

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

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, March 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
Matt Cooper

Frank Tomaszewski
Jimi Cash
Leah Berman Williams

Comprising a quorum of the Assembly, and

Bryce J. Ward, Borough Mayor
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Wendy Dau, Acting Borough Attorney
Michelle Michel, Human Resources Director
Aaron Gibson, City of Fairbanks Representative
Maggie Matheson, School Board Representative
Brian Charlton, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator
Laura Minski, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator
Baird Stiefel, Emergency Operations Manager
Steve Taylor, Recreation Superintendent
Daniel Welch, Acting Natural Resources Development Manager
Richard Ackerman, Land Officer
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk
Gina Gregg, Research Assistant

Excused

Aaron Lojewski

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, 05:05

- 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. 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).

Charity Gadapee, resident of the borough and representative of Explore Fairbanks, provided an update on the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Track 1, 10:40

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, O’Neill
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Noes:	None
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MOTION CARRIED	8 Yeses, 0 Noes
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Track 1, 10:40

- a. Regular Assembly Meeting minutes of February 25, 2021.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

- a. Memorandum from April Trickey, Borough Clerk, regarding the appointment of Canvass Board Members for the March 23, 2021 Service Area Election.

Track 1, 10:40

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

- b. Memorandum from Mayor Ward recommending the appointments of various road service area commissioners.

Track 1, 10:40

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

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

- Scott McCrea to the Carlson Center Advisory Board
- Charles Dexter to the Salaries and Emoluments Commission

Track 1, 10:40

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

- d. Memorandum from Mindy O'Neill, FNSB Presiding Officer, recommending the approval of modifications and/or waiver of FNSB Code provisions governing Assembly and Board of Equalization public meetings during COVID-19 pandemic.

Track 1, 16:25

Presiding Officer O'Neill gave a technical report.

COOPER,
Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved to approve memorandum recommending modifications and/or waiver of FNSB Code provisions governing Assembly and Board of Equalization public meeting during COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion ensued.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued

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

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Track 2, 00:20

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 first FNSB Budget Presentation and Community Forum was March 9 and can be viewed at FNSB.gov under the Government page.
- Volunteers are still needed for upcoming COVID-19 POD’s vaccination events, visit www.fairbanksacc.org for more information.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Track 1, 24:50

Assemblymember Cash reported that the Assembly Road Service Area Committee (ARSAC) met on Monday, March 8, and reviewed the legislative priority of the Assembly for road service area consolidations.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Track 2, 04:55

a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

Council Member Aaron Gibson reported on:

- Monday, March 8, The City Council confirmed the appointment of Ron Dupee as Chief of Police.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – continued

b. Report from the City of North Pole Representative.

NONE

c. Report from the School Board Representative.

School Board Member Maggie Matheson reported on:

- The administration and board continue work on the FY21/22 recommended budget.
- Budget Worksessions are scheduled starting March 15 through March 22 and include public comment with a Special Meeting on March 24 at 6:00 p.m. to approve the recommended budget.
- A Superintendent Search Community Stakeholder Survey is available on the district website, open until March 22 at 12:00 p.m.
- The board passed a resolution declaring April 2021 as the Month of the Military Child.
- School resumes from spring break on March 15.
- Next Regular Board meeting is March 16 at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

a. Marijuana License – New – Retail Store – License #26251.

Track 2, 10:55

GoodSinse LLC
DBA: GOODSINSE LLC
29 College Rd Suite 8C
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Assemblymember Sanford declared a potential conflict of interest on the New Retail Store for Marijuana License #26251 as she is part owner of a marijuana cultivation business. The Chair ruled a conflict did exist and Ms. Sanford was excused from the dais.

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 Marijuana License – New – Retail Store – License #26251.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO FILE NO PROTEST ON MARIJUANA LICENSE – NEW – RETAIL STORE – LICENSE #26251.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 7 Yeses, 0 Noes

Assemblymember Sanford returned to the dais.

- b. 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 2, 18:05

Baird Stiefel, Emergency Operations Manager, gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-07.
Seconded by CASH

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

- c. 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 2, 23:00

Richard Ackerman, Land Officer, gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-06.
Seconded by CASH

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- d. 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 2, 38:25

Richard Ackerman, Land Officer, gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-07.
Seconded by CASH

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

e. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Lease Agreement At Less Than Fair Market 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 2, 43:30

Daniel Welch, Acting Natural Resources Development Manager, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.

John Lohrke, resident of Fairbanks and General Manager of Alaska Goldpanners of Fairbanks, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2021-08.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-08.
Seconded by WILSON

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

- f. 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 IceArena To Operate A Youth Hockey Program. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 1:01:40

Steve Taylor, Recreation Superintendent, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.

Rob Proffitt, resident of Fairbanks and General Manager of Fairbanks Ice Dogs, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2021-11.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-11.
Seconded by CASH

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- g. 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 NorthStar Borough Assembly. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Williams)
Track 3, 10:55

Assemblymember Williams gave a staff report.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

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

WILSON, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-09.
Seconded by CASH

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

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

h. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 6.28.010, Code Of Ethics For Boards And
Commissions, To Add Definitions. (Sponsor: Assemblymember O’Neill)
Track 3, 16:45

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

The Finance Committee Chair called for public testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.

COOPER, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-10.
Seconded by LYKE

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

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

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. 2021-06.
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 3, 20:00

Michelle Michel, Human Resources Director, gave a staff report.

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-06.
Seconded by WILSON

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions – continued

- b. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08.
A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Submit Two Grant Applications To The Alaska Federal Lands Access Program For Road And Parking Lot Surface Improvements And Creating A Plack Road Development Plan For The Chena Lake Recreation Area. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 1, 10:40

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

- c. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09.
A Resolution Supporting An Adjustment Of The Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary To Include The Chena Lake Recreation Area. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 1, 10:40

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

NONE

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

Track 1, 10:40

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12.
An Ordinance Authorizing The Direct Sale Of A Portion Of Tract H-3 Of Alaska State Land Survey 87-17, Within Section 16, T.1S., R.1W., To An Adjoining Landowner (Located On The North Side Of 30th Avenue, East Of Peger Road, West Of North Van Horn Road). (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on March 18, 2021; Advanced to March 25, 2021 for Public Hearing.

Ordinances To Be Introduced And Advanced To Public Hearing – continued

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13.
An Ordinance Authorizing The Direct Sale Of A Portion Of Tract H-3 Of Alaska State Land Survey 87-17, Within Section 16, T.1S., R.1W., To An Adjoining Landowner (Located On The North Side Of 30th Avenue, East Of Peger Road, West Of North Van Horn Road). (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on March 18, 2021; Advanced to March 25, 2021 for Public Hearing.

- c. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-14.
An Ordinance Renaming And Redefining The Facilities Maintenance Reserve Established In Ordinance No. 99-016 To The Capital Improvement Program And Maintenance Reserve By Amending FNSBC Title 7 To Add Definitions Of Fund And Reserve Account, Adding New Sections To Establish Reserve Accounts Including The Capital Improvement Program And Maintenance Reserve Account, Providing For A General Fund Transfer To The Capital Improvement Program And Maintenance Reserve, Requiring A Contribution To The Capital Improvement Program And Maintenance Reserve In The Mayor's Proposed Budget, And Making Other Related Changes; And, Recomputing And Adjusting The February 2021 Transfers Of The Fiscal Year 2019-20 "Net General Fund Lapse." (Sponsors: Mayor Ward and Assemblymembers Lojewski and Sanford)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on March 18, 2021; Advanced to March 25, 2021 for Public Hearing.

- d. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1Q.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$22,239 In Federal Pass-Through Grant Funding To The Capital Projects Fund For The Growden Area Accessibility Improvements Project For The Purpose Of Providing Parks And Recreation Project Support, Designing And Furnishing Interpretive Panels, And Providing Design Support For Wayfinding Signs. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on March 18, 2021; Advanced to March 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, 28:50

Assemblymember O'Neall celebrates the work done in the community for getting through the pandemic with few regulations and mandates and reminds all to be diligent as we go into the summer.

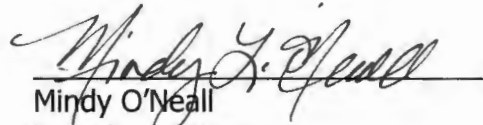
Assembly Schedule for the week of March 15:

- Thursday, March 18: Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m. in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers with the Committee of the Whole worksession immediately following. This meeting will be conducted in-person and by zoom or zoom-only based upon the Borough Risk Matrix FNSB Operational Status and if the Juanita Helms Administrations Center is otherwise open to the public. Please visit <https://www.fnsb.gov/415/Stay-Connected-with-the-Assembly> or contact the Borough Clerk's Office (907) 459-1401.
- Reminder – Annual POFD's need to be filed with APOC by March 15, 2021. Please also submit a copy to the Clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.




Mindy O'Neill
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: March 25, 2021