A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, March 26, 2015, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Borough Administrative Offices, 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks, Alaska.

There were present:

Karl Kassel, Presiding Officer
Diane Hutchison
Van Lawrence
Janice Golub
John Davies

Kathryn Dodge
Michael Dukes
Guy Sattley

Comprising a quorum of the Assembly, and

Luke T. Hopkins, Borough Mayor
Jeff Jacobson, Chief of Staff
René Broker, Borough Attorney
Pat Carlson, Borough Assessor
Christine Nelson, Community Planning Director
Sallie Stuvek, Human Resources Director
Scott Johnson, Public Works Director
Phil Streeter, Public Works
Joe Hardenbrook, Mayor’s Office
Michael O’Brien, School Board Representative
Jerry Cleworth, City of Fairbanks Representative
Mayor Ward, North Pole Representative (6:50 p.m.)
Nanci Ashford-Bingham, MMC, Borough Clerk
Richard Valenti, CMC, Assistant Deputy Clerk

Absent & Excused

Lance Roberts
PRESENTATIONS
NONE

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY OTHER PROCEDURAL MOTIONS
NONE

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS
Track 1, 3:05

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.

  David Throop, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to Resolution 2015-10.

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 Director of Tourism for Explore Fairbanks, updated the Assembly on tourism if Fairbanks.

  David Throop, resident of the borough, spoke regarding possible Open Meetings Act violations at recent College Road Service Area meetings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA
Track 1, 16:50

LAWRENCE, Seconded by DAVIES moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
NONE

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY
NONE
MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR
Track 1, 19:44

Mayor Hopkins reported on:

- The F35 Scoping meetings.
- The F16 retention decision to be made by the USAF.
- The school board budget process.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES
Track 1, 23:49

Assemblymember Davies spoke on his recent trip to Juneau. While there, he focused on the Interior Energy Project, Barnette School issue and the woodstove change out money.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES
Track 2, 00:19

a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

Councilmember Cleworth reported on:

- The roundabouts behind Fred Meyer and Merhar Ave and other traffic projects.

b. Report from the City of North Pole Representative.

Mayor Ward reported on:

- The birth of his first born son.
- F-35 scoping meetings.
- An English group visiting North Pole and making a film.
- July 4, 2015 festival.
- March 30, 2015 council meeting.
- The Memorial Park dedicated to fallen officers.
- PACE legislation and the Interior Energy Project report.

c. Report from the School Board Representative.

School Board Member Michael Brian reported on:

- School budget.
- Computer based testing.
- School board community survey.
- Revised school calendar – last day of school is May 21, 2015.
SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

a. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13. An Ordinance Rezoning All Of Block 22 Of Fairbanks Townsite From Two-Family Residential (TF) To Multiple-Family Residential/Professional Office (MFO) Or Other Appropriate Zone (Located Between 1st Avenue And 2nd Avenue And Between Badger Street And State Street.) (RZ 2015-006) (Sponsor: Mayor Hopkins)

Track 2, 10:00

Christine Nelson, Community Planning Director, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.

Jerry McBeath, resident of the borough and Chair of the Planning Commission, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Susan Ellison, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

John Ellison, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Benjamin Ford, resident of the borough and the applicant, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Jim Plakay, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Candy Carol, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Laura Volmert, resident of the borough, spoke in support of the ordinance.

David Clutting, resident of the borough and an applicant, spoke in support of the ordinance.

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

SATTLEY, Seconded by DAVIES

moved to adopt.

Discussion ensued.

LAWRENCE, Seconded by DODGE

moved to amend lot 22 to change the proposed zoning from multi family office (MFO) to multi family (MF).

Discussion ensued.
PUBLIC HEARING – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND LOT 22 BY CHANGING THE PROPOSED ZONING FROM MULTI FAMILY OFFICE (MFO) TO MULTI FAMILY (MF).

Ayes: Dodge, Lawrence
Noes: Quist, Hutchison, Golub, Sattley, Davies, Kassel

MOTION FAILED 2 Ayes, 6 Noes

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13.

Ayes: Hutchison, Golub, Sattley, Quist, Davies, Kassel
Noes: Lawrence, Dodge

MOTION CARRIED 6 Ayes, 2 Noes

SATTLEY, Seconded by DAVIES
moved to immediately reconsider.

VOTE ON MOTION TO IMMEDIATELY RECONSIDER.

Ayes: Lawrence, Dodge
Noes: Sattley, Golub, Hutchison, Quist, Davies, Kassel

MOTION FAILED 2 Ayes, 6 Noes


Assemblymember Hutchison gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.
Vanessa Jackson, resident of the borough, spoke in support of the ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

Cynthia Sibitzky, resident of the borough, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Lisa Pearce, a resident of the borough and school district CFO, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Michael O’Brien, resident of the borough and school board member, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Laura Volmert, resident of the borough, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Jim Hamiester, resident of the borough, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Alison Lambert, resident of the borough and school board member, spoke in support of the ordinance.

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

DAVIES, Seconded by LAWRENCE moved to adopt.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14.

Ayes: Quist, Golub, Hutchison, Dodge, Sattley, Lawrence, Davies, Kassel

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Ayes, 0 Noes

c. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-20-2D. An Ordinance Amending The FY 2014-15 Budget By Reallocating $1,103,082 From The Service Area Matching Grant Program In The Capital Projects Fund For The Required Matches of $391,917 For The Gold Mine Trail Road Upgrade Project And $711,165 For The Rosie Creek Road Improvements Project. (Sponsor: Mayor Hopkins)

Scott Johnson, Public Works Director, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.
PUBLIC HEARING – continued

Ted E. Baker, resident of the borough, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Steve Brefezynski, resident of the borough, spoke in support of the ordinance.

HUTCHISON, Seconded by GOLUB

moved to adopt.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2014-20-2D.

Ayes: Sattley, Lawrence, Hutchison, Golub, Dodge, Quist, Davies, Kassel

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Ayes, 0 Noes

d. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-20-2E. An Ordinance Amending The FY 2014-15 Budget By Appropriating $53,265 From The College Service Area Fund Balance To The Capital Projects Fund For The Required Match For The 2015 FMATS Improvement Program Surface Upgrades Project #64103. (Sponsor: Mayor Hopkins)

Track 4, 00:04

Scott Johnson, Public Works Director, gave a staff report.

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

GOLUB, Seconded by LAWRENCE

moved to adopt.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2014-20-2E.

Ayes: Hutchison, Lawrence, Dodge, Quist, Sattley, Golub, Davies, Kassel

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Ayes, 0 Noes
CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – Unfinished Business
NONE

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – Limited To Three (3) Minutes (Continuation if needed)
Track 4, 26:07

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

David Throop, resident of the borough, spoke to Ordinance No. 2015-13 and was pleased that it was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10. A Resolution Ratifying The Monetary Terms Of The Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Alaska State Employees Association American Federation Of State, County And Municipal Employees, Local 52, AFL-CIO And The Fairbanks North Star Borough. (Sponsor: Mayor Hopkins)
Track 1, 29:26

Sallie Stuvek, Human Resources Director, gave a staff report.

DAVIES, moved to adopt.
Seconded GOLUB

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10.

Ayes: Dodge, Quist, Lawrence, Hutchison, Golub, Sattley, Davies, Kassel

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Ayes, 0 Noes
CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions – continued

(Sponsors: Assemblymembers Davies, Kassel and Hutchison)  
Track 4, 6:55

Assemblymember Davies gave a staff report.

DODGE, Seconded by GOLUB

Moved to adopt.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11.

Ayes:  Lawrence, Sattley, Golub, Hutchison, Quist, Dodge, Davies, Kassel

Noes:  None

MOTION CARRIED  8 Ayes, 0 Noes

c. RESOLUTION NO 2015-12. A Resolution To Confirm The Exact Boundaries Of The Air Quality Control Zone Set Forth In Ordinance No. 2015-01 And Adopted On February 27, 2015. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Kassel)

Track 1, 16:50

Without objection the measure was introduced, read and approved by title only.

LAWRENCE, Seconded by DAVIES

Moved to adopt.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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

a. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC Title 17.60.150.C To Include An Exception To The Requirement For Intersection Corner Roundings. (Sponsor: FNSB Platting Board)

Track 1, 16:50

Without objection the measure was introduced, read and approved by title only.

LAWRENCE, Seconded by DAVIES

moved to refer to the Committee of the Whole on April 2, 2015; Advance to April 9, 2015 for Public Hearing.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

b. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-16. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 2.09.010 Regarding The Presiding Officer's Appointments To Various Committees And FNSBC 2.75.040 Regarding The Term Of The Presiding Officer's Appointments To The Economic Development Commission. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Kassel)

Track 1, 16:50

Without objection the measure was introduced, read and approved by title only.

LAWRENCE, Seconded by DAVIES

moved to refer to the Committee of the Whole on April 2, 2015; Advance to April 9, 2015 for Public Hearing.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

c. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-20-2F. An Ordinance Amending The FY 2014-15 Budget By Appropriating $13,369 From The General Fund Fund Balance To The Department Of Assembly For The Purpose Of Funding Additional External Audit Services Required For FY 2013-14. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Hutchison)

Track 1, 16:50

Without objection the measure was introduced, read and approved by title only.

LAWRENCE, Seconded by DAVIES

moved to refer to the Finance Committee on April 2, 2015; Advance to April 9, 2015 for Public Hearing.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – Limited To Three (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

Assembly Schedule for the week of March 31, 2015:
Track 4, 12:26

Thursday, April 2, 2015:

Finance Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers.

Committee of the Whole immediately following.

Assemblymember Golub reported the Army will be doing MAST rescue operations next Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

Assemblymember Hutchison spoke about the recent passing of Mr. McBride and Ms. Imogen Thompson.

Assemblymember Dodge thanked the school district for its budget work and said she’s looking forward to the budget worksessions.

Assemblymember Davies commented on the recent passing of Mr. McBride. He also spoke about the state budget and the impact on the school district.

Assemblymember Kassel commented on Medicaid expansion and mentioned the F35 scoping meeting.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Karl Kassel
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Nanci Ashford-Bingham, MMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: April 9, 2015