



Fairbanks North Star Borough

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MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: Leah Berman Williams, Chair, Finance Committee

FROM: Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Clerk

DATE: July 19, 2021

SUBJECT: ACTION OF THE JULY 15, 2021 SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Convened at 5:32 p.m./Adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Members Present

Mindy O'Neill

Jimi Cash (Arr: 5:54 p.m.)

Leah Berman Williams

Liz Lyke

Tammie Wilson

Frank Tomaszewski

Marna Sanford

Members Excused

Matt Cooper

Aaron Lojewski

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Introduction and intent of meeting by Leah Berman Williams, Finance Committee Chair.

-Opening remarks given by Chair Williams.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – EACH PERSON'S COMMENTS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

Alan Armbruster spoke in support of funding for pickleball courts and recreation space

Chris Puchner spoke in support of funding for the Nordic Ski Club

Elena Sudduth spoke in support of funding for oil to natural gas conversion funding for the Interior Gas Utility (IGU)

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NEW BUSINESS

Brainstorming session with the Administration to develop a draft plan for expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated to the Fairbanks North Star Borough, including creation by the Finance Committee of a draft list of projects.

-Presentation on ARPA funding guidelines given by Jill Dolan, Borough Attorney. A discussion with the administration and assembly produced the following potential projects:

Pioneer Park Water and Sewer repairs

Pearl Creek Water connection

Ballaine Service Area Septic Replacement

Alternative Assembly Chambers equipment at Noel Wien Library

Tourism and Hospitality Grants

Online payment options for citizens (property tax, user fees, etc)

Boroughwide Broadband speed and availability study

Deteriorated property/buildings clean up

Job training, specifically solarized job training

Housing shortage incentive programs

Essential worker pay incentives

Cybersecurity modernization including hardware, software and protection of critical infrastructure

Community assistance grants to Fairbanks Food Bank and Rescue Mission or other entities to assist with housing and food insecurity

Vaccine incentives

Fairbanks area trails improvements

FNSB recruitment assistance/essential worker incentives

The Assembly will seek public input on the draft list of projects then further discuss and prioritize the list at a Special Finance Committee meeting on August 19, 2021.