

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Regular Assembly Meeting
January 28, 2021
6:01 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, January 28, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

There were present appearing telephonically:

Mindy O'Neill, Presiding Officer and

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| Marna Sanford (Arr. 6:04 p.m.) | Frank Tomaszewski |
| Tammie Wilson | Jimi Cash |
| Liz Lyke | Leah Berman Williams |
| Matt Cooper (Arr. 6:06 p.m.) | |

Comprising a quorum of the Assembly, and

Bryce J. Ward, Borough Mayor
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff (Arr: 6:05 p.m.)
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
David Gibbs, Emergency Operations Director
David Bredlie, Public Works Director
Valerie Therrien, City of Fairbanks Representative
Aino Welch, North Pole Representative (Arr: 6:58 p.m.)
Chyra Sanderson, School Board Representative (Arr: 6:12 p.m.)
Bob Jordan, Solid Waste Manager
Jonathan Shambare, Design and Construction Manager
Daniel Welch, Acting Land Manager
David Vanairsdale, Engineer
Laura Minsk, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator
Adena Benn, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk
Gina Gregg, Research Assistant

Excused

Aaron Lojewski

NONSECTARIAN INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Track 1, 00:15

Presiding Officer O’Neill gave a nonsectarian invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

NONE

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY OTHER PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

NONE

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

Track 1, 04:30

- a. A citizen may speak on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing. Memorandums, Bid Awards, Unfinished Business (items postponed from previous meetings, reconsideration, or notice of intent to rescind), Resolutions, or Ordinances being advanced to a public hearing on a different date. Citizens’ comments on Board of Adjustment matters are not permitted.

NONE

- b. Items other than those appearing on the agenda (this is the section to speak on anything **Not Scheduled** on the agenda).

Christine Hommel, resident of the borough, expressed concerns for animals at Loving Companions Animal Rescue.

Amy Geiger, resident of the borough and representative of Explore Fairbanks, announced the release of the 2020-21 Fairbanks Visitors Guide.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Track 1, 18:30

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by COOPER

moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as read.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA – continued

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

Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Sanford, Wilson, Lyke, Cash, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Track 1, 18:30

a. Regular Assembly Meeting minutes of January 14, 2021.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

a. Memorandums from Mayor Ward recommending the following appointments and/or reappointments:

Track 1, 18:30

- Pam Walker to the Early Childhood Development Commission
- Deb Hickok to the Economic Development Commission
- Joe Blackburn to the Health and Social Services Commission
- Jon Cook to the Investment Advisory Committee
- Karen Wood to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
- Brett Parks to the Sustainability Commission
- Suzanne Waugaman to the John A. Carlson Community Center Advisory Board

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

b. Memorandum from Mindy O'Neill, FNSB Presiding Officer, regarding approval of Assembly Virtual Meeting Protocol for Regular, Special and Committee meetings.

Track 1, 21:40

Presiding Officer O’Neill passed the gavel to Finance Committee Chair Williams and gave a report.

CASH,
Seconded by O’NEALL

moved to approve Assembly Virtual Meeting Protocol for Regular, Special and Committee meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE ASSEMBLY VIRTUAL MEETING PROTOCOL FOR REGULAR, SPECIAL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Yeses: Cash, Tomaszewski, Lyke, Cooper, Sanford, Wilson, O’Neill, Williams

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

Finance Committee Chair Williams passed the gavel back to Presiding Officer O’Neill.

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Track 2, 00:15

Mayor Ward provided a brief update on the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Mayor Ward also commented on:

- Messages from the Mayor Bi-Weekly Roundup Report.
- The Library Commission has begun work on the Capital Campaign for the Noel Wien Library renovation project.
- The Hazard Mitigation Plan is open for public comment through February 12.
- The FY 2020-21 Budget is available under the Financial Services Department at FNSB.gov.
- Health and Social Services Commission are accepting proposals for the FY22 Human Services Community Matching Grant.
- A COVID-19 Matrix is available now at FNSB.gov/riskmatrix.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Track 1, 31:45

Assemblymember Sanford reported the Legislative Priorities committee met on January 21 and will reconvene January 29 to discuss how to align the borough priorities with the current legislative session.

Assemblymember Lyke reported that Regional Emergency Services Advisory Committee (RESAC) met on January 27 and received more information from the administration and is making good progress.

Assemblymember Cash reported Explore Fairbanks welcomed it's 2021 board members and are working on a succession plan for Executive Director Deb Hickok's retirement.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Track 2, 08:15

- a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

NONE

- b. Report from the City of North Pole Representative.

Council Member Aino Welch reported on:

- Director of Petroleum Development Lab Institute for Northern Engineering and Owner of Chena Hot Springs working on a synthetic gas project.
- Working with Municipal Solutions to overhaul pay and benefits structure.

- c. Report from the School Board Representative.

School Board Member Chrya Sanderson reported on:

- The board thanks the borough for their relationship and support.
- Students are returning to in-person learning in phases and it is voluntary.
- The Administration and Legislative Committee will present the district's proposed priorities for the current legislative session to the board on February 2.
- The board has chosen the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) to assist with the Superintendent search.
- Next board meeting is February 2.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Liquor License - Transfer - Beverage Dispensary - License #556.
Track 2, 18:15

From: Dakota Ventures, Inc.
DBA: International Hotel and Bar 122 N Turner Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

To: Hard Work, LLC
DBA: International Hotel and Bar
122 N Turner Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Jim Williams, Chief of Staff, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by COOPER

moved to file no protest on Liquor License
– Transfer – Beverage Dispensary –
License #556.

VOTE ON MOTION TO FILE NO PROTEST ON LIQUOR LICENSE – TRANSFER – BEVERAGE
DISPENSARY – LICENSE #556.

Yeses: Cooper, Williams, Lyke, Cash, Wilson,
Tomaszewski, Sanford, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01.
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC Title 21 To Add A Selective Router Demarcation Point For The Purpose Of 911 Call Delivery; Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement With The State Of Alaska Department Of Public Safety; And Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$300,000 Of Funds From The State Of Alaska, Department Of Public Safety, To The Capital Projects Fund For The Purchase Of A Replacement 911 System. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 21:30

David Gibbs, Emergency Operations Director, gave a staff report.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-01.
Seconded by COOPER

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01.

Yeses: Sanford, Tomaszewski, Wilson, Cash, Lyke,
Williams, Cooper, O'Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- c. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1K.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$79,000 From The Land Revenue Reserve To The Multi-Year General Subfund For The Survey Of An Addition To The Tanana Lakes Recreation Area For ADL No. 416010, ASLS No. 2017-25, Within Portions Of Sections 26, 27, 34, And 35 Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Fairbanks Meridian. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 28:15

Daniel Welch, Acting Land Manger, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-1K.
Seconded by LYKE

Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1K.

Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Sanford,
Wilson, Lyke, Cash, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- d. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1L.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$7,900,000 From The Solid Waste Disposal Enterprise Operating Fund Unrestricted Net Position To The Solid Waste Disposal Enterprise Projects Fund For Phase Two Construction And Project Management Of The New Construction & Demolition Debris Disposal Area. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 36:10

Bob Jordan, Solid Waste Manager, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-1L.
Seconded by WILSON

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1L.

Yeses: Williams, Cash, Tomaszewski, Lyke,
Cooper, Sanford, Wilson, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- e. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1M.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$1,500,000 From The General Fund Fund Balance To The Capital Projects Fund To Provide Additional Funding For The Barnette Magnet School Renovation Phase IV. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 45:50

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

Assemblymember Cooper declared a potential conflict of interest on Ordinance No. 2020-20-1M due to his position as a parent of students who currently attend Barnette Magnet School. The Chair ruled a conflict did not exist and Mr. Cooper remained.

Jonathan Shambare, Design and Construction Manager, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-1M.
Seconded by CASH

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1M.

Yeses: Lyke, Sanford, Cash, Cooper, Williams, Wilson, Tomaszewski, O'Neall

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- f. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1N.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-2021 Budget By Appropriating \$30,000 In Federal Grant Funding To The Capital Projects Fund For The Tanana River Recreation Access Improvements Project For The Purpose Of Providing Funding For The Parks And Recreation Project Coordinator Position. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 51:40

Laura Minski, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-1N.
Seconded by LYKE

Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1N.

Yeses: Wilson, Lyke, Cooper, Williams, Cash,
Tomaszewski, Sanford, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- g. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-10.
An Ordinance Providing For The Subdivision Of Tract H-3, ASLS No. 87-17;
Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$40,600 From The Land
Revenue Reserve To The Multi-Year General Subfund And/Or Capital Projects Fund
For The Subdivision Of West 30th Development Project (30th Avenue Between
Peger Road And Lathrop Street). (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 55:10

Daniel Welch, Acting Land Manager, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-10.
Seconded by LYKE

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-10.

Yeses: Cooper, Wilson, Lyke, Tomaszewski,
Sanford, Cash, Williams, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – Unfinished Business

NONE

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – Limited To 3 Minutes (Continuation if needed)

- a. items that are not scheduled for public hearing – continuation.

NONE

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions

NONE

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Ordinances To Be Referred To Committees Or Commissions

NONE

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Ordinances To Be Introduced And Advanced To Public Hearing

Track 1, 18:30

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03.
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.04 FNSBC To Add An Energy Efficient New Construction Tax Credit Program. (Sponsors: Mayor Ward, Assemblymembers Sanford and Cooper)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on February 4, 2021; Advanced to February 11, 2021 for Public Hearing.

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1P.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$55,000 From The Emergency Coordination Center Technology And Equipment Replacement Reserve To The Capital Projects Fund For An Information Technology Equipment Replacement Project. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on February 4, 2021; Advanced to February 11, 2021 for Public Hearing.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Limited To 3 Minutes (Continuation if needed)

- b. Items other than those appearing on the agenda (this is the section to speak on anything **Not Scheduled** on the agenda).

NONE

ASSEMBLYMEMBER'S COMMENTS

Track 2, 1:02:50

Assemblymember Cooper shared he was a Barnette student many years ago and supports the ordinance to complete project.

Assemblymember Wilson requested information from the administration regarding military residents and residential exemptions.

Assembly Schedule for the week of February 1:

- Thursday, February 4: Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m. in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers conducted via Zoom only with the Committee of the Whole worksession immediately following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Mindy G. O'Neill
 Mindy O'Neill
 Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

April Trickey
 April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk by
 Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Borough Clerk

APPROVED: February 11, 2021