



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 12, 2026  
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council via Zoom webinar and in the City Council Chambers at 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor Mindy O'Neall presiding and the following Councilmembers in attendance:

Councilmembers Present: Jerry Cleworth, Seat A  
Valerie Therrien, Seat B (remotely)  
Sue Sprinkle, Seat C  
Crystal Tidwell, Seat D  
Lonny Marney, Seat E  
John Ringstad, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: D. Danyelle Snider, City Clerk  
Thomas Chard, City Attorney  
Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff  
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer  
Andrew Coccato, Fire Chief  
Richard Sweet, Deputy Police Chief  
Jeremiah Cotter, Public Works Director  
Robert Pristash, City Engineer  
Jake Merritt, Human Resources Director (remotely)  
Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (remotely)

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Mayor O'Neall** read the land acknowledgement.

#### INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyelle Snider.

#### FLAG SALUTATION

At the request of Mayor O'Neall, **Ms. Sprinkle** led the flag salutation.

#### CITIZENS' COMMENTS

David Lambert – D. Lambert shared that he was the creator of Lotto Alaska, a charitable gaming entity based in Fairbanks. He reported that they had raised funds for 160 nonprofits organizations in the last year and that many had reached out with concerns over the City's recent consideration of creating a municipal lottery program. He discussed the limitations for such an endeavor, including state laws, asserting that their concern was not about competition but rather feasibility.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked D. Lambert if he was aware if any other city councils in Alaska had created lotteries. D. Lambert stated that one of the North Slope boroughs had run a split-the-pot (50/50) raffle with online sales but that the State had shut them down when they were found to be violating regulations that prohibited sales outside municipal boundaries. He spoke of the need for very careful budgeting and stated that lotteries are often less lucrative for operators than they seem.

**Mr. Cleworth** referenced the five full-time employees that D. Lambert had mentioned and asked what kind of work the employees performed. D. Lambert explained that they have significant paperwork duties in addition to advertising and communication work. He clarified that the employees do not sell tickets, as sales are primarily done online or by partners at physical locations.

June Rogers – J. Rogers spoke in favor of the City creating a municipal lottery and read a letter outlining her support and appreciation of the efforts of the City Council and administration regarding their attention to financial considerations of the City and the needs of the community.

Jomo Stewart, President/CEO of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) – J. Stewart stated his that his comments, pertaining to Resolution No. 5196, were his own, as the FEDC Board of Directors had not yet given an official position on the matter. He indicated that he generally supported the resolution but asked for an adjustment to one of the proposed deadlines. He requested clarification on a few items such as the grant review committee, annual report, and whether failure to meet certain requirements would include a penalty or other impacts to FEDC's funding should they fall short. He acknowledged that what was being asked was reasonable.

**Mr. Marney** expressed support for FEDC and used a sports analogy to convey what he believes is the Council's sentiment. He suggested that with FEDC becoming the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) for the Fairbanks area, they have been given the football and the City now wants to see some first downs and ultimately more touchdowns in the near future.

David van den Berg, Executive Director of Downtown Association of Fairbanks (DTA) – D. van den Berg expressed appreciation for DTA being awarded funds through the Discretionary Fund Grant. He reported on a fall program concerning vacant properties in the downtown area and on the recent Winter Solstice Festival. He also expressed the DTA's support for Resolution No. 5196.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked how many hours he worked during the Winter Solstice Festival. D. van den Berg stated that he put in 17.5 hours that day, all in winter gear, and that he felt like a kid again.

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

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

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

**Mr. Ringstad**, pulled item 13(b), Resolution No. 5196, from the consent agenda.

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

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

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

**Mayor O'Neall** shared that she had begun participating in ride-alongs with the Fire, Police, and Public Works (PW) Departments as well as the Emergency Services Patrol (ESP). She reported that she had attended her first "Alaska Native Table" meeting which included three local organizations and other community leaders and stated that they would meet again the following month to discuss strategic ways for the entities to work together. **Mayor O'Neall** shared the impacts of the recent extreme cold temperatures on PW snow removal operations and trash collection services, noting that they had since caught up to their regular schedule and were prepared for the upcoming winter storm. She expressed appreciation for the members of Lathrop High School football team and Golden Heart Waste Management for helping during the recent pause in garbage services. She stated that the Fairbanks Police Department (FPD) was seeing an increase in vehicle thefts. She reported that three interested parties had attended the pre-bid walkthrough for the request for proposals (RFP) involving the vacant space in City Hall, formerly occupied by the Boys & Girls Club, and that they were looking forward to seeing proposals submitted.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked if the space would include the newly renovated childcare area that was not part of the Boys & Girls Club's former lease. Chief of Staff Michael Sanders stated that it would.

### **COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Mr. Marney** shared that he had also attended the Winter Solstice festivities, albeit for a shorter timeframe than D. van den Berg, and noted the cold temperature during the event.

**Mr. Ringstad** spoke of the high number of prior arrests for some individuals in the community who continue to break the law and suggested it was time to come up with a better solution for addressing the real problems behind the staggering numbers.

**Mr. Cleworth** concurred that anytime he has an incident at his store downtown, the culprits already have lengthy rap sheets. He discussed the usage of the gymnasium at City Hall and asked if any of the local youth sports organizations were submitting proposals under the associated RFP. M. Sanders reported that the only organization of that type to show interest was the local Special Olympics group, who was partnering with another agency to possibly secure future use of the space for their program. **Mr. Cleworth** suggested that many organizations are desperate for gym space and could be a fallback option if other proposals fall through. He asked for an update on the RFP for the Starter Block on Lacey Street. **Mayor O'Neall** shared that the administration is still working on it with the hired consultant but did not have an updated timeline.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked if the edits proposed by Councilmembers were being incorporated into the RFP and would be part of the next draft for the Council to review. **Mayor O'Neall** stated that the

next step would be for the Council to approve a resolution regarding the project but that it would not include the actual RFP. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked why the RFP would not be included. **Mayor O'Neall** explained that the Fairbanks General Code (FGC) outlines procurement procedures and that including the RFP with the resolution was not part of that process. **Ms. Sprinkle** expressed surprise, given that a great deal of concern had been raised previously about transparency for the process. She added that while she was happy for forward movement, there seemed to be some discrepancy with past statements. She spoke of an increase in debris left behind from vehicle crashes around town and asked if tow truck companies were responsible to clean up areas after an accident. M. Sanders stated that they are.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Ordinance No. 6333 – An Ordinance Partially Releasing a Restrictive Covenant for the Noel Wien Library Lot. Sponsored by Mayor O'Neall. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

M. Sanders noted that there had been no changes since the Council last reviewed the ordinance. He explained that the impacted area was about 200 feet and that this was a minor matter to remove a restriction in place since the 1970s prior to upcoming road work by the State on Airport Way.

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

**Ms. Sprinkle**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6333. There was no discussion.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6333 AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Ringstad, Tidwell, Therrien, Sprinkle, Marney, Cleworth  
NAYS: None

**Mayor O'Neall** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6333 ADOPTED.

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

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

**Ms. Sprinkle**, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6334.

**Mr. Cleworth** stated that he had been pondering whether quarterly or monthly reports would be more efficient. He indicated that his intent was to learn about the various organizations' roles and efforts in the community. He expressed that the coordination of a reporting schedule should be worked out between the various organizations and not result in additional work for the City Clerk.

**Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to POSTPONE Ordinance No. 6334 to the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2026.

**Ms. Sprinkle** asked if the ordinance had come up at the “Alaska Native Table” meeting the mayor had attended. **Mayor O’Neill** stated it had not. **Ms. Sprinkle** voiced support for postponement.

**Mr. Marney** asked if the Council would get reports from future “Alaska Native Table” meetings. **Mayor O’Neill** stated that she would share a summary and also pass along anything the Council wished to convey. **Mr. Marney** asked if Councilmembers were invited to the meetings. **Mayor O’Neill** confirmed Councilmembers could attend, provided they comply with the Alaska Open Meetings Act (OMA).

**Ms. Sprinkle** suggested that participating in the meetings was similar to the goal of the ordinance.

**Mayor O’Neill** pointed out that there was already a place for Special Reports under the Mayor’s Comments and Report section of the agenda and that she would be happy to reach out and coordinate quarterly reports from the various organizations, as an alternative to the ordinance.

**Ms. Therrien** pointed out that reports from specific individuals or groups under the Mayor’s Comments and Report are typically not publicly noticed like other agenda items, thus she believes the ordinance has value. **Mayor O’Neill** asked if such reports could be listed on agendas. Clerk Snider confirmed that they could so long as she received details by the established deadlines.

**Mayor O’Neill** called for objection to the motion to POSTPONE Ordinance No. 6334 to the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2026 and, hearing none, declared the MOTION CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Resolution No. 5195 – A Resolution Allocating Discretionary Funds from the Room Rental Tax in the Amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00). Sponsored by Councilmember Marney.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

b) Resolution No. 5196 – A Resolution Designating Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) Objectives. Sponsored by Councilmembers Sprinkle and Tidwell.

**Mr. Ringstad**, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5196.

**Mr. Ringstad**, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5196 by changing “June 2026” to “June 30” in Section 1(a).

**Mayor O’Neill** called for objection to the motion to AMEND Resolution No. 5196 by changing “June 2026” to “June 30” in Section 1(a) and, hearing none, declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Mr. Ringstad**, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5196, as Amended, by adding a new subsection “d” at the end of Section 1, to read: “*Develop a private sector business growth strategy, identifying priority industries, key barriers, and actions to support business retention expansion, and attraction within the city, with a council report required by September 2026.*”

**Ms. Tidwell** expressed support for the amendment and stated that she believes a great role for FEDC would be to actively recruit businesses to come to Fairbanks.

**Mayor O’Neall** called for objection to the motion to AMEND Resolution No. 5196, as Amended, by adding a new subsection “d” at the end of Section 1, to read: “*Develop a private sector business growth strategy, identifying priority industries, key barriers, and actions to support business retention expansion, and attraction within the city, with a council report required by September 2026.*” and, hearing none, declared the MOTION CARRIED.

**Mr. Cleworth** asked for further details on Section 1(b). **Mayor O’Neall** shared information on the Housing Action Plan that was being developed by a few organizations thanks to a recent grant. She discussed the Plan’s focus of identifying actionable initiatives, particularly with housing in downtown Fairbanks. **Mr. Cleworth** thanked the Mayor for the clarification and noted that financing was often a challenge for the construction already occurring in the private sector.

**Ms. Sprinkle** shared that the Plan was dense with information. She stated she had a copy of it and was happy to share. She suggested that the three objectives under Section 1 could be viewed as low-, mid-, and high-hanging fruit, and that the added Section 1(d) was a great idea. She asked for clarification on the report required by Section 2. Chief Financial Officer Margarita Bell explained that this was the same report FEDC typically presents to the Council each November, which had recently been changed to now be due in September. **Mr. Ringstad** recounted that the goal was to have the report prior to the annual budgeting process in November. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if the earlier deadline was problematic for FEDC. **Ms. Tidwell** suggested that it would not be given the requirement for quarterly reports and noted that J. Stewart had been providing regular updates at Council meetings over the past couple years.

**Mayor O’Neall** asked for clarification on the requirement to “identify a grant review committee” in Section 1(c), noting that J. Stewart appeared to have a different interpretation than what she believes Ms. Sprinkle intended. **Ms. Sprinkle** explained her intent behind the language but expressed being open to its removal, to avoid any overstepping into FEDC’s internal operations.

**Ms. Tidwell**, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5196, as Amended, by removing “identify a grant review committee” from Section 1(c). There was no discussion.

**Mayor O’Neall** called for objection to the motion to AMEND Resolution No. 5196, as Amended, by removing “identify a grant review committee” from Section 1(c) and, hearing none, declared the MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further discussion, **Mayor O'Neall** called for objection to the motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 5196, as Amended, and, hearing none, declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Resolution No. 5197 – A Resolution Stating the Preference of the Council Against Remote Work and Telecommuting. Sponsored by Councilmembers Ringstad, Marney, and Tidwell.

**Mr. Ringstad**, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5197.

**Ms. Tidwell**, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5197 by substituting the amended, proposed version.

**Ms. Tidwell** recounted concerns after the last work session when a review of current City policy seemed to suggest that remote work was encouraged in certain situations and stated that the Council should not adopt something in direct conflict. She acknowledged a need for greater transparency and accountability and to set future expectations while not invalidating any current arrangements. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if this would be a stopgap until something else could be considered. **Ms. Tidwell** clarified that it would set the stage for something clearer in the future, noting the current resolution indicates the Council is opposed to remote work, while the policy suggests the City is not. She stated she has not always been satisfied with the answers she has received when asking questions surrounding remote work and that she was surprised at some of what she learned at the work session. She suggested that some policies were created as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and that it is reasonable to review them now that time had passed.

**Mayor O'Neall** offered to review the policy one-on-one with any interested Councilmember but asserted that such a discussion was not appropriate for the Council as a whole.

**Mr. Ringstad** acknowledged that the resolution was in conflict with the policy and indicated that his intent was to convey to the administration that the Council did not want to encourage remote work, while asking for a way out of certain situations that had been established. He expressed hope that would result in an updated policy that aligns with the will of the Council. He reviewed the proposed amendments and expressed support for some changes but concern over others. **Ms. Tidwell** shared that she was attempting to propose several edits to increase support for the overall effort while supporting the intent of the original resolution.

**Mr. Marney** asked how management would know whether a completely remote employee is working and what is in place to ensure accountability. Human Resources (HR) Director Jake Merritt shared that in the case of remote dispatchers for the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC), employees are signed into a virtual meeting for their entire shift, with their camera on. He added that engaging with the staff member visible on a screen is not much different than doing so with one sitting nearby in person. **Mr. Marney** stated that the policy for remote work looked to be something generic, found online and copied over for implementation.

**Mayor O'Neall** reiterated that such policies are set by the administration, that the policy itself was not on the floor for the Council to debate, nor would it be appropriate to do so. She confirmed that it was within the purview of the Council to request that the administration take another look at a policy, noting that it had been adopted in 2022 and recently reviewed. **Mr. Marney** asked if the

Council in 2022 should have been made aware that the policy had been created. **Mayor O'Neall** indicated that such may not necessarily have been a matter for the Council to consider at that time either. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked for more clarity on what the Council's role could or should be on such issues. **Mayor O'Neall** pointed out that the motion on the floor was whether to substitute the proposed version. She directed that the Council could discuss the sentiment of the resolution, which she understood to be that it did not support remote work, but that it was not appropriate for the Council to get into details of the policy itself.

**Ms. Sprinkle** suggested that having employees live and work locally is an economic engine when the money they earn stays in Fairbanks and their families are present in the community.

**Mr. Cleworth** recounted that many years ago a police chase had resulted in an internal tragedy when the vehicle being pursued struck another vehicle, killing a child whose parent happened to be a City employee. He explained that the Council at that time reviewed the policy regarding vehicular chases and found that, as unfortunate as the tragedy was, there was no reason to recommend a change to the policy. He asserted that in certain circumstances it is not inappropriate for the City Council to weigh in on a policy it finds to be problematic and provide direction to the administration. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that he was not overly concerned with the remote work policy and acknowledged that the HR Director needs to have many tools available, especially when technology allows flexibility. He added that the City struggles to get local applicants for dispatch jobs. He discussed the FECC Manager's hybrid work arrangement and declared that she is one of the sharpest department heads at the City, with detail-rich institutional knowledge. He suggested that there is not as much disagreement regarding the issue as it may seem, that everyone seems to agree that in-person workers are ideal. **Mr. Cleworth** pointed out that dispatchers are often the true first responders in emergency situations and, as such, the City needs to ensure qualified people are in place. He noted that while neither version of the resolution would ultimately change the policy, he did not have a problem with voting in favor of expressing the suggested sentiment.

**Mr. Ringstad** expressed his preference that taxpayer funds be used to employ people who live within the community and explained that the intent of the resolution was to direct the administration to move in that direction. He spoke against the practice of remote work except for emergency situations and suggested there were currently 10-15 remote workers at the City.

**Mayor O'Neall** asked the HR Director to share the current remote work data. J. Merritt reported that three employees live outside of Alaska and that one lives elsewhere within the state but had been in Fairbanks between four and five months continuously over the last year.

**Ms. Therrien** stated that she was in favor of the proposed substitute but that if the Council went with the original version, she would like to see the provision from Section 3 of the proposed version incorporated, which would require an annual report on remote work.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5197 BY SUBSTITUTING THE AMENDED, PROPOSED VERSION, AS FOLLOWS:

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

**Ms. Tidwell**, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5197 by adding a new Section 3 to read: *"The Mayor shall provide an annual report to the City Council summarizing remote work arrangements City-wide, including:*

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

**Mayor O'Neall** noted that, should the amendment be adopted, the current Section 3, which states the resolution's effective date, would be renumbered as Section 4.

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2. *General duration categories of those arrangements; and*
3. *The operational rationale for approving extended remote work."*

AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

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

**Mr. Ringstad**, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5197, as Amended, by amending Section 1 to read: *"It is the general policy preference of the City Council to discourage out-of-state, long-term, remote work of its full-time, permanent employees."*

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5197, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 TO READ: *"It is the general policy preference of the City Council to discourage out-of-state, long-term, remote work of its full-time, permanent employees."*, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

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

There was no additional discussion on the main motion.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5197, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

**Mayor O'Neall** declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5197, as Amended, APPROVED.

d) Ordinance No. 6335 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-653, City Council Approval of Excess Expenditures. Sponsored by Councilmember Cleworth.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- e) Ordinance No. 6336 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 74-117, Room Rental Tax Purpose and Limitation, by Removing Term Limits for Discretionary Fund Committee Members. Sponsored by Councilmember Marney.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- e) Ordinance No. 6337 – An Ordinance Authorizing Public Works to Provide Services Outside the City Benefitting Tanana Valley State Fair Association in Exchange for a Snow Storage Site. Sponsored by Mayor O’Neill.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

- a) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- b) Board of Plumber Examiner Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- c) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025

ACCEPTED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- d) Appointment to the Board of Plumber Examiners

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- e) Reappointments to the Chena Riverfront Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- f) Recommendation for Reappointments to the FNSB Planning Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS**

**Mr. Marney** asked if the Mayor would write a letter to recognize Golden Heart Waste Management and the Lathrop High School football team for helping out during the pause in garbage collection. **Mayor O’Neill** shared that she had called both the owner of the company and the coach of the team to convey gratitude, as well as posting about it on social media. She confirmed that she would also submit a letter to the newspaper if the Council wished.

**Mr. Cleworth** expressed appreciation for the detailed work of the Deputy City Clerk in the drafting of meeting minutes. He spoke of the RFP for the Starter Block on Lacey Street and indicated that he would like to see a copy of it before it is published.

**Ms. Sprinkle** concurred with Mr. Cleworth about the effort that goes into creating meeting minutes. She shared that there had been some important updates regarding the Chena River Bike Path and asked if the Council could discuss the project at the next work session, prior to Mr. Ringstad's first meeting with the Chena Riverfront Commission. **Mayor O'Neall** confirmed that the topic was on the agenda for the next work session.

**Ms. Therrien** gave a report on her participation at the first Legislative Committee meeting with the Alaska Municipal League (AML). She asked if she could plan to attend the AML Legislative Conference in February. **Mr. Ringstad** stated that he would communicate with Ms. Therrien in the near future. **Mayor O'Neall** stated she would be attending the AML Legislative Conference.

**Ms. Tidwell** shared that she would be attending a meeting for the Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning the following week.

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

Clerk Snider expressed appreciation for the Council's support in the past year as she fulfilled her duties as the President of the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks (AAMC) in 2025. She expressed pride in her Deputy Clerk Colt Chase.

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

Attorney Chard stated that he had nothing to report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objection, **Mayor O'Neall** declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



MINDY O'NEALL, MAYOR

ATTEST:



D. DANYELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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