

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Animal Control Commission
August 2, 2021
6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Animal Control Commission was held Monday, August 2, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

ROLL CALL

There were present:

Ronnie Rosenberg Mary Ann Fortune Gail Gardner
Thomas Swan, Vice-Chairperson Alex Thornton, Chairperson

Comprising a quorum of the Board/Commission, and

Sharon Wittenkeller, Administrative Assistant III Clerk
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk

Absent & Excused

Jamie Marschner

MESSAGES

C.1.a. Citizen's Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

NONE

C.1.b. Citizen's Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

NONE

C.2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

SWAN,
Seconded by GARDNER

moved to approve the agenda.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOTION WAS APPROVED.

REPORTS

E.1.a. Manager Report

NONE

E.1.b. Officer Report

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F.1. Discussion of the development of a list of agencies to be invited to participate at a future meeting regarding commercial sales of reptiles and exotic animals.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission requested legal clarification on whether the borough has the ability to regulate the commercial sales of reptiles and exotic animals.

The Commission also discussed the need to identify the issues associated with the commercial sales of reptiles and exotic animals and how to address them within their scope and abilities as the Animal Control Commission.

No formal action was taken. The item will be scheduled under unfinished business on the September 1, 2021 agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Update by Sandra Hill, Animal Control Manager, on COVID-19 protocols and mitigation strategies at the Animal Shelter, current and future needs of the Animal Shelter, discussion and possible recommendation of the commission.

Item was rescheduled to be heard on September 1, 2021.

EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

NONE

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Gardner supported inviting local agencies to the discussion regarding commercial sales of exotic animals and reptiles at a future Animal Control Commission meeting.

Commissioner Swan spoke of a letter he sent to the Legislative Priorities Committee regarding increasing the authority of Animal Control Officers in the borough.

Chair Thornton stated he would provide a list at the next meeting of local agencies to invite to the future discussion regarding commercial sales of exotic animals and reptiles.

Commissioner Rosenberg gave an update on the Shelter Fund activities and fundraisers.

Commissioner Fortune thanked Commissioner Swan for his efforts with the Legislative Priorities Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Animal Control Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.