

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
Regular Assembly Meeting  
May 6, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, May 6, 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  
Joanne Pascoe, Acting Financial Services Director  
Michael Bork, Parks and Recreation Director  
David Bredlie, Public Works Director  
Aino Welch, City of North Pole Representative (Arr: 6:57 p.m.)  
Timothy Doran, School Board Representative  
Peggy Macdonald, Treasury/Budget Manager  
Eileen Weis, Chief Accountant  
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk  
Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Clerk

Absent & Excused

None

## **NONSECTARIAN INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Track 1, 00:25*

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**

*Track 1, 02:50*

Mayor Ward presented a proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerk's Week May 2 – 8 and expressing appreciation for the Borough Clerk, April Trickey, CMC.

## **REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY OTHER PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

NONE

## **CITIZENS' 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, 06:50*

WILLIAMS,  
Seconded by SANFORD

moved to approve the agenda and consent  
agenda as read.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA – continued**

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, 06:50*

a. Special Assembly Meeting minutes of April 15, 2021.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY**

a. Memorandum from Mindy O’Neill, FNSB Presiding Officer, recommending the approval of modifications and/or waivers of FNSB Code provisions governing Assembly and Board of Equalization public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.  
*Track 1, 08:20*

Presiding Officer O’Neill gave a technical report.

WILLIAMS,  
Seconded by SANFORD

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

Discussion ensued.

LOJEWSKI,  
Seconded by WILSON

moved to amend Item #7 to replace “modified by the Assembly” with “November 30, 2021”.

Discussion ensued.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY - continued**

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ITEM #7 TO REPLACE "MODIFIED BY THE ASSEMBLY" WITH "NOVEMBER 30, 2021".

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

Noes: Cooper, Lyke, O'Neill

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 3 Noes

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS AND/OR WAIVERS OF FNSB CODE PROVISIONS GOVERNING ASSEMBLY AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AS AMENDED.

Yeses: Williams, Lyke, Cooper, Sanford, Lojewski,  
O'Neill

Noes: Cash, Tomaszewski, Wilson

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 3 Noes

- b. Memorandum from Mayor Ward recommending the approval of modifications and/or waivers of FNSB Code provisions and rules governing Board and Commission meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Track 1, 20:35*

Mayor Ward gave a staff report.

WILLIAMS,  
Seconded by LOJEWSKI

moved to approve memorandum recommending the approval of modifications and/or waivers of FNSB Code provisions and rules governing Board and Commission meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion ensued.

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued**

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS AND/OR WAIVERS OF FNSB CODE PROVISIONS AND RULES GOVERNING BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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

Noes: Wilson, Lojewski

MOTION CARRIED 7 Yeses, 2 Noes

- c. Memorandum from Mayor Ward designating staff to act as mayor during temporary absences or disability.

*Track 1, 06:50*

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

## **MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR**

*Track 1, 24:45*

- 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.
- May 15, 2021 is Clean Up day.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

NONE

## **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

*Track 1, 34:00*

- a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

NONE

## **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – continued**

b. Report from the City of North Pole Representative.

Council Member Aino Welch reported:

- Public works is hiring an assistant and summer employees.
- Consideration payments have been issued for The Moose Creek Water Expansion Project.
- The City is flushing the water tank in the northern loop for the next two weeks.
- Police Chief Dutra is proceeding with the COVID decontamination wing for police department.
- Officers responded to an active shooter event last week near a daycare.
- Fire Chief Heineken reminds citizens that fire danger level is high due to brown up.
- The Richardson highway speed limit is 60 mph – not a racetrack, please slow down.
- Today is the National Day of Prayer.

c. Report from the School Board Representative.

School Board Member Tim Doran reported:

- High School Graduations begin tomorrow, May 7.
- The Board selected Karen Melin as Interim Chief School Administrator at a Special Board Meeting on April 27.
- On May 4, the board recognized 72 retirees and celebrated Educator Appreciation Week.
- The Board reviewed the administration's proposed busing tiers on May 4 and will vote on May 18.
- The Board will review the district's COVID mitigation strategy on June 1.
- Budget worksessions will begin May 17.
- Next Regular Board meeting is May 18, 6 p.m.

## **SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. 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)  
*Track 1, 44:50*

Mayor Ward and Assembly Finance Committee Chair Williams gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.

Dan White, resident of the borough and Chancellor of University of Alaska Fairbanks, spoke in support of the Carlson Center funding.

Lance Roberts, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition of the School District and Carlson Center funding.

Ben Roth, resident of the borough, spoke in support of the Carlson Center funding.

Steve Lowry, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to increasing Community Planning variance application fees.

Ronnie Rosenberg, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Animal Control funding.

Colt Chase, resident of the borough and Executive Director of Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association, spoke in support of the Carlson Center funding.

Kim Lee, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to additional funding for the School District.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – continued**

COOPER,  
Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved to adopt Ordinance No 2021-20.

*Clerk's Note: This item will be taken up at the Reconvened Regular Assembly meeting on May 13, 2021.*

COOPER,  
Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved to adjourn to May 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN TO MAY 13, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – Unfinished Business**

NONE

**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).

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**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions**

NONE

**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**



NONE

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**ASSEMBLYMEMBER'S COMMENTS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. to May 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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Mindy O'Neall  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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April Trickey, CMC  
Borough Clerk