

# FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION AGENDA MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024 AT 7 A.M.



MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM WEBINAR AND AT FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Resolution No. 5145 A Resolution Stating the City of Fairbanks Legislative and Capital Priorities for 2025.
- 3. Mayor and Council Member Comments
- 4. Next Regular Work Session Tuesday, November 26, 2024
- 5. Adjournment

Introduced by: Mayor Pruhs and Councilmembers Therrien and Ringstad

Date: December 2, 2024

### **RESOLUTION NO. 5145**

# A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS LEGISLATIVE AND CAPITAL PRIORITIES FOR 2025

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairbanks appreciates any support and funding from the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has identified the following legislative and capital priorities, and the public had an opportunity to hear about these priorities at work session on November 25, 2024 and to provide comment on the priorities at a regular City Council meeting on December 2, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** that the 2025 legislative and capital priorities of the City of Fairbanks are as follows:

## 2025 Legislative Priorities

- 1. Concern about the high PERS rate of 22% being charged to municipalities.
- Mitigate municipalities' liability regarding the PFOS/PFOA ground water contamination and fund remediation efforts for PFOS/PFOA ground water contamination.
- 3. Allow Tier 1, 2, and 3 PERS retirees to continue to collect retirement if they return to work to fill critical shortages under Tier 4.
- 4. Maintain SART funding for to help communities meet testing liabilities.
- 5. Ensure the University of Alaska Fairbanks is the priority for university operational and capital funding.
- 6. Allocate funding to prioritize the development and expansion of a crisis behavioral health system in the State of Alaska.
- 7. Establish legislation with significant fines/penalties for intentionally exposing first responders and medical personnel to bodily fluids.
- 8. Update AS 40.25.110 to allow for fees to be applied for any video copying and/or editing required for a public records request.
- 9. Exempt local governments from vehicle registration fees.
- 10. Maintain a baseline of \$60 million annually in Community Assistance Program funding.
- 11. Allow the Community Development Block Grant to be used for housing as it is intended by the federal government.
- 12. Adjust legislation around child abandonment laws to allow for "baby boxes".
- 13. Fund the Emergency Service Patrol in Fairbanks.

#### 2025 Capital Priorities

1. Design and establish an Interior Alaska Regional Emergency Vehicle Operation Course track.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Governor and the Interior Alaska Legislative Delegation.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BE}}$  IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective five days after adoption.

	David Pruhs, Mayor
AYES: NAYS: ABSENT: APPROVED:	
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk	Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney