



Fairbanks North Star Borough

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk

THROUGH: Marna Sanford, Chair, Legislative Priorities Committee

FROM: Gina Gregg, Research Assistant

DATE: February 1, 2021

**SUBJECT: ACTION OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021 AND JANUARY 29, 2021
RECONVENED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Convened at 12:06 p.m./Adjourned at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on January 29, 2021.

Members Present:

Jimi Cash
Leah Berman Williams
Marna Sanford, Chair

Members Excused:

None

Others Present:

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Brittany Smart, Special Assistant to the Mayor
Yuri Morgan, Morgan Partnership, LLC

Reconvened January 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m./Adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Members Present:

Jimi Cash
Leah Berman Williams (Arr: 2:10 p.m.)
Marna Sanford, Chair

Members Excused:

None

Others Present:

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Brittany Smart, Special Assistant to the Mayor
Mindy O'Neall, Assemblymember
Yuri Morgan, Morgan Partnership, LLC



NEW BUSINESS

Review draft of Ordinance No. 2021-TBD. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 3.24.030, Legislative Priorities Committee.

-Committee Members Cash and Williams requested their names be listed as co-sponsors and agreed to introduce ordinance to the Assembly. (01/21/2021)

Strategize with the FNSB Lobbyist on how to align the borough's interests with the Interior Delegation for the current legislative session.

- Review FNSB approved FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and determine projects to submit to the State Legislature for funding that are life, health, or safety projects.

-Approved (3-0) to include the SS Nenana Restoration Phase I, Growden Field Upgrades, North Star Athletics Complex, and Carlson Center Ice Replacement projects into the borough's capital budget request. (01/29/2021)

-Approved (3-0) to direct the FNSB Lobbyist to use the Mayor's spreadsheet provided at meeting for direction on requests for the current legislative session. (01/29/2021)

- Discuss and determine the best approach to facilitate the Road Service Area Consolidation legislative priority.

-Discussion ensued, no action taken. (01/29/2021)

Discussion to determine if additional legislative priorities are needed based upon the anticipated focus of the legislative session.

-Approved (3-0) to allow the FNSB Lobbyist to share the borough's legal opinion on the proposed PILT legislation with the legislature. (01/29/2021)

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Cash expressed support for the Military Spouse License Reciprocity Bill being introduced by Senator Kawasaki.

Ms. Williams requested school funding be a high priority in light of recent budget cuts.

Current Year Fiscal Priority

FY 21 funded projects	Project Total	Committed by Assembly	Donation Request per CIP	Donations Received	Outstanding Need
SS Nenana Restoration Phase 1	\$ 4,300,000	\$ 3,550,000	\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000
Growden Field Upgrades	\$ 500,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 160,000		\$ 160,000
North Star Athletics Complex	\$ 400,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 80,000
Carlson Center Ice Replacement	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 120,000
John weaver Memorial Skatepark	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 1,065,000		\$ 1,065,000
Future Year projects 2-3 years					
		(not appropriated yet)			
Pioneer Park Playground upgrades and replacement	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 220,000	0	\$ 220,000
Noel Wien Library upgrades and repairs	\$ 10,775,000	\$ -	\$ 3,100,000	0	\$ 3,100,000

Potential Bonded Projects

Shovel Ready	Project Total	Committed or donated			Outstanding Need
Pioneer Park Restroom Replacement and Office Space	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000			\$ -
Transit Garage Phase II	\$ 18,200,000	\$ 10,300,000			\$ 7,900,000
Soon to be ready					
Animal Shelter replacement	\$ 17,000,000				\$ 17,000,000
South Cushman Rife Range Safety Improvements	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,272,240			\$ 727,760
Noel Wein Library Upgrades and Repairs	\$ 10,775,000	\$ 3,100,000			\$ 7,675,000
Tanana Middle School Phase I	\$ 9,750,000				\$ 9,750,000
Lathrop High School Kitchen Remodel	\$ 2,585,194				\$ 2,585,194
University Park Elementary School Site Improvements	\$ 1,500,000				\$ 1,500,000