

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
Regular Assembly Meeting  
February 25, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, February 25, 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  
Cory Beal, Chief Procurement Officer  
Blake Moore, Digital Services Director  
Aaron Gibson, City of Fairbanks Representative  
Aino Welch, North Pole Representative (Arr: 6:45 p.m.)  
Matthew Sampson, School Board Representative  
Jonathan Shambare, Design and Construction Manager  
Heather Havel, Network Operations Supervisor  
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk  
Gina Gregg, Research Assistant

Absent & Excused

None

**NONSECTARIAN INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Track 1, 00:20*

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, 5:20*

- 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.

Senator Mike Shower, resident of Wasilla and the sponsor of Senate Bill 39, spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2021-05.

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

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

Beau Brown, resident of the borough, expressed concerns over delinquent property taxes.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

*Track 1, 55:15*

WILLIAMS,  
Seconded by LOJEWSKI

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, Lojewski, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Track 1, 55:15*

- a. Regular Assembly Meeting minutes of February 11, 2021.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY**

- a. IFB Award: IFB Number 21029 Transit Bus Stop Shelters Phase IV.

Approval of Base Bid and Additive Alternate A, as submitted by PavingProducts, Inc. in the amount of \$240,490.00.

*Track 1, 55:15*

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

- b. IFB Award: IFB Number 21035 Data Center.

Approval of Base Bid, as submitted by AlasConnect, LLC in the amount of \$55,400 for the initial four-month contract period and \$166,200 per year for each potential renewal, for a contract total amount of \$720,200.

*Track 1, 55:15*

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

- c. Memorandum from Mindy O’Neill, FNSB Presiding Officer, recommending the approval of extending modifications and/or waiver of FNSB Code provisions governing assembly and board of equalization public meetings during COVID-19 pandemic.

*Track 2, 00:15*

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued**

Presiding Officer O’Neill gave a technical report.

COOPER,  
Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved to approve memorandum recommending the approval of extending modifications and/or waiver of FNSB Code provisions governing assembly and board of equalization public meeting during COVID-19 pandemic.

COOPER,  
Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved to substitute memorandum recommending the approval of extending modifications and/or waiver of FNSB Code provisions governing assembly and board of equalization public meeting during COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion ensued.

CASH,  
Seconded by WILSON

moved to amend to remove “Low-Intermediate” in section 2.a and throughout memo.

Discussion ensued.

LOWJESKI,  
Seconded by WILSON

moved to amend the amendment to insert “or Low-Intermediate” after Low Risk in section 1.c.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO ADD “OR LOW-INTERMEDIATE” AFTER LOW RISK IN SECTION 1.C.

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

Noes: Lyke

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 1 Noes

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued**

WILLIAMS,  
Seconded by SANFORD

moved to amend the amendment to insert  
"or Low-Intermediate" after Low Risk in the  
last sentence in section 2.a.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO INSERT "OR LOW-INTERMEDIATE"  
AFTER LOW RISK IN THE LAST SENTENCE IN SECTION 2.A.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

CASH,  
Seconded by LOJEWSKI

moved to amend the amendment to delete  
"if they are in isolation or quarantine due to  
COVID-19." in the last sentence in section  
2.a.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO DELETE "IF THEY ARE IN  
ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE DUE TO COVID-19." IN THE LAST SENTENCE IN SECTION  
2.A.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

Discussion ensued.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued**

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND TO REMOVE "LOW-INTERMEDIATE" IN SECTION 2.A AND THROUGHOUT MEMO, AS AMENDED.

Yeses: Cash, Wilson, Tomaszewski, Lojewski

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

MOTION FAILED 4 Yeses, 5 Noes

Discussion ensued. The Chair ruled a vote on the Substitute would carry the main motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF EXTENDING MODIFICATIONS AND/OR WAIVER OF FNSB CODE PROVISIONS GOVERNING ASSEMBLY AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PUBLIC MEETING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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

Noes: Wilson, Lyke

MOTION CARRIED 7 Yeses, 2 Noes

**MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR**

*Track 3, 25:25*

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.
- Implementing Public Participation Plan for the FNSB Budget starting with an on-line Public Forum on March 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Attended IGU Ribbon Cutting today for North Pole Phase 1.
- Volunteers still needed for upcoming COVID-19 POD's vaccination events, visit [www.faribanksacc.org](http://www.faribanksacc.org) for more information.

**REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

NONE

## **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

*Track 3, 32:25*

a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

Council Member Aaron Gibson reported on:

- Mr. Sanders, Housing and Homeless Coordinator will be the new Crisis Now Community Coordinator, position funded using a grant from The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

b. Report from the City of North Pole Representative.

Council Member Aino Welch reported on:

- The Mayor and City Council will be touring the old library for possible purchase.
- Thanked Ms. Trickey, Borough Clerk, and City of Fairbanks Clerk for assistance in training the North Pole City Clerk.
- The Mayor attended ribbon cutting for North Pole Pub Friday.
- Bids are out for a Police Station Remodel.
- Reinstated a Housing Task Force to address residential needs for Army and Air Force residents.

c. Report from the School Board Representative.

School Board Member Matthew Sampson reported on:

- The administration and board are continuing work on FY21/22 Recommended Budget. A public hearing will be held on March 1 at 6:30 p.m.
- Heavy cuts are anticipated during this budget cycle.
- The board recently passed resolutions recognizing March 21 as Music in our Schools Month and honoring Traditional Chiefs Week as the third week of March.
- Spring Break is March 8 through March 12.
- Next Regular Board meeting is March 2 at 6:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04.  
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 3.24.030, Legislative Priorities Committee.  
(Sponsors: Assemblymembers Sanford, Williams and Cash)  
*Track 2, 50:35*

Assemblymember Sanford gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-04.  
Seconded by CASH

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 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**

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04.  
A Resolution Supporting The Construction Of An Interior Multidisciplinary Public Safety Training Facility In The Fairbanks North Star Borough. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)  
*Track 3, 54:35*

Mayor Ward gave a staff report.

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04.  
Seconded by WILSON

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

- b. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05.  
A Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 39 Relating To Voter Registration, Ballots, Tracking And Accounting For Ballots. (Sponsors: Assemblymembers Sanford, O'Neall and Williams)  
*Track 4, 06:15*

Assemblymembers Williams gave a staff report.

LOJEWSKI, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05.  
Seconded by WILLIAMS

SANFORD, moved to postpone Resolution No. 2021-05  
Seconded by WILLIAMS to March 11, 2021.

Discussion ensued.

**New Business – Resolutions – continued**

LOJEWSKI,  
Seconded by CASH

moved to amend the motion to postpone by referring to March 18, 2021 Committee of the Whole Worksession to include a presentation by Senator Shower with a question and answer period, followed by debate and motions to amend the Resolution.

The Presiding Office ruled motion to amend the motion to postpone was out of order.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05 TO MARCH 11, 2021.

Yeses: Williams, Sanford, Cooper, O’Neall

Noes: Tomaszewski, Cash, Wilson, Lyke, Lojewski

MOTION FAILED 4 Yeses, 5 Noes

Discussion ensued.

LOJEWSKI,  
Seconded by TOMASZEWSKI

moved to refer Resolution No. 2021-05 to March 18, 2021 Committee of the Whole Worksession to include a presentation by Senator Shower with a question and answer period, followed by debate and motions to amend the Resolution.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO REFER RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05 TO MARCH 18, 2021 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORKSESSION TO INCLUDE A PRESENTATION BY SENATOR SHOWER WITH A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, FOLLOWED BY DEBATE AND MOTIONS TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION.

Yeses: Wilson, Cash, Tomaszewski, Lojewski

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

MOTION FAILED 4 Yeses, 5 Noes

**New Business – Resolutions – continued**

Discussion ensued.

SANFORD,  
Seconded by WILSON

moved to postpone Resolution No. 2021-05  
to April 8, 2012 Regular Assembly Meeting.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05 TO APRIL 8, 2012  
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING.

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

Noes: Lyke

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 1 Noes

- c. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06.  
A Resolution Ratifying The Monetary Terms Of The Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Alaska State Council Of Laborers Local 942, And The FairbanksNorth Star Borough. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)  
*Track 1, 55:15*

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

- d. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07.  
A Resolution Adopting The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan As The Official Mitigation Plan Of The Borough. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)  
*Track 1, 55:15*

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

**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, 00:00*

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06.  
An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Lease Agreement At Less Than FairMarket Value With The Golden Heart Softball Association For Use Of Portions Of Tract G-1A, South Davis Park Subdivision (South Davis Park) And A Hez Ray Sports Complex (On Davis Road West Of Lathrop Street). (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

*Track 1, 55:15*

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

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07.  
An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Lease Agreement At Less Than FairMarket Value With The Fairbanks Adult Amateur Baseball League For Use Of A Portion Of Tract A, West Valley Subdivision, Section 6, T.1S., R.1W., F.M. (West Valley High School). (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

*Track 1, 55:15*

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

- c. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08.  
An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Lease Agreement At Less Than FairMarket Value With The Alaska Goldpanner Baseball Inc. For Use Of Portions Of Tract A, Growden Park Subdivision (Growden Memorial Stadium, Located On Wilbur Street And 2nd Avenue). (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

*Track 1, 55:15*

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

**Ordinances To Be Introduced And Advanced To Public Hearing – continued**

- d. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11.  
An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Partnership Agreement With The Fairbanks Junior Ice Dogs Including A Lease Of Portions Of The Big Dipper Ice Arena And Portions Of The Hez Ray Sports Complex At Less Than Fair Rental Value And A Waiver Of FNSBC Title 16 For An Authorization To Sell Advertising Space At The Big Dipper Ice Arena To Operate A Youth Hockey Program. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)  
*Track 1, 55:15*

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

- e. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09.  
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 3.16.040 Rules For Public Testimony To Allow For Public Participation By Teleconference At Regular And Special Meetings Of The Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Williams)  
*Track 1, 55:15*

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

- f. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.  
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 6.28.010, Code Of Ethics For Boards And Commissions, To Add Definitions. (Sponsor: Assemblymember O'Neall)  
*Track 1, 55:15*

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on March 4, 2021; Advanced to March 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 3, 00:00*

Assemblymember O'Neall congratulated everyone involved in bringing natural gas to our community.

Assemblymember Tomaszewski thanked Congressman Don Young for a Tourism Recovery Act and thanked Senator Shower for participating in tonight's meeting.

Assembly Schedule for the week of March 1:

- Thursday, March 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 9:47 p.m.



*Mindy O'Neall*  
Mindy O'Neall  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

*April Trickey*  
April Trickey, CMC  
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: March 11, 2021