

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Regular Assembly Meeting
December 10, 2020
6:00 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, December 10, 2020, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

There were present appearing telephonically:

Aaron Lojewski, Deputy 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
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Debbie Brady, Chief Financial Officer
Cory Beal, Chief Procurement Officer
Michelle Denton, Transportation Director
Aaron Gibson, City of Fairbanks Representative (Arr 7:05 p.m.)
Aino Welch, North Pole Representative (Arr 7:05 p.m.)
Brad Paulson, Emergency Services Administrator
Janet Smith, Public Works Deputy Director
Peggy Macdonald, Treasury/Budget Manager
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk
Gina Gregg, Research Assistant

Absent & Excused

Mindy O'Neill, Presiding Officer

NONSECTARIAN INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Track 1, 00:35

Deputy Presiding Officer Lojewski 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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- 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).

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Track 1, 06:10

COOPER,	moved to approve the agenda and consent
Seconded by WILLIAMS	agenda as read.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses:	Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Sanford, Wilson, Lyke, Cash, Lojewski
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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, 06:10

- a. Regular Assembly Meeting minutes of October 8, 2020.

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

- b. Regular Assembly Meeting minutes of October 22, 2020.

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

- c. Special Assembly Meeting minutes of November 5, 2020

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

Track 1, 11:45

- a. Memorandum from April Trickey, Borough Clerk, regarding Certification of the November 17, 2020 elections for certain service areas.

April Trickey, Borough Clerk, gave a staff report.

Service Area	Individual Results	Final Election Results
Gordon	Passed 7 Yes, 5 No	PASSED
Tan Terra – Existing	Failed 2 Yes, 8 No	FAILED
Tan Terra – Annexation	Passed 5 Yes, 0 No	
Twenty-Three Mile Slough – Existing	Passed 8 Yes, 0 No	PASSED
Twenty-Three Mile Slough – Annexation	Passed 5 Yes, 4 No	

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by CASH

moved that the Assembly accept the report of the Election Canvass Board and declare the Gordon, Tan Terra, and Twenty-Three Mile Slough Service Area Elections of November 17, 2020 were validly held.

Discussion ensued.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE ELECTION CANVASS BOARD AND DECLARE THE GORDON, TAN TERRA, AND TWENTY-THREE MILE SLOUGH SERVICE AREA ELECTIONS OF NOVEMBER 17, 2020 WERE VALIDLY HELD.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- b. IFB Award: IFB Number 21008 Wescott Pool Cover
Track 1, 06:10

Approval of the Base Bid as submitted by Alcan Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$397,923.

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

- c. Memorandum from Mayor Ward recommending the appointment of Daniel Lepley to the University Fire Service Area Commission.
Track 1, 06:10

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

- d. Memorandum from Mayor Ward recommending the appointment of various Service Area Commissioners.
Track 1, 06:10

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued

e. Memorandum from Mayor Ward recommending the following appointments and/or reappointments:

Track 1, 06:10

- Kathleek Hook, Michael Pollen and Catherine Cahill to the Air Pollution Control Commission
- Gail Gardner and Mary Ann Fortune to the Animal Control Commission
- Lee Wood and Diana Campbell to the Chena Riverfront Commission Joanne Spears to the Early Childhood Development Commission
- Hollis Hall and Rosita Wilburn to the Health and Social Services Commission
- Molly Proue and Amy Viltrakis to the Historic Preservation Commission
- James Culley to the Investment Advisory Committee
- Rex Nutter, Nicole Eiseman, Maida Buckley and Robert Hannon to the Library Commission
- Ben Roth and Mark Oldmixon to the Parks and Recreation Commission
- Sandra Mota, Doug Sims, and Chris Guinn to the Planning Commission
- Randy Pitney, Traci Schachle and Kellie Fritze to the Platting Board
- Traci Gatewood to the Salaries and Emoluments Commission
- Leslie Kitchin and Geoffrey Orth to the Trails Advisory Commission

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

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Track 1, 15:55

Mayor Ward provided a brief update on COVID-19 public health emergency.

Mayor Ward also commented on:

- Messages from the Mayor Bi-Weekly Roundup Report.
- CARES Act funding.
- Public Works end of year summary.
- FNSB.gov launched, officially a .gov organization.
- Worksession with Interior Delegation on December 17.
- North Pole Library, new proposals pending.
- Air Quality Division received a Targeted Air Shed Grant.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

NONE

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Track 2, 8:25

Clerk's Note: Item 12 Reports from Representatives was reordered to be heard after item 13.a.

- a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

Council Member Aaron Gibson, reported on:

- Preparing to pass their budget on Monday, December 14.

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

Council Member Aino Welch reported on:

- Legislative Priorities Meeting on December 15.
- Final budget reading on Monday, December 14.
- City and Water Utilities update.
- Bed Tax Grants have been awarded.

- c. Report from the School Board Representative.

NONE

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27.
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 14.04.110, Commission - Terms.
(Sponsor: Assemblymember Sanford)

Track 2, 1:05

Assemblymember Sanford gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by WILSON

moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-27.

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by SANFORD

moved to substitute Ordinance No. 2020-27.

Discussion ensued.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27, AS SUBSTITUTED.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-37.
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.16 FNSBC Regarding Claims For Refunds Of
Taxes. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 13:40

Jill Dolan, Borough Attorney, gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-37.
Seconded by COOPER

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-37.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING – continued

- c. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1G.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$3,769,214 In Federal Grant Funding To The Transit Enterprise Projects Fund To Provide CARES Act Section 5307 Operating Assistance. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 20:45

Michelle Denton, Transportation Director, gave a staff report.

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

WILSON, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-1G.
Seconded by WILLIAMS

Discussion ensued.

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

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- d. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1H.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$28,405.40 In Federal Grant Funding To The Special Revenue Fund To Be Used To Prevent, Prepare For, And Respond To Coronavirus Concerns For Healthcare Providers. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 24:20

Brad Paulson, Emergency Services Administrator, gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-1H.
Seconded by WILSON

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING – continued

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

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

- e. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-11.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Reallocating An Estimated \$525,000 Of The CARES Act Funds Within The Special Revenue Fund From The Borough Response Funding To The Explore Fairbanks Response Funding.
(Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 27:15

Deputy Presiding Officer Lojewski passed the gavel to Finance Committee Chair Williams.

Assemblymember Lojewski declared a potential conflict of interest on Ordinance No. 2020-20-11 due to his position as an owner of a business that is a member of Explore Fairbanks. The Chair ruled a conflict did not exist.

Finance Committee Chair Williams passed the gavel back to Deputy Presiding Officer Lojewski.

Mayor Ward gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.

Ashley Bradish, resident of the borough and representative of Explore Fairbanks, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2020-20-11.

Deb Hickok, resident of the borough and representative of Explore Fairbanks, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2020-20-11.

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

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-11.
Seconded by CASH

Discussion ensued.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-11.

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

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, 06:10

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-48.
A Resolution Establishing Board Of Equalization Hearing Dates For The Year 2021.
(Sponsor: FNSB Assembly)

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, 06:10

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-38.
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 14.24.010 To Remove Powers From the Ballaine Lake Service Area, And Changing The Title Of Chapter 14.24 FNSBC To Remove The Words 'Parks and Recreation'. (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 January 7, 2021; Advanced to January 14, 2021 for Public Hearing.

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1J.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$255,915 In Federal Pass-Through Grant Funding To The Special Revenue And/Or Capital Projects Funds For The Acquisition Of Emergency Management Related Equipment And Training. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on January 7, 2021; Advanced to January 14, 2021 for Public Hearing.

CITIZEN'S 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 2, 43:05

Assemblymember Lyke thanked Deputy Presiding Officer Lojewski for chairing the meeting, urged community to be careful during holidays with COVID-19 and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Assemblymember Cooper thanked Deputy Presiding Officer Lojewski for chairing the meeting and wished everyone happy holidays.

Assemblymember Sanford wished everyone a happy holiday. Announced Sunday, December 20, there will be a candlelight vigil for missing community members in the St. Matthews parking lot 4pm.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER'S COMMENTS – continued

Assemblymember Williams reminded all that tonight is the first night of Hanukkah and has appreciated working with fellow Assemblymembers during these challenging times.

Assemblymember Tomaszewski wished everyone a happy holiday and reminded all that beginning December 21 the days will get longer.

Assemblymember Cash wished everyone a happy holiday and encouraged everyone to journal their experiences from this year.

Assemblymember Lojewski wished everyone a happy holiday and looks forward to more daylight soon.

Assembly Schedule for the week of December 14:

- Thursday, December 17: Assembly Worksession with members of the Interior Delegation at 5:30 p.m. in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers conducted via Zoom only.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Aaron Lojewski
Deputy Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk