

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Reconvened Regular Assembly Meeting
April 29, 2021
5:30 p.m.

The April 22 Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was reconvened Thursday, April 29, 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

Matt Cooper
Tammie Wilson
Liz Lyke
Aaron Lojewski

Frank Tomaszewski
Jimi Cash
Leah Berman Williams

Comprising a quorum of the Assembly, and

Jim Williams, Acting Borough Mayor
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Michelle Michel, Human Resources Director
Shoshana Kun, City of Fairbanks Representative (Arr: 5:41 p.m.)
Aino Welch, North Pole Representative
Daniel Welch, Acting Natural Resources Development Manager
Donnie Hayes, Pioneer Park Manager
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk
Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Clerk

Absent & Excused

Marna Sanford

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

a. 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)

Track 1, 01:45

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE by Mayor Ward:

An Ordinance **Placing On The Ballot At The Next Regular Election The Advisory Question Of Whether The Fairbanks North Star Borough Should Provide For Ranked Choice Voting In Municipal Elections And** 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**].

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE by Assemblymembers Williams and Cooper:

An Ordinance **Placing On The Ballot At The Next Regular Election The Advisory Question Of Whether The Fairbanks North Star Borough Should Provide For Ranked Choice Voting In Municipal Elections;** 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.

Clerk's Note: A motion to adopt and a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2021-17 with Assemblymembers Williams and Cooper's substitute, as amended, is on the floor from April 22, 2021.

Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17 WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBERS WILLIAMS AND COOPER’S SUBSTITUTE. AN ORDINANCE **PLACING ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SHOULD PROVIDE FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS;** 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, AS AMENDED.

Yeses: Lyke
Noes: Tomaszewski, Wilson, Cash, Williams, Cooper, Lojewski, O’Neill
MOTION FAILED 1 Yeses, 7 Noes

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17.

Yeses: Lyke
Noes: Cooper, Williams, Cash, Wilson, Tomaszewski, Lojewski, O’Neill
MOTION FAILED 1 Yeses, 7 Noes

LOJEWSKI, moved to immediately reconsider
Seconded by CASH Ordinance No. 2021-17.

VOTE ON MOTION TO IMMEDIATELY RECONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17.

Yeses: Lyke
Noes: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Wilson, Cash, Lojewski, O’Neill
MOTION FAILED 1 Yeses, 7 Noes

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

b. 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)

Track 1, 28:05

Daniel Welch, Acting Natural Resources Manager and Donnie Hayes, Pioneer Park Manager, gave a staff report.

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

LOJEWSKI,
Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-16.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

c. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20-1T.

An Ordinance Amending The FY 2020-21 Budget By Authorizing A 0.25 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Employee Position For Cross-Training Of The Personnel/Payroll Manager Position. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Track 1, 36:30

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

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

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by LOJEWSKI

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

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

Discussion ensued.

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

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

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 1, 39:50

Assemblymember Williams congratulated the students graduating this Saturday from University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Assembly Schedule:

- Thursday, May 6: Regular Assembly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at or hosted from the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers.
- This meeting 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 6:11 p.m.

Mindy O’Neall
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk