

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION

MINUTES
August 22, 2018

A regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Air Pollution Control Committee was held in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers, Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kathleen Hook, Chair.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maegan Weltzin, Larry Duffy, Cathy Cahill, Kathleen Hook, Tom Douglas, Ex-Officio Assemblymember Christopher Quist

MEMBERS ABSENT (note if excused): Mike Pollen, excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Czarnecki, Todd Thompson

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda carried without objection.

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS – limited to three (3) minutes

1. Agenda Items not scheduled for public hearing
 - None
2. Items other than those appearing on the agenda
 - Patrice Lee, resident of the borough, speaks to awareness of Siemens presentation and the proposals they put forth for the Interior Gas Utility.
 - Wendy Mannan, resident of the borough, speaks to how the majority of wood burners feel about the air quality rules, and the ceasing of burning wood when there is no other cheaper alternative.

D. MINUTES

Minutes from April 17, 2018, motion to approve minutes, carried without objection.

E. LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

1. Ordinance No. 2018-26 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21.28 FNSBC TO ADD DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR RETROFIT CONTROL DEVICES, INCLUDING ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS.”

(Sponsors: Mayor Kassel and Assemblymembers Roberts, Cooper and Lawrence). [Note: The following introduced ordinance may be discussed during the hearing - Ordinance 2018-20-1G, An Ordinance Amending the 2018-19 Budget By Appropriating \$458,000 From The General Fund Fund Balance To The Transit Enterprise Projects Fund For Wood Stove/Pellet Stove Retrofit Emissions Control Device Testing. (Sponsors: Mayor Kassel and Assemblymembers Roberts, Cooper and Lawrence)].

Assemblymember Lance Roberts presented the proposed ordinance 2018-26 to the commission. Mr. Roberts explained the benefits of adding retrofit control devices (RCD) now, (before the serious SIP is submitted), as part of the air quality program definition and code language, which would allow it to be added to the SIP without the possibility of backsliding. Explains the new stage restriction that the ordinance has, allowing using devices with RCD units to burn during certain burn restrictions. Much discussion between the commission and Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Nick Czarnecki (Air Quality Manager), presented the staff report. Based on the staff analysis, the Department of Transportation, Air Quality Division, recommended approval of ordinance 2018-26.

Public Hearing Opened

Jimmy Fox, resident of the Borough, speaks in support of the ordinance.

Wendy Mannan, resident of the Borough, speaks in support of the ordinance.

Patrice Lee, resident of the Borough, speaks about ESP installation, cleaning, testing, and other technical aspects of the devices. Not specifically in favor of the ordinance as written.

Christine Robbins, resident of the Borough, speaks in support of the ordinance.

Jesse Shadley, resident of the Borough, speaks in support of the ordinance.

Public Hearing Closed

Sponsor Mr. Roberts had no response after public testimony.

MOTION: Commissioner Cahill moves to recommend approval of Ordinance 2018-26.

Second by Commissioner Duffy.

Discussion opens by commission. Each commissioner weighs in on their level of support.

Motion to amend as follows by Cahill, Seconded by Duffy:

- 1) Include that the home owner maintain and operate per manufacturer's instructions
- 2) Edit line 167 to read 0.00028 lb/MMBTU

Motion to amend carried without objection.

MAIN MOTION ROLL CALL

___5___ in Favor: Commissioners Hook, Cahill, Duffy, Weltzin, Douglas.

__0__ Opposed: [LIST MEMBERS' NAMES]

MOTION CARRIED

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on Community Air Quality Stakeholders Group

Nick Czarnecki gives update on the Community Air Quality Stakeholders Group. Informs the commission of the diversity of the group's makeup, and how the group was formed to implement a package of control measures and regulations to be forwarded on to the Borough and the State for adoption. Several of the control measures are highlighted, and questions from the commission are answered.

G. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS [summarize as appropriate]

Chairperson's Comments – Ms. Hook states she was supportive of the ordinance. Concerned about the compliance of the curtailment in the community, and sees the community support and interest in this device (ESPs). Acknowledges past commissioner Kent Severns, who has just stepped down from the commission, and his contribution to the commission, and appreciates his commitment to the borough. The Air Quality conference is at the end of September, be aware of that. And will work for a date on a 4th quarter meeting.

Commissioner's Comments

--Commissioner Douglas – On lines 176 and 177, comments on the testing and how the representation in a Fairbanks winter seems to be missed.

--Commissioner Weltzin – this is a good step forward. And would like to hear about the data from the ESP testing from Citizens for Clean Air. And would like an update from the Stakeholders Group when finalized.

--Commissioner Duffy – no comment

--Commissioner Cahill – this is a good start, something that EPA could use, as far as data. Thanks everyone for their contributions, especially Assemblymember Roberts and his persistence on moving this forward.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.