

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Regular Assembly Meeting
December 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, December 9, 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

David Guttenberg
Tammie Wilson
Savannah Fletcher
Aaron Lojewski

Frank Tomaszewski
Jimi Cash
Kristan Kelly
Matt Cooper

Comprising a quorum of the Assembly, and

Bryce J. Ward, Borough Mayor
David Bredlie, Acting Chief of Staff
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Blake Moore, Digital Services Director
Donnie Hayes, Parks and Recreation Director
Jerry Cleworth, City of Fairbanks Representative
Jennifer Luke, School Board Representative
Heather Havel, Network Operations Manager
Jonathan Shambare, Design and Construction Manager
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 nonsectarian invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Track 1, 06:10

Mayor Ward presented the Employee of the Month for December to Abigail Angaiak, Lifeguard II, Parks and Recreation Department.

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

NONE

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

Track 1, 09:40

- 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).

Scott McCrea, resident of the Borough and representative of Explore Fairbanks, provided an end of year tourism update.

Charles Paskvan, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition to the North Star Athletic Complex, a capital improvement project.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Track 1, 23:35

Assemblymember Fletcher declared a potential conflict of interest on her FAST Planning Policy Board appointment because she was unsure if she should vote on the item. The Chair ruled a conflict did not exist.

LOJEWSKI,
Seconded by CASH

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: Fletcher, Guttenberg, Cash, Cooper, Kelly, Wilson, Tomaszewski, Lojewski, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Track 1, 23:35

- a. Regular Assembly Meeting minutes of November 10, 2021.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

- a. Memorandum from April Trickey, Borough Clerk, recommending certification of the November 16, 2021 elections for certain service areas.

Track 1, 31:30

April Trickey, Borough Clerk, gave a staff report.

Service Area	Individual Results	Final Election Results
Seavy – Existing	Failed 0 Yes, 2 No	FAILED
Seavy – Annexation	Passed 8 Yes, 2 No	
Timberlane Road – Existing	Failed 0 Yes, 3 No	FAILED
Timberlane Road – Annexation	Passed 6 Yes, 1 No	
Vienna Wood – Existing	Passed 5 Yes, 2 No	PASSED
Vienna Wood – Annexation	Passed 4 Yes, 0 No	

COOPER,
Seconded by CASH

moved that the Assembly accept the report of the Election Canvass Board and declare the Seavy, Timberlane Road, and Vienna Wood Service Area Elections of November 16, 2021 were validly held.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE ELECTION CANVASS BOARD AND DECLARE THE SEAVY, TIMBERLANE ROAD, AND VIENNA WOOD SERVICE AREA ELECTIONS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021 WERE VALIDLY HELD.

Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Kelly, Guttenberg, Wilson, Fletcher, Cash, Lojewski, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

- b. Memorandum from Presiding Officer O'Neill recommending the appointment of Assemblymember Savannah Fletcher to the Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation (FAST) Planning Policy Board.

Track 1, 23:35

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

- c. Memorandum from April Trickey, Borough Clerk, through Mindy O'Neill, Presiding Officer, regarding restructure in the Department of Assembly.

Track 1, 23:35

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

- d. Memorandum from April Trickey, Borough Clerk, regarding the approval of Planning Commission adopted rules.

Track 1, 23:35

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued

- e. Memoranda from Mayor Ward recommending the following appointments/reappointments:

Track 1, 23:35

- Lawrence Duffy to the Air Pollution Control Commission
- Joshua Church and Ronnie Rosenberg to the Animal Control Commission
- Bill Wright and Kourtney Shannon to the Carlson Center Advisory Board
- Robert Henszey, Wade Binkley, Annette Freiburger and Gregory Baker to the Chena Riverfront Commission
- Meredith Maple to the Early Childhood Development Commission
- Juanita Webb, Pamela Wagaman and Pete Pinney to the Health and Social Services Commission
- Patricia Peirsol and Matthew Reckard to the Historic Preservation Commission
- Karen Fox, Mary Matthews and Elyse Guttenberg to the Library Commission
- Steven Brooks and Ginger Orem to the Platting Board
- V. Lenny Reagin to the Salaries and Emoluments Commission
- Ariane Glover to the Sustainability Commission
- Helyn Lefgren and Richard Shideler to the Trails Advisory Commission

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

- f. Memorandum from Mayor Ward recommending the appointment of various road service area commissioners.

Track 1, 23:35

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

- g. Memorandum from Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney, regarding the 2021 Redistricting Proclamation Plan (for informational purposes only).

Track 1, 34:05

Assemblymember Tomaszewski declared a potential conflict of interest because he is a candidate for a new house district. The chair ruled a conflict did not exist as this item is for information purposes only and no action is being taken on this agenda item.

Discussion ensued. No action taken.

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Track 2, 04:45

- a. Brief update on the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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

- b. Other Messages.

Mayor Ward commented on:

- Messages from the Mayor Bi-Weekly Roundup Report.
- Design and Construction will begin construction in summer 2022 for various CIP projects including the John Weaver Memorial Skatepark, SS Nenana Phase I, and the Transit Garage.
- An agreement between the schools and public libraries was signed December 8, 2021 marking the beginning of the START (STudent Access Real Time) program.
- The November Holiday Bazaar at Pioneer Park was successful with over 5,000 visitors.
- Four road service areas have chosen to participate in the FY2022 tax revenue cap elections; Chena Hills Road, Moose Meadows, Reed Acres Road and Spring Glade.
- Project "Northstar", the Borough's new property tax management software is on track to replace the old system by end of June 2022.
- Natural Resources Development recently closed on a direct sale of property off 30th Avenue and there are additional lots still available over the counter.
- The Mayor's Office has released the third installment of "Leading a Borough: Stories from FNSB Mayors".
- The Mayor was recently appointed to a state opioid advisory committee that is reviewing a settlement of state funds.
- The Mayor recently met with Colonel Griesbaum of the 168th Wing, Eielson Air Force Base to welcome him to the community.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Track 1, 37:35

Assemblymember O'Neill announced the Climate Action Committee will meet with PDC/RESPEC on December 20 to begin work on a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

Track 2, 00:20

Council Member Jerry Cleworth reported:

- The City Council will consider an amended budget for adoption on Monday, December 13.
- The City has sent resolutions about no longer being the Board of Appeals for the planning commission and wishes to restore the original process.
- The City is considering making the Public Works Facility solar.

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

NONE

- c. Report from the School Board Representative.

Track 2, 15:25

School Board Member Jennifer Luke reported:

- On December 6 the Board received recommendations from the School Efficiency Task Force for closure of various elementary schools. Additional information will be considered before voting on the matter at the February 1, 2022 Board Meeting.
- On December 7 the Board adopted resolutions honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Black History Month and Elizabeth Peratrovich Day, and also voted to make the wearing of masks optional as of January 3, 2022.
- Schools will dismiss early December 15, 16, and 17 to allow teachers to close out the semester.
- Winter break starts December 20 with teachers returning to school January 3, 2022 and students returning January 4, 2022.
- Next School Board meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Liquor License – New – Recreational Site – License #5998

Track 2, 19:30

Malemute, Inc.
DBA: Riverside Eats & Drinks
2010 2nd Ave
Fairbanks, AK 99701

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

Assemblymember Cooper declared a potential conflict of interest on Liquor License #5998 because he is close personal friends with the applicant and notarized their license application. The chair ruled a conflict did exist and Mr. Cooper was excused from the dais.

David Bredlie, Acting Chief of Staff, gave a staff report.

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.

Beth Richards, resident of the Borough and applicant representative, spoke in support of Liquor License #5998.

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

LOJEWSKI,
Seconded by KELLY

moved to file no protest on Liquor License
– New – Recreational Site – License
#5998.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO FILE NO PROTEST ON LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW – RECREATIONAL SITE – LICENSE #5998.

Yeses: Guttenberg, Tomaszewski, Wilson, Cash, Fletcher, Kelly, Lojewski, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

Assemblymember Cooper returned to the dais.

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20-11
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2021-22 Budget By Appropriating An Additional \$248,500 From The Capital Improvement Program And Maintenance Reserve To The Capital Projects Fund For The Growden Field Upgrades Project And Amending The FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program By Changing The Project Description. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 24:30

David Bredlie, Acting Chief of Staff, gave a staff report.

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.

John Lohrke, resident of the Borough and General Manager of Alaska Goldpanners of Fairbanks, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 2021-20-1I.

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

COOPER, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-20-1I.
Seconded by LOJEWSKI

COOPER, moved to amend Line 62 to replace
Seconded by LOJEWSKI \$738,500 with \$748,500 and attached amendment #2, Project Total to replace \$748,000 with \$748,500.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND LINE 62 TO REPLACE \$738,500 WITH \$748,500 AND ATTACHED AMENDMENT #2, PROJECT TOTAL TO REPLACE \$748,000 WITH \$748,500.

Yeses: Kelly, Cash, Tomaszewski, Fletcher, Cooper, Guttenberg, Wilson, Lojewski, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20-1I, AS AMENDED.

Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Kelly, Guttenberg, Wilson, Fletcher, Cash, Lojewski, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

- c. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20-1J
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2021-22 Budget By Appropriating An Additional \$400,000 From The Capital Improvement Program And Maintenance Reserve To The Capital Projects Fund For The Pioneer Park Restroom Replacement Project And Amending The FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program By Changing The Project Description. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 46:45

David Bredlie, Acting Chief of Staff, and Donnie Hayes, Parks and Recreation Director, gave a staff report.

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

LOJEWSKI, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-20-1J.
Seconded by CASH

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20-1J.

Yeses: Cash, Kelly, Guttenberg, Wilson, Tomaszewski, Cooper, Fletcher, Lojewski, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

- d. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20-1K
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2021-22 Budget By Lapsing \$290,507.18 From The Building Network LAN Wiring Upgrade Project To The Information Technology Infrastructure Sustainment (ITIS) Reserve Within The Capital Projects Fund. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 2, 1:02:50

Blake Moore, Digital Services Director, gave a staff report.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – continued

LOJEWSKI,
Seconded by CASH

moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-20-1K.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20-1K.

Yeses: Fletcher, Guttenberg, Cash, Cooper, Kelly, Wilson, Tomaszewski, Lojewski, O’Neill

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – Unfinished Business

NONE

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS – Limited To 3 Minutes (continuation if needed)

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

NONE

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions

Track 1, 23:35

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-44
A Resolution Supporting The Alaska Railbelt Clean Energy Transportation Infrastructure Growth Cluster Project And Requesting The State Of Alaska To Provide Financial Support. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

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

b. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-45
A Resolution Establishing Board Of Equalization Hearing Dates For The Year 2022. (Sponsor: FNSB Assembly)

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

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, 23:35

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-39
An Ordinance Rezoning Lots 5A1, 5A2, 5A3, 3A And Tracts A, B and C, Block 129, Fairbanks Townsite From Two-Family Residential To Multiple-Family Residential Or Other Appropriate Zone (Located Between Denali Way And Ninth Avenue) (RZ2022-001). (Sponsor: Assembly)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on January 6, 2022; Advanced to January 13, 2022 for Public Hearing.

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-40
An Ordinance Rezoning Lot 1A Block 2, City Of North Pole Subdivision Phase 2 From Two-Family Residential To General Commercial Or Other Appropriate Zone (Located At Snowman Lane And Cary Avenue) (RZ2022-002). (Sponsor: Assembly)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on January 6, 2022; Advanced to January 13, 2022 for Public Hearing.

- c. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-41
An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 7.08.010 Regarding Minimum Grant Standards And Requirements For Cost Principles. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on January 6, 2022; Advanced to January 13, 2022 for Public Hearing.

Ordinances To Be Introduced And Advanced To Public Hearing – continued

- d. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-42
An Ordinance Amending The Assembly Code Of Ethics, FNSBC 6.12.010 Regarding Employment Of Public Elected Officials. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Lojewski)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on January 6, 2022; Advanced to January 13, 2022 for Public Hearing.

- e. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20-1L
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2021-22 Budget By Appropriating \$360,000 From The Solid Waste Disposal Enterprise Operating Fund Unrestricted Net Position To The Department Of Public Works For Additional Cover Material. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on January 6, 2022; Advanced to January 13, 2022 for Public Hearing.

- f. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-20-1M
An Ordinance Amending The FY 2021-22 Budget By Appropriating \$63,524 In Federal Grant Funding To The Special Revenue Fund For The Bridging The Gap In Computer/Internet Resources Project. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on January 6, 2022; Advanced to January 13, 2022 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

ASSEMBLYMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Track 2, 1:06:10

Assemblymember Lojewski noted the ordinances adopted tonight regarding funding for CIP projects speaks to the need to raise funding for the Capital Improvement Program and Maintenance Reserve (CIPMR).

Assemblymember Cooper also noted the need to raise funding for the CIPMR and wished everyone a good holiday season.

Assemblymember Wilson announced the Roaming Root Cellar won a Golden Carrot Award for the Alaska Grown \$5 Challenge.

Assemblymember Guttenberg further explained that if a family would spend \$5 a week on Alaska Grown products it could allow the industry to be self-sustaining.

Assemblymember O'Neall announced the Assembly Schedule:

- Monday, December 13: RFP Evaluation Subcommittee of the Audit Committee at 4:00 p.m. at or hosted from the Assembly Chambers.
- Thursday, December 16: Worksession with Members of the Interior Delegation at 5:30 p.m. at or hosted from the Assembly Chambers.
- Friday, December 17: Reconvened RFP Evaluation Subcommittee of the Audit Committee at 3:00 p.m. at or hosted from the Assembly Chambers.
- These meetings will be conducted in-person and by zoom or zoom-only with consideration given to the Borough Operational Status. Please visit fnsb.gov or contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-459-1401 for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mindy O'Neall
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk