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**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AGENDA**

THIS MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM

HOSTED FROM THE MONA LISA DREXLER ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS AT THE
JUANITA HELMS ADMINISTRATION CENTER
907 TERMINAL STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

January 21, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

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3. CEDS Status Update

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None

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Economic Development Commission

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Minutes

10/27/2020

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COMMISSION AGENDA

MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2020

A regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough was held electronically from the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers, Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Mayor Bryce Ward, Chair.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Meeks Mindy O’Neill
Abigail Riggs Paul Robinson
Russ Talvi Frank Tomaszewski
Mayor Bryce Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brittany Smart, Staff
Laura Melotte, FNSB Clerk
Alexis Fackeldey, FNSB Trainee Clerk

B. MESSAGES

Citizen’s Comments – limited to three (3) minutes
None

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None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda and consent agenda made by **Commissioner O’Neill** and seconded by **Commissioner Meeks**. Motion carried without objection or roll call vote.

D. MINUTES

Minutes from September 22, 2020.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS [summarize as appropriate]

1. Interior Alaska COVID-19 Impact and Recovery Plan

a. Website relaunch report

Ms. Smart presented on the website relaunch and stated the expanded information on the website will not be available yet due to lack of time. She also described the sponsorship for “Buy Local” and the fact she is serving on steering committees for said initiative.

b. Implementation Update

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2. Report on municipal CARES Act programs

Commissioner Meeks provided report on the dispersing of monies through the city from the CARES Act.

Mayor Ward also provided a CARES Act update including specific details on the Business Interruption Grant and the Healthcare Impact Grant.

Commissioner Talvi asked questions regarding whether local business would be able to move their applications from the state program to the Borough program.

Mayor Ward and Ms. Smart both worked to answer Commissioner Talvi’s questions.

3. Report on CEDS update

Ms. Smart updated the commission on the fact that the CEDS is funded and the RFP is in progress. She also asked for a volunteer for the evaluation committee and Commissioner Talvi volunteered. She stated the OEA implementation was also underway.

4. Updates on Federal, State, and Local actions

Ms. Smart stated that federal actions are on hold until after the election. She also updated the commission on the state’s travel mandate. There were no local actions to update on.

Commissioner Meeks spoke on the new COVID 19 testing site and Ms. Sharp also updated on the new testing site at the airport.

Commissioner O’Neill asked about current COVID 19 testing number updates. Mayor Ward answered that the Unified Command people were working with the state to come up with numbers that reflect reality more closely. Commissioner O’Neill stated that she felt that accurate infection numbers were important and wondered how to emphasize to the state the need for accurate numbers. Mayor Ward answered with

his best approximation of the process and what he believed to be the problem currently facing the testing sites. Commissioner O'Neill reiterated her worry about inaccurate infection numbers and asked if there has been more discussion about listing individual businesses that have received the funding explicitly on the website. Ms. Smart answered by discussing the website's current capabilities.

F. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES - None

G. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner's Comments –

Commissioner Robinson wishes everyone a happy holiday.

Commissioner Tomaszewski thanks everyone for their hard work and states he will see everyone last year.

Commissioner Talvi stated that although there was disappointment about the pace of incoming applications being the last means there will be plenty of opportunity for people to apply and he is informing the public of such.

Mayor Ward stated he intended to do a "Shop Local" proclamation in the upcoming months.

Communications to the Economic Development Commission - None

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.