



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA NO. 2024-17
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2024
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. INVOCATION
3. FLAG SALUTATION
4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognitions, Awards)
5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS, oral communications to the City Council on any item pertaining to City business that is not up for public hearing. The total comment period is 30 minutes, and testimony is limited to three minutes. Any person wishing to speak needs to sign up on the list located in the hallway. Respectful standards of decorum and courtesy should be observed by all speakers. Remarks should be directed to the City Council as a body rather than to any particular Council Member or member of the staff. In consideration of others, please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are indicated by asterisks (*). Consent agenda items are considered together unless a council member requests that the item be returned to the general agenda. Ordinances on the approved consent agenda are automatically advanced to the next regular meeting for second reading and public hearing. All other items on the approved consent agenda are passed as final.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - *a) Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2024
 - *b) Special Meeting Minutes of July 30, 2024

8. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
435	Garden Island Party Store	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	246 Illinois Street

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- a) Special Reports

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance No. 6286, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Third Time. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Note: A procedural error was made at the second reading of Ordinance No. 6286 on July 22 – a public hearing was not held. As a remedy, another reading will be held to include a public hearing.

- b) Request for Reconsideration by Council Member Tidwell of the motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 5116, as Amended. The resolution was approved by the City Council on July 22, 2024, and the request for reconsideration was filed with the City Clerk on July 23, 2024.

Resolution No. 5116, as Amended – A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of North Pole, and the City of Fairbanks to Jointly Provide for Economic Development. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

- c) Ordinance No. 6287 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-149(e), Fiscal Note on Ordinances and Resolutions. Introduced by Council Member Cleworth. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.
- d) Ordinance No. 6288 – An Ordinance Establishing an Incentive Bonus Program Within the Fairbanks Public Works Department for Recruitment and Retention. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- *a) Resolution No. 5133 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Sungard Public Sector in the Amount of \$430,670 for Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Software Upgrade. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *b) Resolution No. 5134 – A Resolution Designating Check Signing Authority for Banking, Investment, and Custodial Accounts of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.
- *c) Ordinance No. 6289 – An Ordinance Amending Schedule A of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Fairbanks and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547 for the Code Compliance Inspector Position. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Sprinkle.

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- *a) Permanent Fund Review Board Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2024
- *b) Clay Street Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2024
- *c) Appointment to the Discretionary Fund Committee

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

16. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Eyre v. City of Fairbanks, et al.
- b) Vlasakakis v. City of Fairbanks

18. ADJOURNMENT



FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JULY 22, 2024
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The City Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on the above date, following a 5:30 p.m. Work Session on FPD Audio/Video Record Requests, to conduct a Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks City Council via Zoom webinar and at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Mayor David Pruhs presiding and with the following Councilmembers in attendance:

Councilmembers Present: Jerry Cleworth, Seat A
 June Rogers, Seat B
 Sue Sprinkle, Seat C
 Crystal Tidwell, Seat D
 Lonny Marney, Seat E
 John Ringstad, Seat F

Absent: None

Also Present: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
 Thomas Chard, City Attorney
 Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff
 Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
 Ron Dupee, Police Chief
 Nathan Werner, Police Captain
 Clem Clooten, Building Official
 Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director (outgoing)
 Jeremiah Cotter, Public Works Director (incoming)
 Jake Merritt, Human Resources Director
 Kristi Merideth, FECC Manager (attended remotely)

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by City Clerk Danyielle Snider.

FLAG SALUTATION

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS (Proclamations, Introductions, Recognitions, Awards)

Mayor Pruhs recognized Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson and Building Official Clem Clooten for their many years of dedication working for the City. He discussed their impending retirements and read two proclamations, honoring each individual for their service.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

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

Victor Buberger – V. Buberger spoke about the demolition of the Polaris Building. He asked if the project would be completed in 2024 or if it would cost more money. He stated it could be demolished by the fall if they used “100 illegal aliens” with sledgehammers and chisels.

Juanita Webb, Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) Chair and Taurus Rutherford – T. Rutherford shared details about FDC’s recent Human Library event, at which he personally participated as a “book” and shared his story. J. Webb indicated that the FDC hopes to hold another event later in the year. She reported on her involvement with the Midnight Sun Intertribal Powwow and the positive connections that were made at the event, including gaining some new applicants to serve on the FDC. She praised T. Rutherford for his work in the community.

Jomo Stewart, President of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) – J. Stewart spoke against the amended version of Resolution No. 5116 that was included as a proposed substitute in the agenda packet. He stated that the overall agreement between the three entities would be delayed by the City’s request that the membership of the Borough’s Economic Development Commission be adjusted. He discussed the negative financial impact on FEDC for the current and next fiscal year due to funding reductions triggered by the delay. He suggested striking Section 2 from the resolution and maintaining a December 31, 2025 sunset date and instead sending a memo to the Borough with the items the City would like considered.

Mr. Cleworth asked J. Stewart why he would recommend not making the contingencies on the front end versus the back end, noting that it would only take the Borough two meetings to make the requested changes. He stated that way the City’s opposition would remain if the issue of Commission representation was not resolved. J. Stewart stated that the agreement could have been taken care of in May; he added that the continued delays have hurt the FEDC.

Ms. Sprinkle acknowledged J. Stewart’s concerns. She discussed the difficult position the Council was put in when the issues were presented; she added that questions needed to be answered.

Mr. Marney asked if the FEDC board of directors had further considered pursuing becoming the Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) for the region. J. Stewart shared that the Executive Committee met earlier in the day to discuss that topic, and they were favorably disposed to recommend such to the board of directors. **Mr. Marney** asked for more details on the funding reduction that had been referenced. J. Stewart stated that FEDC has \$30,000 available to supplement the \$150,000 provided by the City but that the Borough reduced the FEDC’s funding by \$70,000 and restricted the remaining \$240,000 to not be used for the direct or sole benefit of the City or its residents. He clarified that he believes the City’s request for representation on the Commission is perfectly reasonable but asked that it not be a contingency for the agreement.

Ms. Sprinkle pointed out that while Mayor Ward has indicated support for the City’s request, there will be a new mayor in a few months. She asserted that a contingency ensures the City’s considerations are protected down the road. J. Stewart stated that the sunset date would allow the City to withdraw its support by the end of 2025 if the City’s requests were not implemented.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Cleworth pulled item 12(a), Resolution No. 5127, and item 12(e), Ordinance No. 6288, from the consent agenda.

Mayor Pruhs called for objection to the APPROVAL of the agenda, as amended and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2024

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

b) Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

SPECIAL ORDERS

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
3489	Tuffy's	Beverage Dispensary	Tuffy's, LLC	3550 Airport Way
1639	Alaska Salmon Bake	Restaurant/Eating Place – Seasonal	Malemute, Inc.	2300 Airport Way
727	Lavelle's Bistro	Beverage Dispensary	Café de Paris Catering Co.	575 1st Avenue

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

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

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

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- b) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing and considered the following alcohol license application for transfer of ownership:

Type/Lic.: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #4772
DBA: Chickentown Teriyaki
Applicant: JWDY, LLC
Location: 1454 South Cushman Street, Fairbanks
From Owner: Two Star, LLC

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

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

Ms. Sprinkle asked for clarification on the application. Clerk Snider explained that the same individual has controlling interest for both Two Star, LLC and JWDY, LLC but that a change in the entity is technically considered a change in ownership.

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

YEAS: Tidwell, Sprinkle, Ringstad, Marny, Rogers, Cleworth
NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

- c) The Fairbanks City Council held a public hearing and considered the following alcohol license application for transfer of location:

Type/Lic.: Package Store, License #435
DBA: Garden Island Party Store
Applicant: Market Basket, Inc.
To Location: 4 College Road, Fairbanks
From Location: 246 Illinois Street, Fairbanks

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

Mayor Pruhs called for Public Testimony.

John Mowery – J. Mowery spoke against the application on the basis of the new location's proximity to the church he attends at 32 Adak Avenue. He explained that the church hosts an addiction recovery program, Reformers Unanimous, and that participants would have to pass by the liquor store to attend meetings. He noted that teens also frequently stop by that convenience store, and there are many children and families in the surrounding neighborhood. He urged the Council not to go forward with the application.

Christine Robbins – C. Robbins shared that she is also associated with Reformers Unanimous and has seen lives transformed through the faith-based program which has a high recovery rate. She

acknowledged that there may not be a legal issue with the application but spoke against allowing it to proceed as a way to respect the challenges of those struggling with addiction. She stated that the license relocation would hurt those individuals in a profound way and asked that the Council consider the ramifications.

Brian Regan – B. Regan indicated that he is the co-owner of Sunshine Health Foods and owns other property in the vicinity of the proposed location. He stated that there are multiple businesses near the proposed location that already sell products such as alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, and pornography, and he referred to those things as destructive and detrimental to the community. He outlined nearby churches, daycares, apartment buildings, and homes which he asserted would decrease in value by the presence of an alcohol vendor. He stated that he has not spoken to a single person in favor of the application. He indicated that the only reason for the relocation is that the business owner is struggling to sell booze at the current location.

Dale Hardy – D. Hardy shared that he grew up in Fort Yukon, next door to the only liquor store in town, and saw firsthand the destruction that alcohol can do to a community. He spoke of the type of people that a liquor store attracts and that that was not desired in their community. He implored the Council to oppose the transfer of location of the license.

Michael Fairchild – M. Fairchild reported that he was the Director of Reformers Unanimous and wanted to provide a scope of the program. He stated that they began in 2003 and host six meetings a week, two each at the church on Adak Avenue, Fairbanks Correctional Center, and Northstar Halfway House, with new students showing up regularly. He noted that 32 Adak Avenue is line-of-sight from the proposed location, and such proximity has a significant impact on participants. He shared a story of one student who would take alternative routes through town to avoid passing by certain liquor establishments. He stated that recovery programs incorporate tenets like avoiding locations that can trap or trigger an addict. He encouraged the Council to oppose the transfer.

Kate Mowery – K. Mowery spoke in opposition to the transfer due to the proximity to her church, its recovery program, children, teens, and the nearby residential area. She asked the Council to consider the safety for teens and helping those seeking victory over addiction.

JR Smith – JR Smith outlined the various businesses within walking distance of the proposed location where individuals can already purchase alcohol as well as marijuana. He asked how much is enough and voiced his opposition to the license relocation.

Aaron Crook – A. Crook expressed opposition to the application and cited the existence of 40 different locations in Fairbanks where one can purchase alcohol. He spoke of the high rate of domestic violence in Alaska, which is often directly tied to alcohol use. He discussed the impact of alcoholism on community safety and the harm alcohol causes to families. He asserted that not approving this application would be a way to help keep Fairbanks safe.

Nick Gavora, Vice President of Market Basket, Inc. – N. Gavora explained that his company has been shifting away from standalone liquor stores and proudly moving to full-service convenience stores that sell a variety of food, coffee, fuel, groceries, and more. He shared that alcohol purchases only represent 15% of their overall sales, or 33% when fuel purchases are removed. He noted that they operate similar stores in close proximity to other churches and gave examples. He stated that they are in good standing with all their liquor licenses, have never had a license suspended, do not

have a history of selling to minors, and have a proven track record of doing business in the community for over 60 years. He added that they plan to refresh and breathe new life into The Gas Line's location through remodeling the building. He distributed a handout showing the plans for improving the existing structure and expressed hope that the Council would approve the transfer.

Ms. Tidwell asked if Market Basket owns the property where Garden Island is located and, if so, what their plans are for that location if this license is transferred. N. Gavora confirmed that they own the property and explained that if the alcohol license is transferred, they would continue to operate the deli and convenience store aspects of the existing business.

Mr. Marney asked if only beer and wine is sold. N. Gavora stated they sell beer, wine, and liquor.

Ms. Sprinkle asked N. Gavora if he had any responses to the comments in opposition to the application. N. Gavora acknowledged that he has never had an addiction and discussed the number of liquor stores already in operation in Fairbanks. He expressed his belief that proximity would not be as big of an issue but noted that he is not in the shoes of an addict. He affirmed that his employees mandate ID checks for every customer purchasing alcohol and tobacco in their stores and that despite sting operations to check for compliance, they have never sold any prohibited products to a minor or to those with alcohol restrictions noted on their license. He discussed how their employees are well-educated and thorough with these policies but that they cannot control the choices of everyone who walks through their doors.

Mr. Marney asked if they would cancel plans for the new location if the application does not go through. N. Gavora replied affirmatively.

Ms. Rogers asked if he had taken the opportunity to speak with those in the neighborhood. N. Gavora reported that when they submitted the transfer application in February, their Operations Manager reached out to the nearby church to speak to the pastor and share their intentions for the location. He added that they also put out the required public notices. **Ms. Rogers** asked what kind of feedback was received at that time. N. Gavora shared that it seemed relatively positive, noting that the church's members are good customers of The Gas Line currently and that the impression was that they were receptive to the change. **Ms. Rogers** stated that she has never seen this many people speak in opposition to an application and spoke at length about the relationships between community members and nearby businesses. She suggested that appropriate engagement with area residents does not appear to have happened.

Mayor Pruhs reminded Ms. Rogers that this was a time for asking questions. **Ms. Rogers** asked N. Gavora if he had heard such opposition before and how his conversation had been received. N. Gavora replied that concerns expressed at the meeting had not previously been conveyed and that he was only aware of them after a phone call from the City Clerk earlier in the day. He stated that the Clerk informed him of the many emails that had been received over a 24-hour period. He explained that the State of Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board is currently taking up to eight months to process applications for license transfers and that after his company posted notices at the nearby business earlier in the year, they received no negative responses until the present. He acknowledged that City Council meetings are a place for citizens to air grievances and while it seemed that these comments had been organized for the current meeting, it was the first time he had heard any opposition to their plans. **Ms. Rogers** asked N. Gavora if, over his years in the business, he had heard these types of comments regarding alcohol in the community. N. Gavora

confirmed that such views are known by those who operate businesses that sell alcohol. He reiterated that is why they have been evolving their company to move away from standalone liquor stores to more full-service stores that can bring convenience to more of the community.

Ms. Tidwell referenced the callout report associated with the Garden Island location and noted that only nine calls were made within the last year – a fraction of what other license holders often have. She commended N. Gavora and asked if his company already owned The Gas Line and if he was aware of the number of calls to that location. N. Gavora explained that they are currently under contract to purchase the business and that he was not aware of any call reports. He affirmed that they take their right to refuse service seriously and try to prevent problems through the enforcement of best practices and policies.

Mr. Ringstad asked N. Gavora if his company was purchasing the entire business or just the portion of the building currently occupied by the restaurant. N. Gavora confirmed that they are purchasing the entire property, upgrading the car wash facilities, and maintaining a lease with the coffee hut outside. He noted that the burger restaurant currently inside will be relocating, as his company intends to implement the same food services available in their other locations.

Ms. Rogers asked N. Gavora if he would be open to having a community conversation with those in the neighborhood. N. Gavora replied affirmatively and stated that he wants to understand the community of those who live nearby. He clarified that he does not want to get into a debate with only a select group, as that could devolve into finger-pointing about the type of business they operate. He stated he would be willing to share his email address and respond to all questions. He added that they are not like an interstate gas station with people passing through but are there to serve those in the neighborhoods of their stores.

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

Mr. Cleworth recalled two past incidents where an alcohol license was moved to a new location on the edge of a neighborhood. He shared that in both situations, the Council meeting where applications were considered included levels of public opposition; he added that one application was protested and the other was not. He reminded the Council that it only makes a recommendation to the ABC Board, which makes the final decision. He noted that the application for which the Council waived protest resulted in the same opposing citizens contacting the ABC Board, which overturned the City's recommendation and sent a severe chastisement to the Council. He stated it is difficult to put an alcohol licensee on the edge of a neighborhood when the nearby residents do not desire it. He indicated that while he would like to see the store move from its current location it seems like the new location is problematic.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if there were any applicable zoning restrictions for the transfer. City Attorney Chard informed the Council that State laws require a minimum of 200 feet from a church or school. He stated that he estimates the distance from The Gas Line to Bible Baptist Church to be about 1,000 feet, so the proximity restriction would not be applicable. **Ms. Sprinkle** confirmed her understanding that the business action was in accordance with legal requirements.

Mr. Ringstad discussed the difference between standalone liquor stores and convenience stores that also have alcohol available for purchase. He acknowledged the positive track record of the company, the lack of complaints from their existing properties, and the absence of problems they

often see with other businesses that sell alcohol. He expressed support for operators who seek to modernize facilities, evolve their business models for the benefit of the community, and remain in compliance. He noted that no business at the proposed location would be perfect and that N. Gavora's company has a legal right to pursue the transfer. He added that a fear of the unknown should not overshadow a company's positive history.

Ms. Rogers discussed her involvement with behavioral health problems in Fairbanks. She expressed conflicting feelings about the application, given the opposition during public testimony and the decades of positive history of the licensee as a community builder. She noted the owner's deep roots in Fairbanks and their clear concern for neighbors while balancing business interest. She stated that she does not like hearing such comments so late in the process when opportunities for earlier conversation were available. She admitted that supporting the efforts of a business that serves alcohol is unusual for her, given that she has never had a drink in her nearly 80 years and given her involvement with efforts to help combat community challenges. She thanked N. Gavora for attending, speaking to the Council, and being willing to work with community members.

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

YEAS: Ringstad, Rogers, Sprinkle, Tidwell

NAYS: Marney, Cleworth

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Pruhs complimented the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC) for its remarkable service during the recent technology outage that impacted dispatch centers across the country, specifically for communications with the public regarding the outage. He reported seeing no encampments within the City during his recent drive around town with Housing Coordinator Brynn Butler, who shared with him some recent successes in connecting unhoused individuals with available services. He praised the work of the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments for assisting with the Golden Days celebrations the previous weekend. He complimented the recent newspaper article by Jack Barnwell regarding the progress of the Polaris Building demolition and shared details about the abatement process of asbestos and other hazardous materials. He discussed the logistics of the demolition crew and equipment, noting that some stages are ahead of schedule while others are behind. He stated that October 31 is still the scheduled project completion date.

Mayor Pruhs stated that performance measures from various departments had been reviewed in recent internal meetings. He turned the floor over to Fire Chief Cocco to share the FFD's.

Fire Chief Cocco shared his department's top three objectives and their current status:

- "Recruit and retain quality employees" – Some work remains on the retention side, but recruitment has improved as evident by an increase in applications.
- "Increase staffing to four person engines and trucks to be in line with NFPA 1710 for safety on scenes and allow more uninterrupted training" – This remains a work in progress, with some stalling while contract negotiations continue.

- “Update training facilities and equipment to facilitate more diverse and in-depth training, to be conducted with mutual aid partners and other agencies” – Some items are still in progress but a notable success is the attention toward the Fire Training Center which is on its way to a significant renovation; it will be a source of pride for the City when completed.

Mayor Pruhs thanked Chief Coccoaro and invited Chief of Staff Sanders to report on the performance measures for the Mayor’s Office and Information Technology.

M. Sanders shared details about the overall strategic planning process that was undertaken during the budget cycle in late 2023. He provided a summary of the Mayor’s Office’s objectives and their current status, noting the longer list was due to the wide-reaching roles within the department.

Mayor Pruhs recognized Officer Dave Elzey who had returned for a seasonal summer assignment patrolling in the downtown area. He praised Officer Elzey, as well as Officer Phil James for their efforts to stabilize the downtown area through their experience and positive presence.

COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Ms. Tidwell, Mr. Ringstad, and Ms. Rogers each indicated they had no comments.

Mr. Marney congratulated Jeremiah Cotter on his promotion to Public Works Director and noted that he has big shoes to fill, as will the person who will replace Building Official Clem Clooten.

Ms. Sprinkle stated that she was very excited to hear about a potential stabilization center, as mentioned in M. Sanders’ performance measures report for the Mayor’s Office.

Mr. Cleworth expressed appreciation for soon-to-retire Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson and Building Official Clem Clooten. He shared personal experiences with both men over years of service with the City and community. He praised Officer Elzey’s dedication to the downtown area.

Mayor Pruhs asked M. Sanders to organize an appreciation event to celebrate Officer Elzey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Request for Reconsideration by Council Member Rogers of the motion to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6284, as Amended. The ordinance was adopted by the City Council on July 8, 2024, and the request for reconsideration was filed with the City Clerk on July 9, 2024.

Ordinance No. 6284, as Amended – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code by Enacting Section 10-208 to Prevent and Address Blight. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Members Sprinkle and Ringstad.

Ms. Rogers, seconded by **Mr. Cleworth**, moved to RECONSIDER Ordinance No. 6284, as Amended.

Ms. Rogers shared that she felt there had not been enough discussion about the impact of certain aspects of the ordinance and recalled her hesitation when the roll call vote was taken. She explained that her desire was to change her original vote from “yea” to “nay.”

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 6284, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

Clerk Snider explained that according to Fairbanks General Code, the Mayor does not participate in a vote to reconsider, even in the event of a tie, and that a tie vote fails the motion. **Mayor Pruhs** declared the MOTION FAILED.

Clerk Snider clarified that the original vote on and adoption of Ordinance No. 6284, as Amended, at the Regular Council Meeting of July 8, 2024, stands.

- b) Resolution No. 5116 – A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of North Pole, and the City of Fairbanks to Jointly Provide for Economic Development. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs on April 22, 2024. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2024.

[Clerk Note: At the April 22, 2024 regular City Council meeting, Mr. Cleworth, seconded by Ms. Sprinkle, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5116. The motion remained on the floor.]

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5116 by substituting the amended, proposed version.

Ms. Sprinkle asserted that the additional language in the amended, proposed version would make for a stronger agreement. She indicated that she still has questions about certain taxation details between the Borough and City that she would address later.

Mr. Marney asked if the Council was ready to tackle the resolution. Discussion followed to clarify the procedure of the current motion and what options would exist for subsequent action.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5116 BY SUBSTITUTING THE AMENDED, PROPOSED VERSION AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Tidwell stated that she appreciated the testimony of J. Stewart earlier and that she believes the Borough, by appointing her to the Economic Development Commission, has shown good faith in committing to the spirit of the Council's desired makeup of the Commission. She added that the sunset date in Section 3 was also a sufficient mechanism to ensure that if the Council's wishes were not honored, it would have recourse to withdraw support at a later date.

Ms. Tidwell, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5116 by striking Section 2.

Ms. Tidwell expressed concern that this contingency would require the Borough Assembly to revisit the agreement, which may put them back at square one without having accomplished anything. She stated that she wants to see the agreement across the finish line without any holdups and that they can continue to ensure that the items needing to be addressed get the appropriate attention. She added that FEDC's continued funding constraints need to end.

Mr. Ringstad concurred that while there are still a handful of issues that must be resolved, he believes the sunset date is sufficient to ensure they have recourse should their concerns be disregarded. He added that in a couple months they will be having budget discussions which include funding matters for FEDC. He stated that he does not believe they are ready to tackle the remaining issues at the moment but did not want to stall any further.

Ms. Sprinkle indicated that she does not want the City to be viewed as the bad guy but that the situation was handled poorly. She stated that she wants assurances about the Commission membership and suggested that an earlier sunset date of June 30, 2025, to align with the end of the Borough's fiscal year, would be more appropriate than year-end 2025. She expressed resentment that the Council has been viewed negatively for having questions about such a commitment.

Ms. Rogers expressed agreement with Mr. Ringstad on not wanting a long-term commitment while issues remain but stated that with an affirmed sunset date, the Council should move forward.

Mr. Cleworth reminded the Council that the motion on the floor was to strike Section 2. He explained that if the resolution is adopted, the Borough would have authority to tax City residents to fund economic development. He noted that this had been done in the past but that the purpose of the agreement was to reaffirm that authority, which would be acceptable so long as the City has appropriate representation. **Mr. Cleworth** stated that the contingency shows the Council's intent and that it is imperative that it remain. He added that it was not too much to expect representation on a committee that would have power to make determinations to tax City residents and that if the Assembly was not in favor of it, then there are other problems.

Ms. Tidwell discussed the existing parameters of City representation on the Borough Planning Commission and how that compared to the Economic Development Commission. She explained that there is no specific seat for a City Council representative but that any city resident could fill a spot. **Ms. Sprinkle** stated that was her concern, that the Council budgets funding for FEDC and should have a seat on the Commission. **Ms. Tidwell** acknowledged the concern but pointed out that Section 2 does not specify that it would be a Councilmember placed in that seat.

Mr. Marney stated that he has a hard time believing the Borough would deny the City's request. He noted that the Commission would meet the following afternoon, and he plans to attend.

Mr. Cleworth discussed how the City-represented seats on the Borough Planning Commission are selected and appointed, which includes the Council approving recommendations by the City Mayor. He stated that the system seems to work, and he envisions the Economic Development Commission having the same process. He added that he does not believe it should necessarily be a Councilmember filling the seat unless the Council had a strong desire for such.

Ms. Rogers shared details on how members of the FDC are appointed.

Ms. Sprinkle stated she would like to review some of the associated fiscal items. **Mayor Pruhs** reiterated the need to keep discussion to the amendment being considered. He repeated the same when **Mr. Ringstad** raised the issue of whether the Borough had set aside \$70,000 to restore funding to FEDC after finalization of the agreement. **Mr. Marney** addressed taxation issues and the ARDOR. **Mayor Pruhs** repeated the current motion on the floor.

Mr. Ringstad asked for clarity on how the Council's various concerns are tied into both the amendment to strike Section 2 and the sunset date as currently stated. **Mayor Pruhs** clarified that, as written, the Council's support of the agreement would be contingent upon items expressly cited within the resolution and that the sunset date would allow the City to withdraw from the agreement if the additional concerns were not resolved by December 31, 2025. **Mr. Ringstad** asked how the City would convey those concerns to the Borough if they were not written within the resolution. Attorney Chard explained that it is the Council's prerogative as to how to convey the City's requests, be it directly communicating that language to the Borough upon passing the resolution or including explicit contingencies within the document itself. **Mr. Ringstad** indicated that he would prefer to see the Council's preferences included as "Whereas" statements and then begin the conversation with the Borough directly.

Mr. Cleworth stated that "Whereas" statements do not hold weight like the current contingency language does. He stated that if the City wants representation, this is the vehicle and they should use it. He indicated that approving the agreement with nothing more than hopeful language does not show good leadership on behalf of the citizens of Fairbanks who will be getting taxed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5116, AS AMENDED, BY STRIKING SECTION 2 AS FOLLOWS:

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

Clerk Snider informed everyone that she had learned of a problem with the radio broadcast. She stated that the meeting audio was available on Zoom or the City's web stream.

Mayor Pruhs noted that the City has been working on the issue for about six months and while work could continue for another six months, it would be prudent to move forward. He discussed the remaining questions, such as the ARDOR and what past taxes collected for economic development were used for. He reiterated the significance of the sunset date.

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Ms. Tidwell**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5116, as Amended, by adding a new "Whereas" statement that reads "Whereas, the City of Fairbanks wishes to resolve the issue of City membership on the Economic Development Commission, the issue of the ARDOR, and to get clear resolution of the Fairbanks North Star Borough's taxing authority for economic development."

Mr. Cleworth shared that he had discussed a similar idea with David van den Berg, Executive Director of the Downtown Association of Fairbanks, that would require the issue of the ARDOR to be resolved by December 1, 2024. He stated that it would be better to include the language of the current motion by adding a new Section 5, rather than a "Whereas" statement.

Mayor Pruhs expressed that adding different dates for individual items might create more challenges and encouraged the Council to use the existing sunset date.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he does not feel they would be boxing the Borough in. **Mayor Pruhs** explained what he believes the next steps would be if the Council passes the resolution and stated that would be the simplest way for the Council and Borough to accomplish their goals.

Ms. Tidwell pointed out that if the Council adds the items in a new “Whereas” statement, there will be somewhat conflicting language with the contingency set forth in Section 2.

Ms. Tidwell, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to AMEND the amendment on the floor by using the proposed language to replace the existing Section 2 instead of adding it as a new “Whereas.”

Mr. Ringstad stated that he seconded the motion so the Council could discuss the idea, but he feared that adding the language as a contingency would result in another six months of delays; he indicated that he does not want FEDC funding to be held up any longer. He expressed that the language would be better included as a “Whereas” statement as indicated in the previous motion.

Ms. Tidwell, with the concurrence of the second, withdrew her motion to amend the amendment.

Ms. Tidwell, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to AMEND the amendment on the floor by adding “and strike Section 2.”

Mr. Cleworth reminded the Council that “Whereas” statements carry no weight and that the actions outlined in the sections after those statements are definitive. **Ms. Rogers** concurred.

Mr. Ringstad reiterated that regardless of how the Council conveys its expectations, it is imperative that it resolves the issues and moves forward. He noted that too many changes could add several more months of back and forth. **Mr. Cleworth** replied that it does not have to take months and that the Council can approve it now and put the ball in the Borough’s court.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 5116, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING “AND STRIKE SECTION 2” AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mr. Marney acknowledged **Mr. Cleworth’s** point that there is more weight to including the desired language within the meat of the resolution.

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to AMEND the amendment on the floor by adding the language of the proposed “Whereas” statement as a new Section 5 instead of a “Whereas.”

Ms. Tidwell asked for a legal opinion on whether including the language as a new Section 5 would be contradictory to the language in Section 2, which the Council voted twice not to remove.

Attorney Chard confirmed that Mr. Cleworth's assertion was correct in that hopeful language of "Whereas" statements do not have the same weight as the operative portion of the resolution. He stated that the Council does not have the authority to tell the Borough what to do. He reminded the Council that anything it includes that is not a contingency for the City's participation in the agreement is merely a suggestion or a request. He explained that although the sections may not be in conflict with one another, it would seem awkward to have the language of Section 2, as it currently stands, as well as the proposed language as a new Section 5.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the awkwardness was due to redundancies between the two sections. Attorney Chard affirmed that was correct. **Mr. Cleworth** suggested removing the reference to the City's membership on the Economic Development Commission in the proposed Section 5.

Clerk Snider stated that an amendment to an amendment could not be amended. She stated the current motion would need to be disposed of before additional changes could be considered.

Mr. Marney, with the concurrence of the second, withdrew his motion to amend the amendment.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND the amendment on the floor by adding the language of the proposed "Whereas" statement instead as a new Section 5 and removing the language therein referencing the membership of the Economic Development Commission.

Ms. Tidwell stated that she would vote in favor of the amendment but reiterated her concern that leaving the contingency of Section 2 will likely result in the accomplishment of nothing.

Ms. Sprinkle pointed out that the Borough Mayor gave verbal support for the City's goal of the Commission's makeup, and he appointed Ms. Tidwell for that very reason. She asked why the Borough might now do otherwise. **Ms. Tidwell** stated that she hopes the Borough will not but that the language creates the opportunity for them to do so. **Ms. Sprinkle** noted that if that issue is the Borough's trigger point, then there are far worse problems to discuss. **Ms. Tidwell** countered that having the sunset date allows some time to work on the issues with some breathing room. **Ms. Sprinkle** expressed her belief that the Borough should be willing to agree to the contingency and accept the sunset date.

Ms. Rogers mentioned that the ARDOR is another major consideration that the City does not want to leave unresolved for long.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR BY ADDING THE LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED "WHEREAS" STATEMENT INSTEAD AS A NEW SECTION 5 AND REMOVING THE LANGUAGE THEREIN REFERENCING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION PASSED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5116, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 5 WHICH STATES: "THE CITY OF

FAIRBANKS WISHES TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF THE ARDOR AND TO GET CLEAR RESOLUTION OF FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH'S TAXING AUTHORITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT." AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Cleworth asked if it would be prudent to revise the sunset date to align with the Borough's fiscal year ending in June, whether 2025 or 2026. **Mayor Pruhs** replied that a sunset date in the middle of 2025 rather than December 31, 2025 would be more difficult given the items they are seeking to resolve. He indicated that 2026 would likely be more amicable.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5116, as Amended, by changing the sunset date in Section 3 to July 1, 2026.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if the Council believes the issues could not be resolved within the next 11 months, noting that a lot of progress has been made. **Mayor Pruhs** pointed out that it is not just the Council that will need time to consider things and that this date will be considered as "on or before." He expressed hope that matters would be resolved long before July 2026.

Mr. Ringstad stated that he believes issues would be resolved by June of 2026, and he would prefer to move the date forward versus back. **Mayor Pruhs** noted that the Council had already spent six months working on the issue, and the back and forth between the three different entities will undoubtedly take more time, not less.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5116, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE SUNSET DATE IN SECTION 3 TO JULY 1, 2026 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION PASSED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5116, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION PASSED and Resolution No. 5116, as Amended, APPROVED.

- c) Resolution No. 5127 – A Resolution Approving Updates to the City of Fairbanks Emergency Operations Plan. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs on June 24, 2024. POSTPONED from the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2024.

[Clerk Note: At the June 24, 2024 regular City Council meeting, Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by Mr. Cleworth, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5127. The motion remained on the floor.]

Mr. Cleworth referenced the Emergency Organization section on page 19 and asked if there was a rock-solid plan designating leadership roles for areawide disasters. Chief of Staff Sanders explained that if the emergency extended beyond city limits, the Borough's Emergency Operations Center and management would take the lead. He confirmed that issues impacting only the City would default to the City's operations center and leadership, which would be the Fire Chief.

Mr. Marney shared that he had spoken with Chief Coccaro the previous week and invited him to share additional information. Chief Coccaro explained that the plan would continue to be a living document and that the City's recent work was intended to be a thorough review and overhaul. He noted that the plan had not been updated in over a decade and that his plan going forward would be to perform annual review with Council approval on any revisions. He added that the federal government's preference is to see disasters declared and addressed at a local level first, escalated if necessary, and eventually resolved back at the local level. Chief Coccaro stated that having a plan such as this in place is also vital for certain grant opportunities that may come along.

Ms. Sprinkle pointed out that page numbers throughout the document are reset for the different segments which makes it difficult to navigate as a single resource. She stated that many may find that challenging and suggested formatting updates to make the document more user-friendly. M. Sanders acknowledged Ms. Sprinkle's concern and explained that the document does not typically live in the physical format of just one large packet as it has been presented to the Council. He noted that the various sections are within separate folders or partitions within a binder, and that when viewed differently it is actually very user-friendly. Clerk Snider added that the multiple sections were compiled in the present format solely for the purpose of the meeting agenda. She affirmed that staff would ensure it is user-friendly in the final publication.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5127 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Resolution No. 5127 APPROVED.

- d) Ordinance No. 6286 – An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Third Time. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ADOPT Ordinance No. 6286.

[Clerk note: During the preparation of the meeting minutes, it was noted that a call for a public hearing was not given for Ordinance No. 6286. To remedy the omission, the Council is scheduled to hold another reading and public hearing at the next regular meeting on August 12, 2024.]

Mr. Marney, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to AMEND Ordinance No. 6286 by substituting the amended, proposed version.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 6286 BY SUBSTITUTING THE AMENDED, PROPOSED VERSION AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Cleworth asked if any funds remained in the General Fund for training or if the funds had been exhausted. CFO Margarita Bell reported that all training funds were still available due to vacancies creating salary savings; she stated that those savings are used before the training account funds. **Mr. Cleworth** addressed a temporary hire at the Police Department and asked if training funds could be used instead of including the item in the budget amendment. CFO Bell indicated that the purpose of the training account was to cover the cost of transitions and overlap when a new hire is brought on prior to the outgoing employee's departure. She stated that in order to use the funds for the purpose Mr. Cleworth was suggesting, the Council would need to officially update the stated purpose for the training funds.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if it had been confirmed that the City Hall battery system referenced under Capital Fund expenditures had been confirmed as the correct size for the building's needs. M. Sanders stated that the vendor needs to take another look at the configuration to determine if it is correct. He confirmed that previous discussions had verified that while the exact number may change, they will need the funds included in the ordinance in order to proceed.

Ms. Sprinkle asked for an update on the cost of the City Hall childcare facility project. M. Sanders stated that as far as the City's estimate was concerned, they are still on track.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6286, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION CARRIED and Ordinance No. 6286, as Amended, ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution No. 5128 – A Resolution to Approve a Capital Project Fund Financial Policy. Introduced by Council Members Sprinkle and Ringstad.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5128.

Mr. Cleworth stated that his concern with resolutions is that they are often forgotten because they are not codified. He gave an example of a past issue regarding State maintenance of certain intersections which was resolved by a resolution. He noted that it worked for a time but was eventually forgotten when a new Mayor took office. He shared that the new Mayor then entered into an agreement that was contrary to the intent of the past passed resolution. He affirmed his support for the work of the Finance Committee and for its proposed procedure but strongly suggested the Council consider drafting an ordinance to codify the policy. He indicated that he did

not want to suggest amendments at this time but would prefer to postpone the ordinance and send it to a Work Session.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Rogers**, moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 5128 to the Regular Council Meeting of August 12, 2024 and include it on the next work session agenda.

Mr. Ringstad stated that while the Council could put the policy in an ordinance, it would not have the power to dictate to a future Council how to spend money. He explained that unless the voters approve such a change, it can only be a policy or guideline. He discussed the reasoning behind the proposed policy and the different approaches to budgeting, noting that if a future Council has extenuating circumstances, it should have the flexibility to do what is necessary. He affirmed that the proposal is meant to serve as a goal.

Mayor Pruhs indicated that he supports the proposed policy and the work of the Committee. He stated that he does not see a reason to postpone the resolution or to codify a minimum fund balance. He explained that even if codified, a future Council could change the Code to suit its needs, but it would be frustrating for that body to have to do so with a new ordinance, which would require at least two meetings, especially for something that is only intended to serve as a guideline.

Mr. Cleworth asked what the point of a policy would be if it did not have to be followed by the Mayor or Council. He reiterated the need to codify. **Mayor Pruhs** suggested that if that was the case, it would be better to not approve the resolution, rather than postponing.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NO. 5128 TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2024 AND INCLUDE IT ON THE NEXT WORK SESSION AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Cleworth

NAYS: Sprinkle, Marney, Rogers, Ringstad, Tidwell

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION FAILED.

Mr. Ringstad indicated that it seemed odd to include an example in the resolution, as present in Item 4. He asked if that was appropriate. Attorney Chard stated that he would generally discourage using specific examples in legislation unless it served a necessary purpose. CFO Bell concurred with removing the example.

Ms. Sprinkle, seconded by **Mr. Ringstad**, moved to AMEND Resolution No. 5128 by removing the example given in Item No. 4.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 5128 BY REMOVING THE EXAMPLE GIVEN IN ITEM NO. 4 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Cleworth shared that the Fairbanks General Code includes a minimum balance for the General Fund which was implemented many years ago. He discussed how he and a former Mayor

worked together to create the current formula that is used currently and how that became an important part of the City's fiscal integrity. He stated that the minimum amount prevents the City from having a cashflow problem as some municipalities, including the City of Fairbanks in the past, have experienced. **Mr. Cleworth** asserted that the Capital Fund is no different and should have similar protections. He expressed willingness to vote for the resolution but indicated that he does not consider it to have the same weight as if it was being codified. He declared that the establishment of the Capital Fund was one of the best decisions the Council made over 20 years ago and that it has allowed the City to avoid deferred maintenance issues, unlike other entities.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5128, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION PASSED and Resolution No. 5128, as Amended, APPROVED.

- b) Resolution No. 5129 – A Resolution to Extend the Financial Audit Remittance for Explore Fairbanks. Introduced by Council Member Marney.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- c) Resolution No. 5130 – A Resolution in Honor of Clem Clooten and In Recognition of His Decades of Service to the City of Fairbanks and Its Residents. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs and Council Member Cleworth.

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- d) Ordinance No. 6287 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbanks General Code Section 2-149(e), Fiscal Note on Ordinances and Resolutions. Introduced by Council Member Cleworth.

ADVANCED on the CONSENT AGENDA.

- e) Ordinance No. 6288 – An Ordinance Establishing an Incentive Bonus Program Within the Fairbanks Public Works Department for Recruitment and Retention. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Ms. Rogers, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ADVANCE Ordinance No. 6288.

Mr. Cleworth stated he believes there is some work to do on the ordinance but, given the hour, he would hold off on proposing any amendments. He asked for confirmation that the ordinance would be before the Council at the next work session. Clerk Snider confirmed it would, provided the Council voted to advance.

Ms. Tidwell declared that she believes she has a conflict of interest with the ordinance. **Mayor Pruhs** ruled that Ms. Tidwell had a conflict of interest.

Mr. Marney stated that the ordinance is not an easy matter to discuss in public, and he believes the discussion should occur in an Executive Session. **Mayor Pruhs** explained that Executive Sessions are for contract renegotiations, lawsuits, and other sensitive matters, not the present topic.

Mr. Ringstad, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to ENTER into an Executive Session to discuss Ordinance No. 6288.

Attorney Chard advised the Council that the rules of Executive Session would not allow for such a discussion. He noted that there are provisions for matters that would adversely affect the City's finances, but general staffing issues and budgetary discussions would not meet the criteria for an Executive Session discussion. **Mayor Pruhs** indicated that the motion would not be considered. Attorney Chard advised the Council that in its forthcoming discussion, it should avoid specific dialogue about individual employees or positions and associated salaries. He clarified that doing so would cause it to be a personnel matter.

Mr. Cleworth expressed concern as to whether the proposal is a bonus or an incentive program and discussed the difference between the two. He indicated support for incentives but spoke about the problems with how bonus programs are often implemented. He reiterated that he would prefer to review the item at the next work session.

Mr. Ringstad concurred and added that while he is not sure if this department needs incentives for recruitment and retention, he does not like the idea of creating bonus programs for one department while others may also be deserving of rewards for longevity.

Mr. Marney stated that he is aware of recruitment and retention problems with Public Works but that he has many questions. He admitted that if it was a do-or-die situation to approve immediately, he would have to say no; however, he knows that a discussion needs to be held soon.

Mayor Pruhs reminded the Council that this was only the first reading of the ordinance. He recalled Mr. Ringstad's comments from the last work session that the program would cost the City about 62% of the department's salary savings. He provided a financial perspective of how that compares to their overall budget and fund values. He acknowledged that this is a critical need and that the City is in competition for workers. He shared that when he was initially approached, salary increases of either four, five, or six percent were given as the only options. He noted that such raises have permanent impacts which the Council would want to avoid, given that CBA renegotiations are a year and a half away. He shared details about the staffing shortages at Public Works. He agreed with Mr. Cleworth's stance that meaningful incentives can be employed.

Mr. Ringstad asked for more information about temporary hires at Public Work and how often those hires become permanent employees. HR Director Jake Merritt provided insight on how the union halls typically meet the City's needs for temporary workers and shared details on how those convert to permanent hires.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO ADVANCE ORDINANCE NO. 6288 AS FOLLOWS:

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

ABSTAIN: Tidwell
Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION PASSED.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

- a) Reappointment to the Clay Street Cemetery Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

- b) Appointment to the Building Code & Landscape Review & Appeals Commission

APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Ringstad indicated that he had no report or additional comments.

Mr. Marney stated that he had no report and that he was glad Resolution No. 5116 passed.

Ms. Tidwell shared that she was also grateful to see Resolution No. 5116 pass. She expressed disappointment that the Council left the contingency in place and hoped that the Borough would recognize the shared desire to move forward. She noted that she is the Council representative for the Borough Assembly meeting later in the week and that she would do her best to carry that message. She added that she will attend her first meeting of the Economic Development Commission the following afternoon.

Mr. Cleworth discussed the value of staff reports during Mayor's Comments and Report. He suggested that in the future if the Council has a full agenda, that consideration be given to hearing the reports later in the meeting or at a work session. He explained that individuals in attendance wishing to testify on later agenda items might appreciate being able to do so sooner in the meeting.

Ms. Rogers spoke to Mr. Cleworth's suggestion and acknowledged that people's time is valuable. She countered that it can be beneficial for citizens to have the chance to witness other aspects of the Council's work and hear reports of the business of the City.

Ms. Sprinkle congratulated incoming Public Works Director Jeremiah Cotter on his promotion and noted that he has large shoes to fill. She shared that she has a meeting with the Chena Riverfront Commission the following week. She expressed appreciation for those who cleared out the old planters behind Charlie Cole's building on Turner Street and that she looks forward to something magical and new being implemented there.

Mayor Pruhs explained that his goal is to provide more information to the Council via staff reports than he ever received as a Councilmember. He recognized the volume of information but stated that he would rather err on the side of more awareness than less. He stated that the upcoming work session agenda would include a more focused analysis of Public Works personnel in order to make informed decisions. He expressed appreciation for the City Clerk and City Attorney. He requested Ms. Sprinkle take the lead and work with Mr. Ringstad to address the stated concerns contained within Resolution No. 5116 and welcomed the possibility of that being resolved before June 2025.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Snider shared that candidate filing will close Monday, July 29. She noted that her quarterly report will be complete soon and congratulated C. Clooten and J. Jacobson on their retirement.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Chard stated that earlier in the day he was concerned about whether an important procedural item had been completed and that he was pleased to learn that the Clerk had already ensured that the matter had been dealt with.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to ENTER into an Executive Session to discuss Legal Department Staffing and PSEA Labor Negotiations.

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

Mayor Pruhs called for a brief recess. The Council reconvened in Executive Session following the brief recess.

a) PSEA Labor Negotiations – Guidance from Council (*entered at 10:24 p.m.*)

b) Legal Department Staffing (*entered at 10:33 p.m.*)

Mr. Cleworth brought the City Council out of the Executive Session, noting that the Council met in an Executive Session to discuss Legal Department Staffing and PSEA Labor Negotiations. He affirmed that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

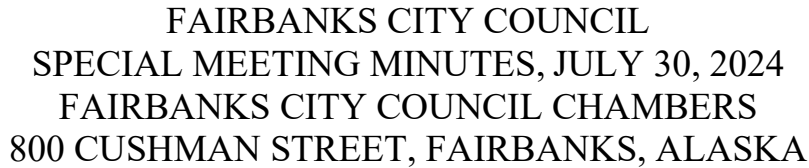
Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

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Councilmembers Present: Jerry Cleworth, Seat A
June Rogers, Seat B
Sue Sprinkle, Seat C
Crystal Tidwell, Seat D
Lonny Marney, Seat E
John Ringstad, Seat F

Also Present:

D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk
Michael Sanders, Chief of Staff
Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
Andrew Cocco, Fire Chief
Jake Merritt, Human Resources Director
Kristi Meredith, FECC Manager (remotely)

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Cleworth**, seconded by **Ms. Sprinkle**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5131.

Ms. Sprinkle recalled a list of equipment needs for the Fire Department presented during the budget process in 2023 and asked if the ambulance fit into that list. Chief Coccaro confirmed that the projected vehicle replacement schedule included the purchase in 2024 as well as the tender that will be discussed in the next resolution. He explained that the new ambulance will replace a 12-

year-old ambulance that is overdue for retirement. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked what would happen to the old ambulance. Chief Coccoaro shared that the City will likely sell it through the City's surplus auction process. He provided details on a plan to remount newer equipment in the future, only replacing chassis or other necessary systems, versus purchasing new units. He added that two of the department's ambulances are too old to refurbish.

Mr. Ringstad asked how many total ambulances the City currently has. Chief Coccoaro reported that there are three in service, one that is out of service but still stocked with supplies, and two that are in deep storage at Public Works. He noted that six total units in the future will be ideal as they will still be able to provide regular services and cover special events, even if one or two units are out of service. He shared that the plan involves one more purchase in the future, which he hopes will be covered in part by a grant application that has been submitted. He added that remounting units as needed will save up to 75% of the cost of a new vehicle in the current market.

Ms. Rogers if the City is able to provide older units to smaller, local agencies. Chief Coccoaro stated that whenever possible, before they place retired equipment into the surplus auction process, the City reaches out to local agencies to determine if there is an interest or need.

Mr. Cleworth asked if the six units included the geriatric ambulance. Chief Coccoaro shared that another agency purchased that unit in 2023. **Mr. Cleworth** suggested that auctioning retired equipment is ultimately the best option, as taxpayer money should not be used to purchase equipment that will ultimately be donated to another entity. He affirmed that the proceeds from auction sales are beneficial in replenishing the City's Capital Fund.

Mr. Marney asked how much a used ambulance typically sells for. Chief Coccoaro explained that the price varies widely and that location is a big factor. He stated that \$50,000 to \$60,000 is not an unreasonable sale price in the Lower 48 but that Interior Alaska is not a hot market for such equipment. He indicated that potential buyers, all of which are looking to spend as little as possible, include non-emergency transport companies, contractors, or food vendors looking to repurpose the vehicle. Chief Coccoaro confirmed that ambulances hold their value fairly well, but the market is finicky and he could not predict a sale price.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if unit numbers are reused after being sold or otherwise disposed. Chief Coccoaro explained that the numbering system assigns a new number to each new purchase in order to clearly track data on past units. He stated that "A12" will be the number for the new ambulance.

Ms. Tidwell expressed support for the purchase and hope that it would not take two years to arrive.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5131 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION PASSED and Resolution No. 5131 APPROVED.

- b) Resolution No. 5132 – A Resolution Awarding a Contract to SeaWestern Emergency Vehicles in the Amount of \$720,000 for a Water Tender. Introduced by Mayor Pruhs.

Mr. Cleworth, seconded by **Mr. Marney**, moved to APPROVE Resolution No. 5132.

Ms. Sprinkle asked if funding for the equipment was previously budgeted or if it was a new request. **Mayor Pruhs** confirmed that the funds were already budgeted and that the quote goes up by \$100,000 as of August 1, which is the reason for the Special Meeting. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked if the new equipment would replace existing equipment. Chief Cocco explained that the new water tender would replace two very old, outdated tenders. He indicated that the better of those two will be retained as a backup unit, while the other would be used for parts. He explained that a tender brings a large volume of water and a pump to the scene of a fire. **Ms. Sprinkle** how far off the budget estimate was for the unit compared to the final quote. Chief Cocco indicated that the quote came in \$120,000 over the budgeted amount and that the difference was already accounted for with the budget amendment approved at the meeting. He reiterated that if they had waited to approve a resolution until the next meeting, the cost would have increased to \$220,000. He discussed how the unit is a very basic model, noting that custom tenders can cost up to \$1MM. He affirmed that this model would suit the department's needs and be within budgetary considerations.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5132 AS FOLLOWS:

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Pruhs declared the MOTION PASSED and Resolution No. 5132 APPROVED.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Sprinkle reported that she was at the last Borough Assembly meeting and was thrilled to see the Downtown Fairbanks 2040 Plan make it across the finish line.

Ms. Rogers and **Mr. Marney** each indicated that they had no comments.

Mr. Cleworth stated that he read the newspaper article about the Downtown Plan and the changes that were made by the Assembly. He asked if the Plan was now out of sync with the City's recommendations. **Mayor Pruhs** indicated that the Plan was now null and void as far as the City was concerned. **Ms. Sprinkle** asked why. **Mayor Pruhs** shared that he and Mr. Ringstad are scheduled to meet with the Director and Deputy Director of the Borough's Planning Department to discuss the matter.

Mr. Ringstad, referencing the scheduled price increase of the water tender quote, stated that he would happily come to a 7:00 a.m. meeting anytime in order to save the City \$100,000.

Ms. Tidwell reported that while attending the last Assembly meeting as the Council's representative, she heard discussion on the Borough's effort to research moving to a by-mail voting

process for future elections. She shared that she requested that the Assembly consider the impact to the City given the two entities' collaboration in holding elections on the same day. She discussed the Downtown Plan changes and confirmed that two items the Council had considered contingent for its approval had been disregarded. She stated that while the Borough is the entity that adopts the Plan, the Planning Department has acknowledged that it is very important that it is approved by the City. She expressed hope that they can work towards an amicable resolution.

Mr. Cleworth asked what the rationale was for taking out the reference to the mining heritage and history in the establishment of Fairbanks. **Ms. Tidwell** stated that there was not much discussion on the matter and that the items the City had put forth were also supported by the Planning Commission. She shared that the Assembly did not consider the language appropriate for that section and struck it entirely.

Ms. Rogers asked if Ms. Tidwell had to go the public comment microphone to convey the City's stance. **Ms. Tidwell** shared that she included her comments at the start of the meeting during her report. She stated that she did not stay for the whole meeting and that the Assembly had declined to move the discussion on the Downtown Plan to an earlier place in the agenda. **Mayor Pruhs** noted that other agenda items that came before the Plan took up a lot of time and that he supported Ms. Tidwell not staying until 2:30 a.m. when the meeting concluded.

Mr. Cleworth asked for more details on what the Assembly is doing on the issue of by-mail voting. **Ms. Tidwell** shared that it was just a resolution to direct the Borough Clerk to research the idea. **Mr. Cleworth** asked if the City Clerk had discussed the item with the Borough Clerk. City Clerk Snider shared that while she had not had any communication about this particular resolution, she and the Borough Clerk participated in a community discussion at the university a few months back, hosted by the League of Women Voters, which outlined what a by-mail election might look like. She added that it was an informational presentation and that the Borough's resolution was the first of any action taken on the subject that she was aware of. She stated that she will engage with the Borough Clerk to discuss the matter further.

Ms. Tidwell reported that the Assembly also discussed a property tax credit which was referred to the Economic Development Commission for further consideration. She noted that, being on that Commission, she would be able to share updates after meetings. She indicated that having a mirrored program at the City could be beneficial as residents would feel some consistency.

Mr. Marney asked how the Assembly voted on the Downtown Plan. **Mr. Cleworth** shared that he had read that the amendment regarding striking the mining heritage language was 5-4.

Mayor Pruhs shared that in the week prior, he was asked to be available to participate in the Assembly's Work Session to take questions about the Downtown Plan, which he did. He reported that Assemblymember Scott Crass had asked him why the City had chosen to insert the language about the mining history. **Mayor Pruhs** indicated that he explained how the language had been proposed by the Planning Commission and supported by the City Council as an important element of Fairbanks history. He confirmed that the Assembly was aware of the Council's resolution and contingencies for its approval of the Plan and that the City's conditions had been violated. He explained that the result is that the Council's acceptance of the Plan is nullified. He discussed how

the City plays a crucial role in the implementation of the Plan. **Mayor Pruhs** concluded by sharing that he had spoken to a realtor, Robert Fox Jr., who specializes in land sales within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. He stated that he asked R. Fox Jr. for a valuation on the property at Front Street and Hamilton and committed to sharing the results with the Council.

Ms. Sprinkle confirmed that the Assembly meeting went very late into the night. She stated that she got the impression that while they removed the language about mining from the land acknowledgment segment, she is not sure if the Assembly is opposed to the language itself. **Mayor Pruhs** reminded the Council that the Assembly removed the language entirely, rather than moving it to another section. He reiterated that the document, as far as the City is concerned, is null and void at this time. **Ms. Sprinkle** expressed disappointment at that result but committed to waiting to see how the situation evolves. **Mayor Pruhs** stated that such was a consequence of an action, that he had been very clear in his answers to the Assembly's questions at their work session, and that they knew what they were doing. He discussed the City's involvement in the majority of the aspects of the downtown area that the Plan addresses. He affirmed that regardless of the situation, the City will continue to move forward with developing the downtown area through a variety of efforts. He declared that personally, professionally, and as the Mayor, he was not concerned about this Plan being adopted and reaffirmed that the City is doing its part already.

Mr. Marney expressed gratitude for the relationship the Council has amongst its members as well as the body's commitment to how it engages with citizens. He expressed disappointment with the dysfunction that appears to be prevalent with the Borough Assembly. **Mayor Pruhs** thanked Mr. Marney for acknowledging the difference between the Council and the Assembly. **Ms. Rogers** concurred with the assessment of the mutual respect Councilmembers share and stated that pathways of disagreement always manage to come together for the benefit of the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pruhs declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 a.m.

DAVID PRUHS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

D. DANYIELLE SNIDER, MMC, CITY CLERK

Transcribed by: CC



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Pruhs and City Council Members

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk



SUBJECT: Alcohol License Renewal Application

DATE: August 7, 2024

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

Lic. #	DBA	License Type	Licensee	Address
435	Garden Island Party Store	Package Store	Market Basket, Inc.	246 Illinois Street

Pursuant to FGC Sec. 14-178 the Council must determine whether to protest alcohol license renewal applications after holding a public hearing. The 60-day response deadline to AMCO is September 6, 2024.

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

CITY OF FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SAFETY

Event List with Report Numbers

Garden Island 7.14.23 to 7.12.24

Report #	Call Time	Nature	Location	Prime Unit	Disp.	Close Time
	06/04/2024 22:54:42	SI - FIELD CONTACT	246 ILLINOIS ST	O16	NRP	06/04/2024 23:01:10
	05/08/2024 03:12:32	TRESPASS LETTER OF	246 ILLINOIS ST	DESK	NRP	05/08/2024 03:14:47
	01/26/2024 09:57:19	SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES -	246 ILLINOIS ST	O42	NRP	01/26/2024 12:02:41
	12/26/2023 09:14:44	SUSP CIRCUMSTANCES -	246 ILLINOIS ST	O42	NRP	12/26/2023 11:18:52
23004567	12/12/2023 13:42:58	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	246 ILLINOIS ST	O6	RPT	12/12/2023 17:27:46
	10/03/2023 12:30:30	MINOR TRAF VIOL/COMP	246 ILLINOIS ST	C2	NRP	10/03/2023 13:06:17
	09/30/2023 15:00:32	TRESPASS/UNWANTED -	246 ILLINOIS ST	O50	NRP	09/30/2023 15:30:52
	07/25/2023 11:52:45	DISTURBANCE	246 ILLINOIS ST	O30	NRP	07/25/2023 13:01:58

Total Number of Events Listed: 8

ORDINANCE NO. 6286, AS AMENDED

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

WHEREAS, this ordinance incorporates the changes outlined on the attached fiscal note to amend the 2024 operating and capital budget.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the 2024 General Fund and Capital Fund budgets the following sources of revenue and expenditures in the amounts indicated to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 (see pages 2 and 3):

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Taxes (all sources)	\$ 27,755,026	\$ -	\$ 27,755,026
Charges for Services	7,199,500	-	7,199,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	3,506,620	-	3,506,620
Licenses and Permits	2,380,260	-	2,380,260
Fines and Forfeitures	551,000	-	551,000
Interest and Penalties	1,915,000	-	1,915,000
Rental and Lease Income	153,544	-	153,544
Other Revenues	310,000	-	310,000
Other Financing Sources	(1,748,715)	-	(1,748,715)
Total revenue appropriation	\$ 42,022,235	\$ -	\$ 42,022,235
EXPENDITURES			
Mayor Department	\$ 968,030	\$ -	\$ 968,030
Legal Department	247,350	-	247,350
Office of the City Clerk	613,905	-	613,905
Finance Department	1,041,900	-	1,041,900
Information Technology	2,698,877	-	2,698,877
General Account	6,975,000	-	6,975,000
Police Department	8,556,919	15,000	8,571,919
Communications Center	3,523,770	-	3,523,770
Fire Department	10,112,832	-	10,112,832
Public Works Department	10,209,625	-	10,209,625
Engineering Department	1,190,170	-	1,190,170
Building Department	827,890	-	827,890
Total expenditure appropriation	\$ 46,966,268	\$ 15,000	\$ 46,981,268
2023 unassigned fund balance	\$ 20,081,861	\$ -	\$ 20,081,861
Prior year encumbrances	(155,961)	-	(155,961)
Transfers to other funds	(7,000,000)	-	(7,000,000)
Other changes to the budget	2,211,928	(15,000)	2,196,928
2024 estimated unassigned fund balance	<u>\$ 15,137,828</u>	<u>\$ (15,000)</u>	<u>\$ 15,122,828</u>

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

CAPITAL FUND

REVENUE	APPROVED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION	INCREASE (DECREASE)	PROPOSED COUNCIL APPROPRIATION
Transfer from Permanent Fund	\$ 708,261	\$ -	\$ 708,261
Transfer from General Fund	6,500,000	-	6,500,000
Property Repair & Replacement	145,000	-	145,000
Public Works	250,000	-	250,000
Garbage Equipment Reserve	304,800	-	304,800
IT	25,000	-	25,000
Police	210,000	-	210,000
Communications Center	140,000	-	140,000
Fire	700,000	-	700,000
Building	10,000	-	10,000
Total revenue appropriation	\$ 8,993,061	\$ -	\$ 8,993,061
EXPENDITURES			
Property Repair & Replacement	\$ 6,980,454	\$ 30,000	\$ 7,010,454
Public Works Department	2,334,904	69,510	2,404,414
Garbage Equipment Reserve	853,000	-	853,000
IT Department	237,462	150,000	387,462
Police Department	873,716	-	873,716
Communications Center	1,316,960	-	1,316,960
Fire Department	1,719,142	250,000	1,969,142
Road Maintenance	2,336,501	-	2,336,501
Total expenditure appropriation	\$ 16,652,139	\$ 499,510	\$ 17,151,649
2023 fund balance	\$ 19,034,057	\$ -	\$ 19,034,057
Prior year encumbrances	(3,214,790)	-	(3,214,790)
Prior year reappropriations	(4,710,306)	-	(4,710,306)
Transfers from other funds	6,500,000	-	6,500,000
Other changes to the budget	(6,233,982)	(499,510)	(6,733,492)
2024 estimated fund balance	\$ 11,374,979	\$ (499,510)	\$ 10,875,469
Estimated unassigned capital fund balance for projects			<u>\$ 5,097,329</u>

SECTION 2. This ordinance also appropriates the use of emergency snow removal funds in the amount of \$250,000 as designated by the Mayor.

SECTION 3. All appropriations made by this ordinance lapse at the end of the fiscal year to the extent they have not been expended or contractually committed to the departments named for the purpose of conducting the business of said departments of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska, for the fiscal year commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the 22nd day of July 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

FISCAL NOTE
ORDINANCE NO. 6286, AS AMENDED
AMENDING THE 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
FOR THE THIRD TIME

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

Revenue

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

Expenditures

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

CAPITAL FUND
\$0 Increase in Revenue
\$499,510 Increase in Expenditures

Revenue

1. Other Financing Sources


Expenditures

1. Property Repair & Replacement
 - \$30,000 increase for Polaris building redevelopment assessment
2. Public Works
 - **\$69,510 increase for grader upgrades**
3. Garbage Equipment Reserve
4. IT Department
 - \$150,000 increase for City Hall battery system
5. Police Department
6. Communications Center
7. Fire Department
 - \$200,000 increase for tender
 - \$50,000 increase for ambulance
8. Road Maintenance



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Pruhs and City Councilmembers

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: Request for Reconsideration of Resolution No. 5116, as Amended

DATE: August 7, 2024

On July 22, 2024, the City Council passed a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5116, as Amended, a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of North Pole, and the City of Fairbanks to Jointly Provide for Economic Development..

On July 23, 2024, Councilmember Tidwell filed a request for reconsideration of the Council's decision on this matter. The request was filed timely per FGC Sec. 2-120(g).

Procedurally, a motion by any Councilmember to reconsider Resolution No. 5116 is required to proceed with a reconsideration. The motion to reconsider requires a second and is debatable. If a majority votes in favor of reconsideration, the main motion to approve Resolution No. 5116 will return to the floor as if a vote had never been taken. If the motion to reconsider fails, the amended resolution will stand as approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 5116, AS AMENDED

(version approved on July 22, 2024)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS AUTHORIZING AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH, THE
CITY OF NORTH POLE, AND THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO JOINTLY
PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, A.S. § 29.35.110(c) authorizes second-class boroughs, including the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough), to expend tax revenue collected on an areawide basis for economic development if there is an agreement in place with a city located in the borough to cooperatively or jointly provide for economic development; and

WHEREAS, A.S. § 29.35.110(c) was recently amended to include using revenue from other sources of funding including grants; and

WHEREAS, AS § 29.71.800 defines economic development as "an action intended to result in an outcome that causes an increase in, or avoids a decrease of economic activity, gross domestic product, or the tax base;" and

WHEREAS, Borough Resolution No. 2023-27 supports areawide cooperation and the joint provision of economic development stating that it is in the best interest of all borough citizens for the Borough to be able to spend tax revenue on economic development that will benefit the entire borough; that the cities of Fairbanks and North Pole and the Borough have been operating under an agreement signed by the Mayors of each jurisdiction since 2004; that economies are not bound by governmental boundaries; and that regardless of the source of the revenue, the Borough is not interested in acquiring an areawide power of economic development which would prohibit the City of North Pole or the City of Fairbanks from exercising economic development within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Borough Resolution No. 2023-27 further states that the Borough has tracked areawide economic indicators since the 1970's through the Community Research Quarterly publication; that it is a resource for the exchange of local economic information between and amongst local businesses and municipal, state, and federal governments; and that the Economic Development Commission is a necessary and integral part of the coordination of economic development activities of the Borough and participates in specific economic development projects as they are proposed; and

WHEREAS, approval of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement does not amend or modify the role of the Economic Development Commission nor does it infringe on, or eliminate, the appropriating power of the Borough Assembly, North Pole City Council, or Fairbanks City Council.

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

Section 1. ~~that~~ The City Council of the City of Fairbanks authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Fairbanks North Star Borough and City of North Pole to jointly provide for economic development and authorizing each municipality to:

1. Apply for, receive, and administer grants.
2. Take other action to develop, encourage, study, or finance economic development projects that benefit the City of Fairbanks and the entire borough, such as:
 - a. Supporting economic development organizations that support key industries outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) such as the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation and Explore Fairbanks.
 - b. Promoting, supporting, and facilitating projects for key economic industries as identified in the CEDS.
3. Develop and maintain key economic indicators and metrics to be used for informing economic development decisions for the City of Fairbanks and the entire borough.
4. Create and disseminate information on the economic status of the City of Fairbanks and entire borough in support of economic development actions.

Section 2. The City of Fairbanks' agreement to enter into cooperative partnership is contingent on the Fairbanks North Star Borough establishing guidance in Borough Code Section 4.40 that apportions membership in the Economic Development Commission so that the number of members from the city of Fairbanks reflects the proportion of the Borough population residing in the city of Fairbanks, similar to Borough Code at Section 4.80.010(A).

Section 3. This Resolution is effective five days after adoption and will expire on July 1, 2026. At the expiration of this Resolution, the City of Fairbanks' agreement with the Borough to cooperatively or jointly provide for economic development will also expire.

Section 4. Once effective, the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Fairbanks North Star Borough Clerk for distribution to the Borough Mayor and Assembly.

Section 5. The City of Fairbanks wishes to resolve the issue of the ARDOR and to get clear resolution of Fairbanks North Star Borough's taxing authority for economic development.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of July 2024.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS: Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad, Sprinkle, Rogers, Tidwell
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: July 22, 2024

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

**ATTACHMENT TO
CITY OF FAIRBANKS RESOLUTION NO. 5116, AS AMENDED**

1 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, CITY OF NORTH POLE,
2 AND THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH TO JOINTLY PROVIDE
3 FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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5 WHEREAS, AS 29.35.110(c) authorizes a second-class borough to expend
6 tax revenue collected on an areawide basis for economic development if an agreement is
7 in place with a city located in the borough; and
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9 WHEREAS, AS 29.35.110(c) was recently amended to include using revenue
10 from other source of funds to include grants; and
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12 WHEREAS, The City of Fairbanks, the City of North Pole, and the Borough
13 have been operating under an agreement signed by the Mayors of each jurisdiction since
14 2004; and
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16 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of all borough citizens for the Borough
17 to be able to spend tax revenue on economic development that will benefit the entire
18 borough, regardless of the source of the revenue; and
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20 WHEREAS, Economies are not necessarily bound by governmental
21 boundaries; and
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23 WHEREAS, The Borough is not interested in acquiring an areawide power
24 of economic development, which would prohibit the City of Fairbanks and the City of
25 North Pole from exercising economic development within their boundaries; and
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27 NOW THEREFORE that the parties agree to jointly provide for borough-wide
28 economic development and authorizing each municipality to:
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- 30 1. Apply for, receive, and administer grants.

- 31 2. Take other action to develop, encourage, study, or finance economic
32 development projects that benefit the entire borough, such as:
- 33 a. Support economic development organizations that support key
34 industries outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Development
35 Strategy (CEDS), such as the Fairbanks Economic Development
36 Corporation and Explore Fairbanks.
- 37 b. Promote, support, and facilitate projects for key economic industries as
38 identified in the CEDS.
- 39 3. Develop and maintain key economic indicators and metrics to be used for
40 informing economic development decisions for the entire borough.
- 41 4. Create and disseminate information on the economic status of the entire
42 borough in support of economic development actions.

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44 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this _____ DAY
45 OF _____ 20____.

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49 Bryce Ward, Mayor
50 Fairbanks North Star Borough

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53 David Pruhs, Mayor
54 City of Fairbanks

55 ATTEST:

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58 April Trickey, MMC
59 Borough Clerk

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58 Michael Welch, Mayor
59 City of North Pole

ORDINANCE NO. 6287

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE
SECTION 2-149(e) REGARDING THE VALIDITY OF RESOLUTIONS
AND ORDINANCES WITHOUT A FISCAL NOTE**

WHEREAS, Section 2-149(a) of the Fairbanks General Code requires that a proposed ordinance or resolution before the City Council for final consideration be accompanied by a fiscal note; and

WHEREAS, a fiscal note provides information to the City Council and the public to better understand the fiscal impact of a proposal.

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

SECTION 1. That Fairbanks General Code Sec. 2-149 is hereby amended as follows [new text in **bold/underline** font; deleted text in ~~strike through~~ font]:

- (a) A summary of the financial effects of an ordinance or a resolution, if adopted, in the form set out in subsection (b), must be submitted to the council when a proposed ordinance or resolution is before the council for final consideration.
- (b) The fiscal note of an ordinance or a resolution includes:
 - (1) Changes in expenditures;
 - (2) Changes in revenue;
 - (3) The source of funds to be used;
 - (4) The number of new positions which may be required, identified as full-time, part-time, or temporary;
 - (5) A summary of budget changes to date for the current calendar year showing budget revenues, expenses, and net balance after the proposed ordinance. The summary will not include interfund transfers or prior year encumbrances which amend the original budget; and
 - (6) Any additional fiscal information that may be useful to the council in its deliberations.
- (c) The fiscal note should cover the financial effects for the full term of the contract or grant and must include the information required by FGC section 2-655(b).

(d) A fiscal note is not required if the proposed ordinance or resolution has no budgetary effect.

~~(e) The city council may waive the requirements of this section, and failure to comply with this section does not invalidate any action taken by the council.~~

SECTION 4. The effective date of this ordinance is five days after adoption.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 6288

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCENTIVE BONUS
PROGRAM WITHIN THE FAIRBANKS PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT FOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

WHEREAS, Public Works employees are instrumental in keeping City streets and sidewalks clear, clean, and safe; and

WHEREAS, Public Works employees ensure the reliability and safety of police, fire, and City fleet vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Public Works is experiencing a staffing shortage due to attrition and difficulty in providing competitive pay and benefits; and

WHEREAS, attracting and retaining qualified, permanent Public Works employees is difficult due to all the competing local jobs offering significantly higher wages; and

WHEREAS, Public Works will have a budget surplus in salaries and benefits due to currently unfilled permanent positions; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City Council establish a recruitment and retention bonus to all permanent Public Works employees based on years of service to help recruit and retain employees; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bonus includes \$3,000 for employees with 0-3 years of service, \$4,500 for 4-7 years of service, and \$6,000 for 8+ years of service, with a one-year commitment to remain employed by the City.

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

SECTION 1. An incentive bonus program for recruitment and retention within the Fairbanks Public Works Department is hereby approved for all full-time, permanent employees based on years of service to the City of Fairbanks (see Attachment B for details).

SECTION 2. The bonuses established in Section 1 may only be funded by salary savings from unfilled, budgeted positions, if available.

SECTION 3. Employees accepting the recruitment and retention bonus must sign an agreement (Attachment A) to receive payment.

SECTION 4. The bonus program created by this ordinance will apply retroactively to July 1, 2024, and will sunset on December 31, 2024, unless extended by resolution of the City Council.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6288

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PUBLIC WORKS BONUS

Department(s): PUBLIC WORKS

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

- 1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No x
- 2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes _____ No x
- If yes, what is the estimate? see below
- 3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No x
- If yes, how many positions? _____
- If yes, type of positions? _____ (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

PROJECTS:	TOTAL
SALARY & BENEFITS	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -

FUNDING SOURCE:	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND [SALARY SAVINGS]	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -

The city will use salary savings to provide a recruitment and retention bonus to Public Works full-time employees for a one-year commitment in the amount of \$3,000 (0-3 Years), \$4,500 (4-7 Years), and \$6,000 (8+ Years). Employees accepting the recruitment and retention bonus must sign an agreement. Based on current staffing, the recruitment and retention bonus will total \$153,000 and the department has salary savings of \$245,106.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 7/16/2024

**ORDINANCE NO. 6288, ATTACHMENT A
PUBLIC WORKS 2024 BONUS AGREEMENT**

I, _____, do hereby agree and confirm as follows:
(printed name)

I understand that my acceptance of the bonus is voluntary.

I understand that I will be awarded a one-time payment of \$_____.

I agree that upon acceptance of the authorized bonus, I will remain employed with the City of Fairbanks for one year.

I agree that if I voluntarily leave City of Fairbanks employment before my required commitment is fulfilled, I will reimburse the City of Fairbanks the pro-rated amount of the bonus.

I understand I will be under no financial obligation to reimburse the City of Fairbanks because of a reduction in force or if my employment is terminated for any reason other than for cause.

I understand that any money due to the City of Fairbanks because of my failure to meet the terms of this agreement may be withheld from any monies owed to me by the City or may be recovered by such other methods as are approved by law.

I understand that this agreement and my acceptance of this bonus does not commit the City of Fairbanks to continue my employment.

I have had at least 48 consecutive hours to consider this agreement.

I have consulted with my own independent, trusted professionals to help guide my decision to the extent necessary to satisfy my needs.

I am entering into this agreement knowingly and free of any undue influence or duress (including economic duress).

Employee Acknowledgement	
Employee Signature	Date
Department Head Signature	Date

ORDINANCE NO. 6288, ATTACHMENT B

POSITION	YEARS	AMOUNT
CUSTODIAN	20	\$ 6,000
PW DISPATCHER	17	\$ 6,000
MECHANIC FOREMAN	17	\$ 6,000
OPERATOR LEAD	14	\$ 6,000
LABOR FOREMAN	12	\$ 6,000
PACKER DRIVER	12	\$ 6,000
LABOR LEAD	11	\$ 6,000
OPERATOR	9	\$ 6,000
ASSISTANT DISPATCHER	9	\$ 6,000
OPERATOR	9	\$ 6,000
FACILITIES MANAGER	8	\$ 6,000
SUPPLY SPEC/EXPEDITOR	7	\$ 4,500
MECHANIC LEAD	7	\$ 4,500
LABORER	6	\$ 4,500
PACKER DRIVER	6	\$ 4,500
FACILITIES LABORER	5	\$ 4,500
LABORER	4	\$ 4,500
WAREHOUSE RECORDS CONTROL	4	\$ 4,500
TRADES SPECIALISTS PLUMBER	4	\$ 4,500
MECHANIC	4	\$ 4,500
TRADES SPECIALISTS CARPENTER	4	\$ 4,500
LABORER	4	\$ 4,500
MECHANIC	4	\$ 4,500
OPERATOR	2	\$ 3,000
OPERATOR	2	\$ 3,000
LABORER	2	\$ 3,000
MECHANIC	2	\$ 3,000
OPERATOR	2	\$ 3,000
OPERATOR	1	\$ 3,000
INVENTORY SPECIALIST	1	\$ 3,000
LABORER	0	\$ 3,000
LABORER	0	\$ 3,000
MECHANIC	0	\$ 3,000
MECHANIC	0	\$ 3,000

\$ 153,000 TOTAL

\$ (245,106) YTD SAVINGS

\$ (92,106) BALANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 5133

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SUNGARD PUBLIC
SECTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$430,670 FOR FAIRBANKS
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (FECC) COMPUTER
AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) SOFTWARE UPGRADE**

WHEREAS, in accordance with FGC Chapter 54, Article VI, Section 54-241, the purchasing agent may award a contract when there is only one source for the required purchase; and

WHEREAS, the City currently contracts with Sungard Public Sector to provide the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software that meets the specifications required by the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center (FECC); and

WHEREAS, FECC plans to upgrade the software to a cloud-based platform eliminating the need for servers; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to contract with Sungard Public Sector in the amount of four hundred thirty thousand, six hundred seventy dollars and zero cents (\$430,670.00); and

WHEREAS, funding was approved in the General Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract and such other documents in a form approved by the City Attorney as may be necessary to effect award of this contract to Sungard Public Sector for the CAD software upgrade.

PASSED and APPROVED this 12th Day of August 2024.

David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 5133

Abbreviated Title: AWARDING CONTRACT TO SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR

Department(s): FECC

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:	PURCHASE COST
CAD SOFTWARE UPGRADE [SUBSCRIPTION]	\$380,660
CAD SOFTWARE UPGRADE [ONE-TIME UPGRADE FEE]	\$50,010
TOTAL	\$430,670

FUNDING SOURCE:	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND [IT DEPARTMENT]	\$430,670
TOTAL	\$430,670

The subscription costs will be incorporated in the annual information technology general fund budget. The current cost for this software is \$301,805; the software cost will increase but the contractual services cost will decrease due to the reduction in servers.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 7/30/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 5134

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CHECK SIGNING AUTHORITY
FOR BANKING, INVESTMENT, AND CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS
OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**

WHEREAS, a change in City staff has made it necessary to designate new individuals with check signing authority.

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

Section 1. That any two of the following named individuals shall be designated as authorized signatories for the City of Fairbanks accounts maintained at Mt. McKinley Bank:

David Pruhs	Mayor
Michael Sanders	Chief of Staff
Margarita Bell	Chief Financial Officer
Thomas A. Chard	City Attorney
Jacob Merritt	Human Resources Director

Two signatures are required on all checks issued from Mt. McKinley Bank accounts except the City Attorney account, where only one signature is required.

Section 2. That any two of the following named individuals shall be designated as authorized signatories for the Key Trust City of Fairbanks AML Investment Pool Accounts:

David Pruhs	Mayor
Michael Sanders	Chief of Staff
Thomas A. Chard	City Attorney
Jacob Merritt	Human Resources Director

Section 3. That any two of the following named individuals shall be designated as authorized signatories for the Key Trust City of Fairbanks Permanent Fund Account:

David Pruhs	Mayor
Michael Sanders	Chief of Staff
Thomas A. Chard	City Attorney
Jacob Merritt	Human Resources Director

Section 4. That any two of the following named individuals shall be designated as authorized signatories for the U. S. Bank City of Fairbanks Permanent Fund Custodial Account:

David Pruhs	Mayor
Michael Sanders	Chief of Staff
Thomas A. Chard	City Attorney
Jacob Merritt	Human Resources Director

Section 5. That the Chief Financial Officer will file a copy of this Resolution in the business offices of each company referenced above.

Section 6. That the effective date of this Resolution shall be the 12th day of August 2024.

David Pruhs, Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard, City Attorney

Introduced by: Mayor David Pruhs
and Council Member Sprinkle
Introduced: August 12, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 6289

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE A OF THE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF FAIRBANKS AND THE INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 1547
FOR THE CODE COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR POSITION**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1547 ratified a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Inspector is an essential position with key responsibilities that is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, the posted position received little interest from qualified applicants;
and

WHEREAS, the IBEW recommends the National Electrical Contractors Association rate and is confident that they can quickly fill the position at that payrate; and

WHEREAS, the current pay scale is below the National Electrical Contractors Association rate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks and the IBEW agree to amend Schedule A of the CBA to adjust the pay scale for the Code Compliance Inspector position.

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

SECTION 1. The Letter of Agreement amending the current CBA between the City of Fairbanks and the IBEW, attached as Exhibit A, is approved and ratified.

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

David Pruhs, Mayor

David Pruhs, City Mayor

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6289

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE A FOR CODE COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR

Department(s): BUILDING

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:	2024
SALARIES & BENEFITS	
TOTAL	\$0

FUNDING SOURCE:	2024
GENERAL FUND	
TOTAL	\$0

IBEW Schedule A for the Code Compliance Inspector will increase Range E from \$40.03 to \$50.00, annual cost increase of \$21,040 for a total of \$42,080 since the city has two positions. The budget will not require an amendment since the department has salary savings due to position vacancies.

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial mb

Date 8/6/2024

Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 6289

Letter of Agreement
between the
City of Fairbanks
and the
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547

The City of Fairbanks and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547 agree to increase the salary range for the Code Compliance Inspector to the following:

POSITION CLASSIFICATION	RANGE A 90%	RANGE B 92.5%	RANGE C 95%	RANGE D 97.5%	RANGE E 100%	RANGE F 102.5%	RANGE G 105%	RANGE H 107.5%	RANGE I 110%
Code Compliance Inspector	45.00	46.25	47.50	48.75	50.00	51.25	52.50	53.75	55.00

David Pruhs
Mayor
City of Fairbanks

Naomi Hewitt
Business Representative
IBEW Local 1547

City of Fairbanks
Permanent Fund Review Board
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2024

The Permanent Fund Review Board (PFRB) convened at 1:31 p.m. in the Felix Pedro Conference Room to conduct a quarterly meeting.

Board Members Present: Chair Patty Mongold
Vice Chair Bernard Gatewood
Board Member Dave Owen
Council Member John Ringstad
Board Member Pamela Wentz

Board Member Absent: None

Also Present: Margarita Bell, Chief Financial Officer
Blake Phillips, Director of Institutional Solutions - APCM

Dave Owen moved, and Bernard Gatewood seconded to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2024, meeting. The PFRB unanimously agreed.

Margarita Bell reviewed the account's performance through March 31, 2024:

- \$ 148,616,843 - Balance including accrued income
- \$ 599,473 - Dividends and interest earnings
- \$ 1,151,923 - Realized gain
- \$ 4,794,130 - Unrealized gain
- \$ (25,433) - Management and custodial fees
- \$ 6,520,093 - Earnings, net of expenses

Margarita Bell reported that the annual draw will be made in December 2024 in the amount of \$6,374,346 to the general fund (\$5,666,085) and capital fund (\$708,261).

Blake Phillips reported that the balance of the fund was \$143.6 million on April 23, 2024.

Blake Phillips provided a market review. He reported that a strong job report, consumer price index exceeding 3.1%, and a positive earnings report delayed the projected federal rate cut. Some of the key developments are that inflation remains modestly above target, central bank policy changes are expected to ease, and gross domestic product expected to rise. He also reported that the political campaign will not have a greater impact than central banks.

Blake Phillips also reported that global stocks had a return of 8.2%, bonds ended the quarter with a slight decline of -0.7% due to expectations of federal rate cuts, commodities rose by 1.9%, and REIT declined by -0.4% due to higher interest rates.

Dave Owen inquired about the allocation of bonds in the portfolio with the higher interest rates. Blake Phillips responded that bonds are slightly overweight in the portfolio. Dave Owen inquired about future investments in REITS. Blake Phillips responded that there would be a shift from alternative beta (including REITS) to fixed income asset classes.

Blake Phillips presented a portfolio review for the first quarter. The portfolio performance was 4.6% with a benchmark of 4.8% due to the outperformance of alternative beta strategies represented in the benchmark but excluded from the portfolio. The combined equity allocation returned 6.5% and the combined fixed income allocation returned -0.3% for the quarter.

Portfolio Summary							
1st Quarter		Year to Date		Prior Year		Inception to Date	
Account	Benchmark	Account	Benchmark	Account	Benchmark	Account	Benchmark
4.60%	4.80%	4.60%	4.80%	13.60%	14.60%	5.70%	5.60%
	0.13% ¹		0.13% ²		0.50% ³		
4.60%	4.93%	4.60%	4.93%	13.60%	15.10%	5.70%	5.60%

¹ - 12.5 bps - per quarter rounded
² - 50 bps hurdle -annual (YTD = 12.5 basis pts X # quarters)
³ - 50 bps hurdle codified in March 2009. Inception performance begins January 31, 1998.

Blake Phillips reported that there were no compliance issues.

Dave Owen inquired about the 7.0% goal and investing to reach the goal versus exceeding the goal. Blake Phillips responded that the portfolio is structured to meet or exceed the goal without risking the portfolio.

PFRB requested that the reports include bond yield to determine if a bond should be considered sold prior to the call date and a capital market report to receive additional details about the portfolio.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on July 24, 2024, in the Felix Pedro Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2024
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 at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, and via teleconference, with **Chair Aldean Kilbourn** presiding and the following Commission members in attendance:

Members Present: George Dalton, Seat A
Aldean Kilbourn, Seat C
Janet Richardson, Seat D
Karen Erickson, Seat F
Amy Stratman, Seat G

Absent: Dawn Milligan, Seat B
Julie Jones, Seat E
Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director

Also Present: D. Danyielle Snider, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2024

J. Richardson, seconded by **K. Erickson**, moved to APPROVE the May 1, 2024 minutes.

Chair Kilbourn took a voice vote on the motion to APPROVE the May 1, 2024 minutes, and all members voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION

Chair Kilbourn stated that the group from Eielson Air Force Base (EAFB) let her know they would be able to help place markers on July 18 if the markers arrive in time. She said that she would keep the EAFB group updated.

EVENTS & PUBLIC RELATIONS

a) Annual Clean-Up Day Recap

Chair Kilbourn shared that the clean-up day was not well-attended. She stated that a man named John, a member of the Masons, came with his kids and was disappointed that other Masons did not show up to help. Chair Kilbourn stated that Arlene Stramberg and Councilmember Lonny Marney also attended and helped. **A. Stratman** stated there was a lot happening that day, which could be the reason for low attendance. **J. Richardson** stated she was happy that Public Works removed all the leaves before the event. **G. Dalton** commented that the cemetery looked good after clean-up.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – No changes (last transaction 3/28/24; for reference only).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Quiring Monument Orders

J. Richardson reported that she tried to reach J. Jones prior to the meeting without success.

b) Update on Communication with Garrett Speeter re: GPR of Selected Areas

Chair Kilbourn reported that she had not heard from G. Speeter, and wondered whether he was still in town. She stated she would attempt to reach his wife.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Cemetery Maintenance

i) Cement Bench

A. Stratman shared a photo of a bench at the cemetery that had fallen off its slab because nearby tree roots pushed it up. She stated she would ask Public Works to help push it back onto the slab. Members briefly discussed benches in the cemetery. **A. Stratman** requested that the item be placed on the next agenda since J. Jacobson was not present.

ii) Lawn Mowing and Trimming

It was requested that this item also be placed on the next agenda as J. Jacobson was absent.

iii) VA Markers Richardson

1. One marker moved to correct location

J. Richardson addressed a tall marker in the incorrect spot that needs to be moved.

2. Lifting and resetting other markers

J. Richardson shared that four or five tall markers, weighing about 300 pounds, have sunk far into the ground and need to be lifted. She stated that others have used a tripod-pulley system to move large markers and that J. Jacobson is looking into whether the City has something similar. She suggested that the EAFB group could help with this if the marker order does not arrive by July 18. **Chair Kilbourn** stated that she could contact Dusty Spencer to discuss this and asked J. Richardson to look into the type of contraption needed.

b) Memorial Day Comments

J. Richardson stated that the Memorial Day event was one of the better ones she had attended and that a lot of people complimented the cemetery's condition. She shared that a friend from Kotzebue posted on Facebook that in her town they clean up the cemetery on Memorial Day, so she was surprised to find the Clay Street Cemetery already clean. **Chair Kilbourn** commented that the white crosses look very nice when passing by.

OPEN AGENDA

K. Erickson, referencing a prior discussion about their inability to locate information about Albert Johnson, and shared that she found a book containing a list of Alaska photographers. She offered loan the book and **A. Stratman** and **Chair Kilbourn** expressed interest.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Kilbourn reminded members that the Commission would not meet in July and that the next regular meeting would be August 7, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kilbourn declared the meeting ADJOURNED at 5:21 p.m.



Aldean Kilbourn, Chair



Colt Chase, Deputy City Clerk

Transcribed by: DS



City of Fairbanks

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Members
From: David Pruhs, City Mayor
Subject: Request for Concurrence – Discretionary Fund Committee
Date: August 7, 2024

There is currently a vacancy in Seat E of the Discretionary Fund Committee. Ms. Victoria Dowling applied to fill the vacancy.

I hereby request your concurrence to the following **appointment** to the Discretionary Fund Committee:

Seat E Ms. Victoria Dowling Term to Expire: June 30, 2027

Ms. Dowling's application is attached.

Thank you.

dds/



City of Fairbanks, Alaska

Discretionary Fund Committee

Board Details

The Discretionary Fund Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council by reviewing applications from organizations applying for grant dollars and making recommendations for fund distribution. The primary purpose of discretionary grants is the promotion of the tourism industry and other economic development in the City of Fairbanks.

Overview

- ☐ **Size** 6 Seats
- ☐ **Term Length** 3 Years
- ☐ **Term Limit** 2 Terms

Additional

Board/Commission Characteristics

The Discretionary Fund Committee consists of five community members and a Council person who functions as the Chair, all appointed by the Mayor. Each member serves a three-year term with a limit of two consecutive full terms.

Meetings

Discretionary Fund Committee Meetings are held annually in November, December, and January at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Please contact the Office of the City Clerk for meeting dates and times.

Enacting Legislation

FGC Chapter 74, Article V, Room Rental Tax

Enacting Legislation Website

<https://bit.ly/31mwjmD>

Joint Commission Details

N/A

Email the Commission Members

discretionaryfundcommittee@fairbanks.us

Profile

Victoria

First Name

Dowling

Last Name

Email Address

Mailing Address

Are you a City of Fairbanks resident? *

☒ Yes

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Discretionary Fund Committee: Submitted

Interests and Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a City board or commission? What experiences can you contribute to the benefit of the board or commission?

I have a genuine interest in the success of Fairbanks and am committed to improving our community for all residents, as well as promoting tourism and economic development. Serving on the Discretionary Fund Committee is a valuable opportunity to contribute to our city’s growth and improvement. With over 20 years of experience living in downtown Fairbanks, I understand the unique character of our community and the opportunities and challenges ahead. My involvement in the local tourism industry and interactions with the Fairbanks City Council have given me insights into how we can effectively support and enhance Fairbanks. I’m eager to use these experiences to help evaluate grant applications and recommend entities that will have a positive impact. The Discretionary Fund has a history of supporting a wide range of initiatives, from cultural and recreational activities to community services. I look forward to contributing to this important work and helping to foster a vibrant and thriving Fairbanks.

Please provide a brief personal biography in the space below, or attach a resume.

I was born in Fairbanks and my family has been in Alaska since my grandparents moved to Nome, Alaska, when my dad was 5 years old. I worked for Alaska Communications (ACS) for 17 years, with 14 years as a lead/supervisor. I am currently a small business owner in downtown Fairbanks and have lived downtown for 20+ years. I am punctual, reliable, and have strong communication and interpersonal skills.

List any professional licenses or training you believe are relevant to the seat you are applying for.

I have 20+ years of administrative experience and 18+ supervisory experience. My telecommunications, sales and corporate training gave me experience working with budgets, local service tariffs as they apply to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) and Alaska Telcos. I was Quality Control supervisor, a Trainer, on Bid Committee among many other roles over those years. My clerical experience would apply to working with multiple computer softwares such as Microsoft Suites among others.