

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Regular Assembly Meeting
February 11, 2021
6:00 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, February 11, 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

Marna Sanford
Tammie Wilson
Liz Lyke
Aaron Lojewski

Frank Tomaszewski
Jimi Cash
Leah Berman Williams
Matt Cooper

Comprising a quorum of the Assembly, and

Bryce J. Ward, Borough Mayor
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Blake Moore, Digital Services Director
Valerie Therrien, City of Fairbanks Representative
April Smith, School Board Representative (Arr: 6:52 p.m.)
Michael Bredlie, Rural Services Manager
Stoyan Ivanov, Technology Support Manager
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk
Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Clerk

Absent & Excused

None

NONSECTARIAN INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Track 1, 00:30

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, 13:30

- 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).

Scott McCrea, resident of the borough and representative of Explore Fairbanks, commented on cruise ship tourism in Alaska.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Track 1, 06:35

WILLIAMS, Seconded by CASH	moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as read.
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VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses:	Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Sanford, Wilson, Lyke, Cash, Lojewski, O’Neill
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Noes:	None
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MOTION CARRIED	9 Yeses, 0 Noes
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Track 1, 06:35

- a. Regular Assembly Meeting minutes of January 28, 2021.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

- a. Memorandum from Mayor Ward recommending the appointment of Maxwell Plichta, Michael Schmetzer and Brian Accola to the Trails Advisory Commission.

Track 1, 06:35

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

- b. Memorandum from Mindy O'Neill, FNSB Presiding Officer, recommending the appointments of Kelly Paschall, Brandon Phillips and Morgan Macchione to the Board of Equalization.

Track 1, 20:45

Assemblymember Lojewski declared a potential conflict of interest due to Kelly Paschall being his personal realtor during a recent home purchase that has since concluded. The Chair ruled a conflict of interest did not exist.

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by COOPER

moved to appoint Morgan Macchione to the Board of Equalization as a regular board member with a term ending December 31, 2023

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPOINT MORGAN MACCHIONE TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AS A REGULAR BOARD MEMBER WITH A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by SANFORD

moved to appoint Kelly Paschall to the Board of Equalization as an alternate board member with a term ending December 31, 2021 and appoint Brandon Phillips to the Board of Equalization as an alternate board member with a term ending December 31, 2022

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPOINT KELLY PASCHALL TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AS AN ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER WITH A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND APPOINT BRANDON PHILLIPS TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AS AN ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER WITH A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

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 FY19/20 Audit is concluded, and the Mayor thanked the Finance Staff.
- Assessment notices have been mailed.
- The last day for public comment for the Hazard Mitigation Plan is February 12.
- Vaccination clinics need volunteers, information can be found at Fairbanksacc.org. Additional clinic information can be found at Covidvax.Alaska.gov.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Track 1, 26:00

Assemblymember Williams reported the Joint Climate Change Task Force (JCCTF) met today and is beginning work on a Climate Action Plan.

Assemblymember Lojewski reported the Audit Committee met yesterday and accepted the financial reports from Alliance CPAs LLC (formerly Cook & Haugeberg, LLC).

- Interior Alaska Natural Gas Utility (IGU) Financial Statements for FY 19/20.
- Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 19/20.
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 19/20.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Track 2, 08:05

- a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

Council Member Valerie Therrien reported on:

- Four new police officers recently sworn in.
- Marijuana revenue from taxes increased this year.
- The City Council concurred to keep 5th avenue one way only.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan was received last Monday.
- City Council is also concerned regarding Loving Companions Pet Shelter.
- Acting Deputy Chief Ron Dupee was selected as the new Chief of Police; the City Council is scheduled to confirm the selection on February 22.

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

NONE

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – continued

c. Report from the School Board Representative.

School Board Member April Smith reported on:

- Meetings have begun for FY21/22 proposed budget.
- A Public Hearing and Special Worksession is scheduled next Monday, February 15, at 6 p.m. for the budget. There will be additional sessions on February 22 and March 1 at 6 p.m.
- Search has begun for a Superintendent; Association of Alaska School Boards was hired to facilitate the search.
- An input survey is available on the district website for the 22/23 Academic Calendar until February 19.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are next week.
- No School next Wednesday for Professional Development Day.
- The next Regular Board Meeting is February 16 at 6 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

a. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02.

An Ordinance Providing For An Election For Tax Cap Revision To The Whitman Service Area. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Track 2, 19:25

Michael Bredlie, Rural Services Manager, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.

Joyce Holcomb, resident of Tennessee, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 2021-02.

Ariana Rosen, resident of New York, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 2021-02.

Amberly Rosen, resident of New York, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 2021-02.

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

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by LYKE

moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-02.

Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC HEARING - continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02.

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

Noes: Tomaszewski

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 1 Noes

b. 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)

Track 2, 44:10

Assemblymember Tomaszewski declared a potential conflict of interest because he performed work in the past as an energy rater although he isn't currently and doesn't plan to in the future. The Chair ruled a conflict did not exist.

Discussion ensued regarding possible conflicts of interests for the Mayor or Assemblymembers who are contractors who may benefit from this Ordinance in the future.

Mayor Ward gave a staff report.

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

COOPER, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-03.
Seconded by WILLIAMS

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03.

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

Noes: Tomaszewski, Wilson, Lojewski

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 3 Noes

PUBLIC HEARING - continued

COOPER,
Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved for immediate reconsideration of
Ordinance No. 2021-03.

VOTE ON MOTION TO IMMEDIATELY RECONSIDER ORDINANCE NO 2021-03.

Yeses: Cash, Wilson, Tomaszewski, Lojewski

Noes: Williams, Sanford, Cooper, Lyke, O'Neall

MOTION FAILED 4 Yeses, 5 Noes

- c. 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)
Track 3, 31:00

Blake Moore, Digital Services Director, gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by LYKE

moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-
1P.

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

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

PUBLIC HEARING - continued

- d. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02.
A Resolution Supporting The Designation Of The Fairbanks International Airport
As An Unmanned Aircraft System Hub. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 3, 34:55

Assemblymember Cooper declared a potential conflict of interest due to his position at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and because this resolution benefits the University System. The Chair ruled a conflict did exist and Mr. Cooper was excused from the dais.

Mayor Ward gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02.
Seconded by LOJEWSKI

Discussion ensued. Assemblymembers Lojewski, Williams, Cash, Wilson, and Tomaszewski requested to be added as co-sponsors.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02.

Yeses: Wilson, Lyke, Tomaszewski, Sanford, Cash,
Williams, Lojewski, 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

Track 1, 06:35

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03.
A Resolution Authorizing A Cooperation Agreement With Interior Regional Housing Authority For Low Cost Rental Housing. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

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

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

Track 1, 06:35

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05.
An Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 61 Acres, Described As That Portion Of The South ½ Of The Northwest ¼ Of Section 3, T1N, R1E, FM, Described As Follows: Beginning At The Southeast Corner Of The Northwest ¼ Of Section 3, Also Known As The Center ¼ Of Section 3; Thence Westerly Along The ¼ Section Line Approximately 1,420 Feet To The Centerline Of Gilmore Trail (State Of Alaska Highway Projects No. A-80241); Thence Along The Centerline Of Gilmore Trail N 09°02'25" W 197.57 Feet; Thence Continuing Along The Centerline Of Gilmore Trail Along A Curve To The Right With A Radius Of 954.93 Feet And Arc Length Of 404.92 Feet; Thence Continuing Along The Centerline Of Gilmore Trail N 15°15'18" E 541.26 Feet; Thence Continuing Northerly Within The Gilmore Trail Right-Of-Way Approximately 35 Feet To The Southwest Corner Of The North ½ Of The North ½ Of The North ½ Of The Southeast ¼ Of The Northwest ¼ Of Section 3; Thence Northerly Along The West 1/16 Section Line And Western Boundary Of The North ½ Of The North ½ Of The North ½ Of The Southeast ¼ Of The Northwest ¼ Of Section 3 Approximately 165 Feet To The Southwest Corner Of The Northeast ¼ Of The Northwest ¼ Of Section 3, Also Known As The North-West 1/16 Corner Of Section 3; Thence Easterly Along The North 1/16 Section Line Approximately 1,320 Feet To The Southeast Corner Of The Northeast ¼ Of The Northwest ¼ Of Section 3, Also Known As The Center-North 1/16 Corner Of Section 3; Thence Southerly Along The ¼ Section Line Approximately 1,320 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, And The South ½ Of The Northeast ¼ Of The Northwest ¼ Of Section 3, T1N, R1E, FM, From Rural And Agricultural-5 To Rural Estate-2 Or Other Appropriate Zone (Located On Gilmore Trail Northeast Of Flat Rabbit Road) (RZ2021-002). (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection this measure was read by title and referred under the consent agenda to the Planning Commission with a recommendation due back no later than July 9, 2021.

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

Track 1, 06:35

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04.
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 3.24.030, Legislative Priorities Committee.
(Sponsors: Assemblymembers Sanford, Williams and Cash)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on February 18, 2021; Advanced to February 25, 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 3, 39:50

Assemblymember Wilson thanked the Assessing Department for their friendly service to citizens.

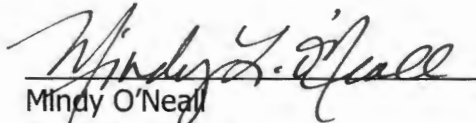
Assembly Schedule for the week of February 15:

- Thursday, February 18: 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.

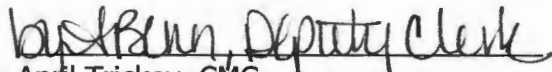
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.




Mindy O'Neal
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: February 25, 2021