's Note: The agenda was reordered to hear Item E.3. prior to Item E.2.

E.3. Review new correspondence and potential recommendations regarding a Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation Letter on Minnie Street Improvements (NFHWY00509/0634(005)); a request from the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF) for improvements to the Minnie Street corridor.

Kayde Whiteside, Long Range Planner III, provided a staff report on the Commission's previous concerns of the request and Chair Reckard's letter sent to AKDOT&PF as a private individual that reflects the Commission's general concerns.

Discussion ensued on the following:
- Potential impacts on the historic Slaterville area.
- Insufficient emphasis on Slaterville's significance.
- Commercial development being harmful to historic value.
- Eligibility for Slaterville to be a historic district.
- Concurrence of the Commission with Chair Reckard's letter.

NEW BUSINESS – continued

GUTOSKI, Seconded by POIRRIER	moved to send the letter of concern regarding Minnie Street Improvements written by Chair Reckard with help from staff to revise the letter to come from the commission.

VOTE ON MOTION TO SEND THE LETTER OF CONCERN REGARDING MINNIE STREET IMPROVEMENTS WRITTEN BY CHAIR RECKARD WITH HELP FROM STAFF TO REVISE THE LETTER TO COME FROM THE COMMISSION.

Yeses:	Gutoski, Poirrier, Reuther, Viltrakis, Peirsol, Reckard
Noes:	None
MOTION CARRIED	6 Yeses, 0 Noes

Clerk's Note: The agenda was reordered to hear Item E.4. prior to Item E.2.

E.4. Review and potential recommendations regarding a Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation Letter on Pioneer Park Boat Launch/Parking/Plug-Ins & Peger Road Path (NFHWY00891/0002547); a request from the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF) for improvements to the north end of Pioneer Park to include parking lot improvements, Chena riverbank and channel modifications, and improvements to Peger Road.

Kayde Whiteside, Long Range Planner III, provided a staff report on AKDOT&PF's response to the Commission's comments on the project and the landscaping plan addressing the Commission's prior questions regarding noise and visitor experience.

No discussion ensued and no action was taken regarding the Pioneer Park Boat Launch/Parking/Plug-Ins & Peger Road Path project.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:14 p.m. to March 3, 2026, immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting.

APPROVED: June 2, 2026.

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Historic Preservation Commission
March 3, 2026
5:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 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
John Poirrier
Patricia Peirsol, Vice-Chair
Amy Viltrakis
Joshua Reuther
Matthew Reckard, Chair

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Melissa Kellner, Community Planning Deputy Director
Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III
Allison Donovan, 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

NONE

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.

Chair Reckard removed Item E.1. from the consent agenda:

Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes from December 2, 2025.

PEIRSOL, Seconded by VILTRAKIS	moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as read, as amended.

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

Yeses:	Viltrakis, Poirrier, Gutoski, Reuther, Peirsol, Reckard
Noes:	None
MOTION CARRIED	6 Yeses, 0 Noes

E. MINUTES

E.1. *Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes from December 2, 2025.

Clerk's Note: This item was removed from the consent agenda.

POIRRIER, Seconded by VILTRAKIS	moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2025, amending page 4, paragraph 6 to replace "contract report" with "contractor's report".

MINUTES – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2025, AMENDING PAGE 4, PARAGRAPH 6 TO REPLACE "CONTRACT REPORT" WITH "CONTRACTOR'S REPORT".

Yeses:	Gutoski, Poirrier, Reuther, Viltrakis, Peirsol, Reckard
Noes:	None
MOTION CARRIED	6 Yeses, 0 Noes

E.2. *Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes from January 2, 2026.

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 Director, and Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III, reported on the following:

- Office of History and Archaeology Heritage Newsletters.
- Publication from the National Park Services regarding landscape review for historic consideration.
- Annual Work Order Report from United States Army Garrison (USAG) Alaska, Wainwright.

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

Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III, provided an update on meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements.

F.3. Report from Chair Reckard.

No report was given.

F.4. Update on the Historical Cultural Resources Program at Eielson Air Force Base (AFB).

REPORTS – continued

Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III, provided an update on the following:

- Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the proposed Quarry Hill consolidation of munition facilities at Eielson AFB.
- Cultural public outreach event planned for May 8, 2026 at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Poirrier nominated Commissioner Reckard for Chair, who was elected by default as there were no other nominations.

Commissioner Poirrier nominated Commissioner Peirsol for Vice-Chair, who was elected by default as there were no other nominations.

G.2. Discussion with Community Planning Staff and Christoph Falke, City of Fairbanks Building Official, regarding tax exemptions for historical properties to explore tax incentives for improvements to residential properties with potential recommendations to support the City of Fairbanks' efforts.

Christoph Falke, City of Fairbanks Building Official, and Melissa Kellner, Community Planning Deputy Director, provided an overview of the City of Fairbanks' Property Tax Rebate Program.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Program intent and the historic focus.
- Encouragement of commercial and residential improvements.
- Storefront Improvement Program.
- Borough not having historic specific incentive.
- City versus Borough roles and potential for Borough-wide participation.
- Support of private historic home renovations for small benefits.
- Need of process clarity and communication improvements.
- Historically targeting renovations.
- Exploration of recommending similar practices of the City's rebate program for the Borough Assembly to consider.

No formal action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS – continued

G.3. Review and potential recommendations regarding Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation Letters.

Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III, presented on a letter from the Federal Aviation Administration Alaska Region Airports Division (FAA) regarding proposed renovation of the passenger accessible restrooms throughout at Fairbanks International Airport (FAI) in Fairbanks, and how it would not have adverse effects on historic properties.

No discussion ensued and no action was taken.

G.4. 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.

G.5. Discussion and approval of a draft letter to the City of Fairbanks Mayor identifying priorities and support for historic preservation activities.

Kayde Whiteside, Long-Range Planner III, presented a draft letter.

Discussion ensued on clarifying the Commission's potential action area of property tax incentives being specifically for historic properties.

PEIRSOL,
Seconded by REUTHER

moved to approve the revised draft letter to the City of Fairbanks Mayor identifying priorities and support for historic preservation activities.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED DRAFT LETTER TO THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS MAYOR IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES AND SUPPORT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES.

Yeses:	Poirrier, Gutoski, Viltrakis, Reuther, Peirsol, Reckard
Noes:	None
MOTION CARRIED	6 Yeses, 0 Noes

NEW BUSINESS – continued

G.6. Discussion with Community Planning Staff to include potential recommendations regarding the commission's future activity and roles in providing historic preservation of the S.S. Nenana.

Chair Reckard provided a report on the suggestion made by the Friends of the SS Nenana to ensure work is supervised by professionals with historic preservation qualifications and ADA compliance requirements are met.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Public access to the bow.
- ADA/building code implications and adherence to standards.
- Construction concerns.
- Commission involvement in Request for Proposal (RFP) coordination.
- Strengthening requirements for qualified oversight of the SS Nenana.
- Communication to the City of Fairbanks Mayor and Borough Mayor.

GUTOSKI,
Seconded by PEIRSOL

moved to approve to send the existing letters to the Borough Mayor and to the City of Fairbanks Mayor identifying priorities and support for historic preservation activities with an updated paragraph addressing the Commission's potential action area of the SS Nenana.

Discussion ensued on the consideration of a future discussion with the City of Fairbanks and Borough Mayor regarding the preservation of the SS Nenana.

Commissioner Gutoski requested permission to withdraw the motion.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

No formal action was taken.

G.7. Discussion with Community Planning staff regarding opportunities and strategies for commissioners to collaborate with staff on local projects, including grant applications and recommendations to the Borough Mayor, in accordance with the Borough Historic Preservation Plan.

No report was given and no discussion ensued.

H. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

NONE

I. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Poirrier informed the Commission of his communication as an individual with the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) to obtain application information for the City of North Pole to be listed as a Certified Local Government (CLG).

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED: June 2, 2026.

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Reconvened Special Historic Preservation Commission
March 3, 2026
7:02 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The February 24, 2026 special meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was reconvened Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 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	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
Allison Donovan, Assistant Clerk I

Absent and Excused

NONE

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1. Review and consideration of a grant application to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office of History and Archeology Historic Preservation Fund Certified Local Government grant program.

Kayde Whiteside, Long Range Planner III, and Commissioner Reuther, provided an update on the application progress and presented on the draft grant application for the Chena Building.

Discussion ensued on letters of support received, fiscal aspects of the grant, and application content needs.

NEW BUSINESS – new business

PEIRSOL, Seconded by REUTHER	moved to approve the submission of the draft grant application for the Chena Building to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office of History and Archeology Historic Preservation Fund Certified Local Government grant program.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CHENA BUILDING TO THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

Yeses:	Viltrakis, Poirrier, Gutoski, Reuther, Peirsol, Reckard
Noes:	None
MOTION CARRIED	6 Yeses, 0 Noes

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED: June 2, 2026.

CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2026
HELD VIA ZOOM WEBINAR AND
IN FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The Clay Street Cemetery Commission convened at 5:00 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 Kilbourn presiding. The following Commission members were in attendance:

Members Present:	George Dalton, Seat A Jessica Desmond, Seat B Aldean Kilbourn, Seat C & Chair Janet Richardson, Seat D & Vice Chair Julie Jones, Seat E (remotely) Karen Erickson, Seat F Amy Stratman, Seat G
Absent:	Jeremiah Cotter, Public Works Director
Also Present:	Colt Chase, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2026

J. Richardson, seconded by **K. Erickson,** moved to APPROVE the May 6, 2026 minutes.

> **Chair Kilbourn** took a voice vote on the motion to APPROVE the May 6, 2026 minutes and all members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

J. Richardson asked to add the following items under Events & Public Relations:

- Fairbanks Genealogical Society Tour – May 29, 2026
- National Park Service Hosted Tours

K. Erickson, seconded by **G. Dalton**, moved to APPROVE the agenda, as amended.

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

EVENTS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

a) Fairbanks Genealogical Society Tour – May 29, 2026

J. Richardson reported that she, Chair Kilbourn, A. Stratman, G. Dalton, and Raleigh Johnson had hosted the annual tour to highlight various pieces of history pertaining to the cemetery. She thanked R. Johnson for dressing up in era-accurate costume and sharing stories about individuals buried at Clay Street.

b) National Park Service Hosted Tours

J. Richardson reported that she recently came across laminated papers, anchored by large rocks, placed on markers throughout the cemetery. She stated that she learned they were part of a scavenger hunt put on by the Park Service and that she and A. Stratman visited with a Park Service employee who gave details about a fun daily activity they provide for interested tourists. She shared that they conveyed a simple request for rocks to be moved at the end of each event to ensure they are not in the way of any mowing.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Chair Kilbourn referenced the provided financial report. **C. Chase** reported that there had been no change in their account since the last meeting, that their current balance was $10,519.66 and that $7,889.77 remained to be spent from the 2026 Discretionary Fund Grant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Quiring Monuments Orders.

J. Richardson noted that the order placed in October was on its way and that the newest order of 10 markers had completed the proofing process and was being sent to production. **J. Jones** reported that their October order arrived in port two days prior and that it was estimated to be another six to eight weeks for processing and delivery. She noted that this order included a marker for Elida Slaback, who had been approved for placement in 2025 and had family coming to hold a small ceremony that summer. She explained that even if they requested their shipment be expedited, it would not be here in time for that event. **J. Richardson** shared that she had spoken to E. Slaback's family to explain the situation and that they were gracious in their understanding of the situation.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Reimbursements for Recent Purchases

Chair Kilbourn shared that she and G. Dalton had been unable to find the eight bags of dirt previously purchased and so they recently bought some more, although she could not find her receipt. She added that she did submit to C. Chase the receipt for another purchase of six spirea plants for $180. **J. Richardson** noted that the spirea was planted along the fence by the front gate, replacing older, dead bushes.

G. Dalton, seconded by **J. Richardson**, moved to approve the $180 reimbursement to Chair Kilbourn.

> **Chair Kilbourn** took a voice vote on the motion to approve the $180 reimbursement to Chair Kilbourn and all members voted in favor.

a) Update on Water Services at Cemetery

C. Chase shared that Public Works Jeremiah Cotter had emailed an update on the issue, as follows:

> "We were waiting on a part and I believe its in and they should be getting it installed soon and a dog house built over it as it sticks up above the ground now."

Chair Kilbourn recounted that the City Plumber Kyla Durham had determined that a specific part could not be ordered but instead needed to be manufactured and that it could take a few weeks. She discussed their watering needs, the challenge of manually hauling water, and that they are waiting to plant several items until they have reliable water. **C. Chase** offered to follow up with J. Cotter to determine if any temporary options existed for watering at the cemetery. **J. Jones** offered to bring a water tank with her organization's utility vehicle while they waited for the watering system to be fixed.

a) Equipment to Manage Roots Around Shed

Chair Kilbourn discussed the need for a lopper to manage roots throughout the property, noting that cutting roots with a shovel to is difficult. **J. Jones** noted that they were available at local hardware stores.

K. Erickson, seconded by **A. Stratman**, moved to authorize the purchase and reimbursement of a lopper.

> **Chair Kilbourn** took a voice vote on the motion to authorize the purchase and reimbursement of a lopper and all members voted in favor.

OPEN AGENDA

G. Dalton stated that it was time for him to step away from the Commission and read a letter regarding his resignation, which included a request that he be replaced by an interested individual: Allysa Westman.

J. Richardson shared that A. Westman, who was present, had visited the cemetery many times and helps with blowing grass clippings over markers after mowing. **Chair Kilbourn** stated that they did not want someone appointed who would be unable or unwilling to come out on a regular basis to help with workdays at the cemetery, noting that the few of them that do so regularly cannot continue to do it all by themselves. She asked if for any reason A. Westman was not approved for appointment, that G. Dalton remain in his position. **G. Dalton** agreed to the request. **C. Chase** affirmed that if A. Westman submits an application, it would be forwarded to the mayor for confirmation and put before the City Council at the following meeting for approval. A. Westman indicated that she would get the application submitted within the coming day. **Chair Kilbourn** expressed appreciation for her willingness to serve on the Commission.

NEXT MEETING DATES – July 1, 2026

Chair Kilbourn shared that Dusty Springer and his Air National Guard group of volunteers would be available to help with a workday on June 25 and that they would be working on raising sunken markers.

ADJOURNMENT

> **Chair Kilbourn** declared the meeting ADJOURNED at 5:29 p.m.

Janet Richardson -Vice Chair

for Aldean Kilbourn, Chair

Colt Chase, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Transcribed by: CC

Mindy O'Neall, Mayor

To: City Council Members

From: Mindy O'Neall, City Mayor

Subject: Request for Concurrence – Fairbanks Parking Authority Board of Directors

Date: July 13, 2026

Fairbanks General Code Section 2-201 states:

Subject to confirmation by the city council, an employee of city public works or engineering with expertise in parking issues or traffic engineering, will be appointed to a seat on the parking authority board of directors.

In order to fill the vacancy created by the recent retirement of City Engineer Bob Pristash, I hereby request your concurrence to the appointment of the new City Engineer employee to the Golden Heart Parking Services Board of Directors:

Mr. Tim Zinza (Term is contingent upon continued employment with the City)

Thank you.

Mindy L. O'Neall

Mindy O'Neall
Mayor

Phone: (907) 459-6793
800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, AK, 99701

Mindy O'Neall, Mayor

To:	City Council Members
From:	Mindy O'Neall, City Mayor
Subject:	Request for Concurrence – Clay Street Cemetery Commission
Date:	July 13, 2026

The term of Seat A on the Clay Street Cemetery Commission, currently filled by Mr. George Dalton, will expire on August 31, 2026. Mr. Dalton has indicated that he does not intend to reapply.

Ms. Allysa Westman has applied to serve on the Commission and meets the required qualification for Seat A. I hereby request your concurrence to the following **appointment**:

Ms. Allysa Westman Seat A Term to Expire: August 31, 2029

Ms. Westman's application and resume are attached.

Thank you.

Mindy O'Neall
Mayor

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CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM

Please note that profile information may be subject to public disclosure.

First Name Allysa Last Name Westman Date

Email Address

Board/Committee Applying for:

Phone Number Alternate Number

Residence Address

City Fairbanks State AK Zip Code 99712

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

Employer (if applicable) Explore Fairbank Job Title Sales Manager

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 would be hard pressed to find a cemetery that I didn’t love but Clay Street is especially special to me because of how much time I spend there and how much history of Fairbanks it holds. It’s a joy to be able to serve the community’s residents of the present and past. I bring hard work, interest and imagination to any group I join and hope to do the same here.

Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume)

Professional Licenses/Training

Applicant Signature

6/1/26
Date

Allysa Westman

Account Executive/Sales Trainer
Area of Emphasis: B2C Sales, Employee Management & Training

Account Executive/Sales Trainer with more than 4 years of experience seeking a new opportunity. Extensive experience performing all aspects of the sales development lifecycle, including prospecting, identifying client needs, using consultative sales techniques, selling features and benefits of products, overcoming objections, and closing sales. Well-developed skills supervising, training, and mentoring up to 20 sales representatives and providing ongoing coaching on sales and business development strategies and techniques. Dedicated leader with excellent communication skills and a proven track record of success increasing sales revenue, multitasking in high-volume and stressful environments, and exceeding sales quotas.

Areas of Expertise

Inside Sales/Inbound Sales
Generating Leads
Selling Features and Benefits
Sales Training
Solution Selling
Building Strong Relationships
Consultative Sales Techniques
Upselling Products
Employee Management

Experience

FIRST ALASKA TOURS, Fairbanks, AK April 2018-Nov 2018 *At 1st Alaska Tours we strive to open Alaska's nature and beauty to all Alaska visitors. Our Alaska experts have designed fun, interesting and educational Alaska sightseeing tours just for you.*

Operations Manager

- Share the beauty, history and resources of Interior Alaska on every tour
- Providing top notch Alaska sightseeing tours in the Fairbanks region
- Hiring capable tour guides and insuring their knowledge/skill set
- Setting up SOPs and guidelines for guides
- Coordinated with fellow management about scheduling

COX BUSINESS, Phoenix, AZ October 2015 – April 2016 *An industry leader in cable services, Cox Business provides hosted and managed cloud phone solutions along with industry leading data options for local Arizona businesses.*

Mid-Market Account Executive

● Identify new prospects in assigned territory using multiple sources of sales leads (internal and external networking, and market analysis tools/software) to aid in investigating new and expanding businesses. ● Collect information about prospects' businesses from their websites and other sources to prepare for sales calls and assess potential applications.

● Develop and maintain sales plans for territory and for each account.

● Prepare regular expense, sales forecasts, and sales activity reports.

● Communicate with prospective customers in person, by phone, e-mail or other technology to develop sales opportunities and set an appointment to understand their business and explore mutually beneficial objectives, using solution-selling techniques.

● Meet with prospective customers in person or by conference call to collect information required to assess their

communication needs in detail, estimate the amount and type of potential business the account represents, and qualify the prospect.
- Collaborate with Sales Engineer and Sales Support Team to determine appropriate solutions to meet customers' needs.
- Develops proposals and multi-media sales presentations.
- Make face-to-face or web conference cost-justified sales presentations to customer decision makers. ● Use solution-selling techniques to leverage the position of Cox and the communications products it offers and to educate and influence customers.
- Negotiate pricing, products, and promotions with new customers.

Allysa Westman

BOX OFFICE TICKET SALES, Chicago, IL & Miami, FL 2013 – 2014 *One of the nation's leading online ticket resellers for premier event seating; based in Chicago.*

Inside Sales Representative/Sales Trainer

- Answered incoming phone calls, handled customer questions, and sold event tickets to customers over the phone.
- Identified client needs, upsold premium tickets using consultative and suggestive selling techniques, overcame objections, and closed sales.
- Supervised and mentored a team of up to 20 inside sales representatives.
- Developed sales training materials and provided ongoing coaching for sales representatives on proper sales techniques, upselling strategies, consultative and suggestive-sales techniques, overcoming objections, and closing sales.
- Coordinated with the CEO and Chief Marketing Officer to develop marketing strategies.
- Planned and led the company's daily, weekly, and monthly sales meetings.
- Coached sales representatives on proper sales etiquette, technique, and customer service.

Key Accomplishments

- Sold more than $1 Million in tickets each year working at the company.
- Named Top Sales Representative after completing more than $100,000 in sales per month, compared to the average of $60,000.
- Successfully opened the company's sales office in Miami, and grew the company's sales team from 15 representatives to 40 between two offices.
- Created sales training materials still used to train new employees today.

CIGARRO'S, Omaha, NE 2010 – 2013 *Private upscale cigar bar and lounge in Omaha, Nebraska.*

Bar Manager/Owner

- Drove sales and profitability and ensured each guest received excellent customer service. ● Promoted bar business and continually increased database contacts.
- Ensured and promoted compliance with all local liquor, health, and sanitation regulations. ● Managed and provided direction to all bar employees on the floor during shifts and events. ● Monitored and maintained proper inventory to ensure cost containment within budgeted cost of sales. ● Held staff accountable for providing an engaging and dynamic guest experience.
- Instructed staff and provided ongoing training to uphold service standards.
- Interviewed employees and provided input on talent selection.
- Engaged in suggestive selling of the company's upscale cigars to customers.

Key Accomplishment

● Lowered the company's debt from $80,000 to less than $10,000 during first 6 months as manager.

BELLEVUE FIRE DEPARTMENT, Bellevue, NE 2011 – 2013 **Firefighter/EMT**

● Responded to fires, accidents, and medical emergencies to protect life and property; rendered medical aid as necessary.

● Participated in fire inspections, fire prevention activities, station maintenance, and training activities. ● Traveled to local churches and schools to teach both students and families about fire prevention. ● Provided tours of the fire station to local citizens and community groups.

ALLYSA WESTMAN

To: City Council Members

From: Mindy O'Neall, City Mayor

Subject: Request for Concurrence – Clay Street Cemetery Commission

Date: July 13, 2026

The term of Seat F on the Clay Street Cemetery Commission, currently filled by Ms. Karen Erickson, will expire on August 31, 2026.

Ms. Erickson has applied for continued service. I hereby request your concurrence to the following **reappointment**:

Ms. Karen Erickson Seat F Term to Expire: August 31, 2029

Ms. Erickson's application is attached.

Thank you.

Mindy L. O'Neall

Mindy O'Neall
Mayor

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CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM

Please note that profile information may be subject to public disclosure.

First Name	KAREN J	Last Name	ERICKSON
Date	3 Jun 2026		
Email Address			
Board/Committee Applying for:	Clay Street Cemetery		
Phone Number		Alternate Number	N/A
Residence Address			
City	Fairbanks	State	AK
Zip Code	99709		
Mailing Address	Same as above		
City	N/A	State	AK
Zip Code	99709		
Employer (if applicable)	Retired	Job Title	In-Court Clerk

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 am devoted to Alaska history & have been clipping obits since 1984. I also have a large collection of Alaska newspapers. I know they are on microfilm but the clarity is much better when reading the real document.

Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume)

I have been researching all areas of genealogy & the Clay St. Cemetery in particular. I prepared the application that put the Clay St. Cemetery on the National Register

Professional Licenses/Training

a self trained researching & have visited many libraries & archives across the United States.
I've also taken a class in archive managment.

Karen J Erickson
Applicant Signature

3 Jun 2026
Date

Mindy O'Neall, Mayor

To:	City Council Members
From:	Mindy O'Neall, City Mayor
Subject:	Request for Concurrence – Diversity Council
Date:	July 13, 2026

There is a vacancy in Seat D on the Fairbanks Diversity Council caused by a recent member resignation.

Rachel DeTemple has applied to serve on the Diversity Council and meets the required qualification for Seat D. I hereby request your concurrence to the following appointment:

Ms. Rachel DeTemple   Seat D   Term to expire: June 30, 2029

Ms. DeTemple's application is attached.

Thank you.

Mindy O'Neall
Mayor

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CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM

Please note that profile information may be subject to public disclosure.

First Name: Rachel Last Name: DeTemple Date: 6/24/2026

Email Address:

Board/Committee Applying for: Diversity Council

Phone Number: Alternate Number:

Residence Address:

City: Fairbanks State: AK Zip Code: 99709

Mailing Address:

City: Ester State: AK Zip Code: 99725

Employer (if applicable): FNSBSD Job Title: H.S. Librarian / English Teacher

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'm a long-time musician in this community who plays with a lot of different groups and in many genres. My goal is to contribute a musician's perspective to the council.

Brief Personal Biography (or attach resume)

I've been an educator for 28 years, so I have a handle on school music as well and the importance and methods of fostering young musicians in various ways to keep our pipeline of local performers flowing.

Professional Licenses/Training

Founder, writer, fiddle player, and lead vocalist of Fireweed Fiddle. Frequent guest with Blackwater Railroad and many other groups statewide. Former member of The Fairbanks Symphony.

Applicant Signature: RD

Date: 6/24/2026