

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Regular Assembly Meeting
April 8, 2021
6:02 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, April 8, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

There were present:

Mindy O'Neill, Presiding Officer and

Marna Sanford
Tammie Wilson
Liz Lyke
Aaron Lojewski

Frank Tomaszewski
Jimi Cash
Leah Berman Williams
Matt Cooper

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
Jennifer Luke, School Board Representative
Brian Charlton, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator
Jonathan Shambare, Design and Construction Manager
Diane Borgesen, Financial Specialist to the CFO
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk
Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Clerk

Absent & Excused

None

NONSECTARIAN INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Track 1, 00:20

Presiding Officer O'Neill gave a land acknowledgement recognizing we work throughout the unceded territories of the indigenous peoples of Alaska. Ms. O'Neill then 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, 04:50

- 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.

Barbara Tyndall, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2021-05 and Ordinance No. 2021-17.

Sally Duncan, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2021-05.

Michael Ryan, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2021-05 and Ordinance No. 2021-17.

Kelly Nash, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2021-05.

Luke Hopkins, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2021-17 and Resolution No. 2021-05.

- b. Items other than those appearing on the agenda (this is the section to speak on anything **Not Scheduled** on the agenda).

Jerry Evans, resident of the borough and Public Relations Manager of Explore Fairbanks, provided a travel media update.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – continued

Jomo Stewart, resident of the borough and representative of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDCo), provided an economic model and budget update.

Julia Hnilicka, resident of the borough and representative of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDCo), provide an updated on rural outreach and goodwill projects.

Evan Wilken, resident of the borough and representative of Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDCo), provided an update on the shop local program.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Track 1, 47:00

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

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

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Track 1, 47:00

a. Regular Assembly Meeting minutes of March 25, 2021.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

a. IFB Award: IFB Number 21041 Barnette Magnet School – Phase IV.

Approval of the Base Bid, as submitted by Davis Constructors & Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$9,564,716.00.

Track 3, 15:35

Cory Beal, Chief Procurement Officer, and Jonathan Shambare, Design and Construction Manager, gave a staff report.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued

LOJEWSKI,
Seconded by SANFORD

moved to approve IFB Number 21041 Barnette Magnet School – Phase IV Base Bid, as submitted by Davis Constructors & Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$9,564,716.00.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE IFB NUMBER 21041 BARNETTE MAGNET SCHOOL – PHASE IV BASE BID, AS SUBMITTED BY DAVIS CONSTRUCTORS & ENGINEERS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,564,716.00.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Track 3, 20:55

- a. Brief update on the COVID-19 public health emergency by Mayor Ward and/or a representative from the Interior Unified Command.

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

- b. Other Messages.

Mayor Ward also commented on:

- Messages from the Mayor Bi-Weekly Roundup Report.
- The “North Star” tax system upgrade is underway.
- Various Road Service Area Contract bids are due April 22.
- Libraries are scheduling appointments for browsing beginning this Friday.
- The Mayor gave a State of the Borough Address on April 7 and posted the recommended FY 21/22 budget online at [FNSB.gov/Budget](https://www.fnsb.gov/Budget).

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR – continued

- c. Proposed FY 2021/2022 Budget Overview by Mayor Ward and Debbie Brady, Chief Financial Officer, with a question and answer period.

Mayor Ward and Debbie Brady, Chief Financial Officer, provided a proposed FY 2021/2022 Budget Overview.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

NONE

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Track 2, 00:30

- a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

NONE

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

NONE

- c. Report from the School Board Representative.

School Board Member Jennifer Luke reported on:

- The Board will present its recommended budget to the Assembly on April 15.
- Superintendent search suspended April 6, next steps will be determined April 10.
- The Board passed Resolution No. 2021-19 to recognize military children and encourage community to participate in Purple Up on April 16.
- The Legislative Committee is meeting April 13.
- The Budget Committee is meeting April 13.
- The Parent Engagement Committee is meeting April 14.
- Next Regular Board meeting is April 20, 6 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1R.
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Reappropriating \$79,700 From The Department Of The Mayor In The General Fund To The Multi-Year General Subfund For The Purpose Of Funding The Development Of A Climate Action Plan, Creating A Climate Action Committee Of The Assembly, And Rescinding Resolution No. 2019-29 Establishing A Joint Climate Change Task Force. (Sponsors: Assemblymembers O’Neill, Sanford and Williams)
Track 2, 04:10

Assemblymembers Sanford and Williams gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.

Cam Webb, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2020-20-1R.

Luke Hopkins, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2020-20-1R.

Odin Miller, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2020-20-1R.

Tristan Glowa, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2020-20-1R.

Stacey Fritz, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2020-20-1R.

Ariane Glover, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2020-20-1R.

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

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by SANFORD

moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-1R.

Discussion ensued.

LOJEWSKI,
Seconded by WILSON

moved to amend Lines 66-81 by deleting Sections 2, 3 and 4; amend Lines 10-14 by deleting “amending the FY 2020-21 budget by reappropriating \$79,700 from the department of the mayor in the general fund to the multi-year general subfund for the purpose of funding the development of a climate action plan, creating a climate action committee of the assembly, and”.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

Discussion ensued.

LOJEWSKI,
Seconded by CASH

moved to amend the amendment by not deleting “creating a climate action committee of the assembly, and” on Lines 13-14. To read: An Ordinance Creating A Climate Action Committee Of The Assembly And Rescinding Resolution No. 2019-29 Establishing A Joint Climate Change Task Force.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT BY NOT DELETING “CREATING A CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND” ON LINES 13-14. TO READ: AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29 ESTABLISHING A JOINT CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND LINES 66-81 BY DELETING SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 4; AMEND LINES 10-14 BY DELETING “AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 BUDGET BY REAPPROPRIATING \$79,700 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MAYOR IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE MULTI-YEAR GENERAL SUBFUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN,” AS AMENDED.

Yeses: Tomaszewski, Wilson, Cash, Lojewski

Noes: Sanford, Lyke, Williams, Cooper, O’Neill

MOTION FAILED 4 Yeses, 5 Noes

Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

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

Yeses: Cooper, Williams, Lyke, Sanford, O’Neill

Noes: Cash, Wilson, Tomaszewski, Lojewski

MOTION CARRIED 5 Yeses, 4 Noes

b. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1S.

An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$1,272,240 In Federal Pass-Through Grant Funding And \$424,080 In Local Matching Funds And \$575,920 In Additional Project Funding From The Facilities Maintenance Reserve To The Capital Projects Fund For The South Cushman Shooting Range Safety Improvements Project And Amending The FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program By Expediting This Project From FY22 To FY21. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Track 3, 05:10

Brian Charlton, Parks and Recreation Project Coordinator, gave a staff report.

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

TOMASZEWSKI, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-20-1S.
Seconded by WILLIAMS

Discussion ensued.

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

Yeses: Williams, Sanford, Tomaszewski, Cooper, Lyke, Lojewski, O’Neill

Noes: Cash, Wilson

MOTION CARRIED 7 Yeses, 2 Noes

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – Unfinished Business

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05.
A Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 39 Relating To Voter Registration, Ballots, Tracking And Accounting For Ballots. (Sponsors: Assemblymembers Sanford, O'Neall and Williams)

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE by Assemblymembers Sanford, O'Neall and Williams.
A Resolution Opposing **[SENATE BILL 39 RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION, BALLOTS, TRACKING AND ACCOUNTING FOR BALLOTS] Legislative Bills That Restrict Voter Access, Limit The Ability To Exercise The Fundamental Right To Vote, Or Would Otherwise Act To Suppress The Votes Of Alaskan Citizens.**

Track 4, 06:35

Clerk's Note: A motion to adopt was made on February 25, 2021.

WILLIAMS, moved to substitute Resolution No. 2021-05.
Seconded by COOPER

Assemblymember Williams and Sanford gave a staff report.

Discussion ensued.

Presiding Officer O'Neall passed the gavel to Deputy Presiding Officer Lojewski.

Discussion ensued. The Chair ruled a vote on the Substitute would carry the main motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05.

Yeses: Williams. Sanford, Cooper, Lyke, O'Neall

Noes: Cash, Wilson, Tomaszewski, Lojewski

MOTION CARRIED 5 Yeses, 4 Noes

Deputy Presiding Officer Lojewski passed the gavel back to Presiding Officer O'Neall.

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, 47:00

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20.
A Resolution Establishing The Rate Of Levy Of 2021 Real Property Taxes For Areawide, Non-Areawide, Solid Waste Collection District, And Service Areas Jurisdictions. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and advanced under the consent agenda to June 10, 2021.

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, 47:00

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16.
An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Lease Agreement At Less Than Fair Rental Value With The Interior And Arctic Alaska Aeronautical Foundation, Inc. Within GL-12, Section 9, T.1S., R.1W., F.M. And That Portion Of The SW ¼ Of The SW ¼ Of Section 9, T.1S., R.1W., F.M. For Operation Of The Pioneer Air Museum In Pioneer Park. (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 April 15, 2021; Advanced to April 22, 2021 for Public Hearing.

Ordinances To Be Introduced And Advanced To Public Hearing – continued

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17.
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC Title 5 To Provide For Ranked Choice Voting In Municipal Elections; And Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Appropriating \$75,000 From The General Fund Fund Balance To The Multi-Year General Subfund For The Implementation Of And Voter Education About Ranked Choice Voting In Municipal Elections. (Sponsors: Assemblymembers Williams and Cooper)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on April 15, 2021; Advanced to April 22, 2021 for Public Hearing.

- c. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20.
An Ordinance Appropriating Funds As Listed For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021; Ratifying Fiscal Policies And User Fees; Levying Taxes; Dissolving The Carlson Center Enterprise Funds; And Amending Chapter 2.08 FNSBC, Chapter 4.64 FNSBC, And FNSBC Title 20 To Rename The Division Of Land Management As The Division Of Natural Resources Development And Move The Division To The Office Of The Mayor. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on April 10, 17, 24 and 25, 2021; Advanced to May 6, 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 4, 38:35

Assemblymember Lyke encouraged the community to get their COVID-19 vaccine.

Assemblymember Cooper appreciated the citizens participation this evening.

Assemblymember Cash was discouraged by the split votes from this evening.

Assemblymember Lojewski warned citizens of the upcoming cold forecast and looks forward to spring.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER'S COMMENTS – continued

Assemblymember Williams reminded Assemblymembers to be thinking of budget amendments for the upcoming worksessions.

Assembly Schedule for the week of April 12:

- Thursday, April 15: Special Assembly meeting at 5:30 p.m. at or hosted from the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers with the Finance Committee meeting and Committee of the Whole worksession immediately following.
- Saturday, April 17: Finance Committee Budget Worksession at 9:00 a.m. at or hosted from the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers
- These meetings will be conducted in-person and by zoom or zoom-only based upon the Borough Risk Matrix FNSB Operational Status. Please visit fnsb.gov or contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 459-1401 for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Mindy O'Neall
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk