FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Regular Assembly Meeting
February 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, February 14, 2019, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

There were present:

Matt Cooper, Presiding Officer and
Aaron Lojewski                 Liz Lyke
Christopher Quist             Shaun Tacke
Andrew M. Gray                Angela Major (Arr. 6:05 p.m.)
Leah Berman Williams          Marna Sanford

Comprising a quorum of the Assembly, and

Bryce J. Ward, Borough Mayor
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Cory Beal, Chief Procurement Officer
Glenn Miller, Transportation Director
Mayor Welch, City of North Pole Representative (Arr. 6:45 p.m.)
Wendy Dominique, School Board Representative
Michael Bredlie, Rural Services Manager
David Bredlie, Public Works Design and Construction Manager
Travis Smith, Facilities Maintenance Manager
Brian Charlton, Parks Project Coordinator
Adena Benn, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk
Melanie Desmond, Research Assistant

Absent and Excused

NONE
NONSECTARIAN INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Track 1, 00:26

Presiding Officer Cooper gave a nonsectarian invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

NONE

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY OTHER PROCEDURAL MOTIONS  
Track 1, 02:15

NONE

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS  
Track 1, 03:21

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.

    Dan Britton, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Resolution 2019-03.

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

    Brenna Carlson, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to Governor Dunleavy’s 33% budget cut to K-12 public education.

    Amy Geiger, resident of the borough and Explore Fairbanks Representative, gave an aurora borealis tourism update.

    Mike Kraft, resident of the borough, spoke regarding the air pollution problem in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, in particular the area surrounding Woodriver Elementary School.

    Mike Prax, resident of the borough, spoke regarding Governor Dunleavy’s budget and the importance of seeing both sides of issues, not just charging ahead without the facts.

    Patrice Lee, resident of the borough, spoke in opposition to Governor Dunleavy’s budget, specifically how persons with disabilities will be affected by cuts to Medicaid.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA
Track 1, 27:39

Assemblymember Lojewski declared a potential conflict of interest on Item 9.d. under Communications to the Assembly as the appointee, Mr. Meeks, has served as a personal reference for him. The Chair ruled a conflict did not exist because the action is only concurring with the Mayor's appointment to the Commission.

The Clerk read the consent agenda.

TACKE, Seconded by GRAY
moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as read.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Track 1, 27:39

a. Regular Assembly Meeting minutes of January 24, 2019.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY
Track 1, 30:55

a. IFB Award: IFB Number 19022
Ladd Elementary School Exterior Wall Improvements

Approval of Base Bid as submitted by Kirkland Built, Inc. in the amount of $777,066.00.

Cory Beal, Chief Procurement Officer, gave a staff report.

GRAY, Seconded by TACKE
moved to award IFB Number 19022, Ladd Elementary School Exterior Wall Improvements, approval of Base Bid as submitted by Kirkland Built, Inc. in the amount of $777,066.00.

Discussion ensued.
COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO AWARD IFB NUMBER 19022, LADD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXTERIOR WALL IMPROVEMENTS, APPROVAL OF BASE BID AS SUBMITTED BY KIRKLAND BUILT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $777,066.00.

Yeses: Quist, Gray, Tacke, Lyke, Sanford, Williams, Lojewski, Major, Cooper

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

b. IFB Award: IFB Number 19042
   Air Filters for Facilities Maintenance

   Approval of Lot Three in the amount of $20,013.36, Lot Four in the amount of $4,096.32, and Lot Five in the amount of $5,142.00 as submitted by Refrigeration Supplies Distributors for the initial contract period, and an estimated total contract amount of $146,258.40 if the four one-year renewal options are exercised.

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

c. Memorandum from Mayor Ward recommending the appointment of Gregory Barker to the Chena Riverfront Commission.

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

d. Memorandum from Mayor Ward recommending the appointment of Mike Meeks to the Economic Development Commission.

   Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.
MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR
Track 1, 33:57

Mayor Ward provided a written report to the Assembly and highlighted the following:

- Governor Dunleavy’s revised budget was released and the Mayor’s Office is preparing their report to take to Juneau for discussion with the legislature.
- Talks are taking place with the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Foundation to provide air quality education as part of state licensing credits for doctors and nurses.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES
Track 1, 36:24

Assemblymember Williams reported the Sustainability Commission met and passed the Sustainability Plan which will be presented at the February 21 Committee of the Whole Worksession.

Assemblymember Quist reported the potential third budget worksession will be held Monday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m., if needed. He reported his first “Office Hours” event was uneventful and that he will continue to host at various venues around town.

Assemblymember Lyke reported the Salcha-Badger Road Area Plan Working Group met and will have their draft plan available for public comment on February 25 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the North Pole Library, and on February 28 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Salcha Senior Center.

Assemblymember Tacke reported the FMATS/FAST Planning board meeting is rescheduled to February 27 at 12:00 p.m.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES
Track 2, 00:36

a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

NONE

b. Report from the City of North Pole Representative.

Mayor Welch reported:

- Legislative Priorities are finalized and will be presented in Juneau.
- Commented on Governor Dunleavy’s budget.
- Implementation of Fairbanks Natural Gas storage tanks is progressing.
REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – continued

c. Report from the School Board Representative.

School Board President Wendy Dominique reported:

- Governor Dunleavy’s budget will hit the FNSBSD hard.
- Public Hearing on the proposed FY2019/2020 budget is scheduled for March 4 at 6:30 p.m. Information is available on the school district’s website, k12northstar.org.
- No school on February 18th and 19th due to Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- The FNSBSD and the FNSB will need to work together to get through this budget session.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

a. Marijuana License – New – Retail Store – License #16579
   Track 2, 10:11

   Grass Station, LLC
   DBA: Grass Station 49
   2502 Parks Hwy
   Fairbanks, AK 99709

   Assemblymember Quist declared a potential conflict of interest on Marijuana License #16579 as his mother-in-law and father-in-law own a marijuana cultivation business. The Chair ruled a conflict did exist and Mr. Quist was excused from the dais.

   Assemblymember Sanford declared a potential conflict of interest on Marijuana License #16579 as she is an investor in a marijuana cultivation business. The Chair ruled a conflict did exist and Ms. Sanford was excused from the dais.

   Assemblymember Tacke declared a potential conflict of interest on Marijuana License #16579 as he is part owner of a marijuana product manufacturing facility. The Chair ruled a conflict did exist and Mr. Tacke was excused from the dais.

   Jim Williams, Chief of Staff, gave a staff report.

   The Presiding Officer called for public testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.
PUBLIC HEARING – continued

GRAY, Seconded by WILLIAMS

    moved to file no protest against New – Retail Store - Marijuana License #16579.

Discussion ensued.

Yeses: Williams, Gray, Lojewski, Lyke, Major, Cooper

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 0 Noes

    Assemblymembers Quist, Sanford and Tacke returned to the dais.

b. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04. An Ordinance Providing For An Election For Tax Revenue Cap Revision To The Seavy Service Area. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

    Track 2, 13:04

    Michael Bredlie, Rural Services Manager, gave a staff report.

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

TACKE, Seconded by GRAY

    moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-04.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04.

Yeses: Lyke, Quist, Sanford, Tacke, Lojewski, Gray, Williams, Major, Cooper

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

c. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05. An Ordinance Providing For An Election For Tax Revenue Cap Revision To The Pleasureland Service Area. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

    Track 2, 15:04

    Michael Bredlie, Rural Services Manager, gave a staff report.

    The Presiding Officer called for public testimony.
PUBLIC HEARING – continued

Aaron Vanderweele, resident of the borough, spoke regarding Ordinance No. 2019-05.

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

TACKE, Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-05.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05.

Yeses: Gray, Williams, Lyke, Tacke, Quist, Sanford, Major, Cooper

Noes: Lojewski

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 1 Noes

d. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC Title 16 To Authorize The Procurement Of Supplies, Equipment And Services To School District Officials, And Authorizing The Delegation Of Procurement Authority For Certain Construction Projects. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Track 2, 24:50

Cory Beal, Chief Procurement Officer, gave a staff report.

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

GRAY, Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-07.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07.

Yeses: Quist, Gray, Tacke, Sanford, Lyke, Williams, Lojewski, Major, Cooper

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes
PUBLIC HEARING – continued

e. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20-1R.** An Ordinance Amending The FY 2018-19 Budget By Appropriating $39,055 In Federal Pass-Through Grant Funding To The Special Revenue Fund To Offset The Cost Of The First Three Years Of Operations And Maintenance Of Motor Vehicle Plug-Ins Installed At The Fairbanks North Star Borough's Noel Wien Library And North Pole Branch Library. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

   Track 2, 26:58

   Glenn Miller, Transportation Director, gave a staff report.

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

   TACKE, Seconded by WILLIAMS

   Discussion ensued.

   VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20-1R.

   Yeses: Sanford, Lojewski, Williams, Quist, Gray, Lyke, Tacke, Major, Cooper

   Noes: None

   MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

f. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20-1S.** An Ordinance Amending The FY 2018-19 Budget By Changing The Estimated Revenues For $48,154 Of The Match To The Federal Transit Administration, Section 5307 Transit Operating Assistance Grant From Local Sources To State Grant Funds And By Appropriating $48,154 To The Transit Enterprise Operating Fund To Continue The Increased Headway On The Red, Brown And Purple Lines. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

   Track 2, 31:39

   Glenn Miller, Transportation Director, gave a staff report.

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

   TACKE, Seconded by GRAY

   moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-20-1S.
PUBLIC HEARING – continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20-1S.

Yeses: Gray, Sanford, Lyke, Quist, Lojewski, Williams, Tacke, Major, Cooper

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

g. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20-1T. An Ordinance Amending The FY 2018-19 Budget By Appropriating $201,779 In Federal Grant Funding And $20,029 In Local Matching Funds From The General Fund Fund Balance To The Capital Projects Fund For The Restroom Replacement And Access Improvements Project At Chena Lake Recreation Area. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Track 2, 33:45

Assemblymember Lojewski declared a potential conflict of interest on Ordinance No. 2018-20-1T as his business patrons use the Chena Lake Restrooms. The Chair ruled a conflict did not exist.

Brian Charlton, Parks Project Coordinator, gave a staff report.

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

TACKE, Seconded by WILLIAMS moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-20-1T.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20-1T.

Yeses: Williams, Lyke, Lojewski, Sanford, Quist, Tacke, Gray, Major, Cooper

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes
CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – Unfinished Business

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03. A Resolution Supporting Conversion From Diesel And Gasoline To Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicles For All Transit Revenue Service Vehicles Within The Fairbanks North Star Borough Transportation Department. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Track 2, 36:19

Clerk’s Note: On January 10, 2019 a motion to adopt was made by Assemblymember Quist and seconded by Assemblymember Sanford.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03.

Yeses: Williams, Sanford, Gray, Lyke, Major, Cooper

Noes: Lojewski, Tacke, Quist

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 3 Noes

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – Limited To Three (3) Minutes (Continuation if needed)

Track 3, 00:03

a. items that are not scheduled for public hearing – continuation.

Partrice Lee, resident of the borough, reported a safety issue on the easement between Lowes and Walmart.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04. A Resolution Authorizing The Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor To Sign The Intergovernmental Operating Agreement And Memorandum Of Understanding For Transportation And Air Quality Planning And The Memorandum Of Understanding For The Operation Of The Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation Planning Office. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Track 1, 39:50

Mayor Ward gave a staff report.

TACKE, Seconded by SANFORD moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-04.
CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions - continued

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04.

Yeses: Lyke, Tacke, Gray, Williams, Quist, Lojewski, Sanford, Major, Cooper

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

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, 27:39

a. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC Title 10 Regarding Abandoned Vehicles And Vehicle Impoundment, Chapter 12.04 FNSBC Regarding Encroachments, And Related Portions Of Chapter 1.20 FNSBC, Fine Schedule. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on February 21, 2019; Advanced to February 28, 2019 for Public Hearing.

b. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-09. An Ordinance Amending FNSB Code Of Ordinances To Modify Any And All Masculine And/Or Feminine Language To Gender Neutral Pronouns; And To Amend FNSBC 1.04.080 Regarding Gender. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Williams)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on February 21, 2019; Advanced to February 28, 2019 for Public Hearing.
CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Ordinances To Be Introduced And Advanced To Public Hearing - continued

c. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC Title 18 Regarding Small Wireless Facilities And To Amend The Definitions Of And Standards For Communication Towers, And Amending Chapter 21.05 FNSBC, Street Address Assignments. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Planning Commission on February 26, 2019 with recommendation due back no later than March 12, 2019; Referred to the Committee of the Whole on March 21, 2019; Advanced to March 28, 2019 for Public Hearing.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS – Limited To 3 Minutes (Continuation if needed)
Track 3, 03:30

b. Items that are not scheduled on the agenda.

Mike Prax, resident of the borough, thanked the assembly for its discussion on Resolution 2019-03.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER’S COMMENTS
Track 3, 1:04:42

Assemblymember Tacke wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day and stated that budgets have consequences, learn about your candidates.

Assemblymember Lyke commented the budget looks overwhelming and seems to hit our school children the hardest.

Assemblymember Gray commented it has been a tense couple of days at UAF, and spoke about the potential impacts to the FNSB.

Assemblymember Major commented it is important to show support to each other during these trying times.

Assemblymember Sanford commented she spent the week in Juneau and she enjoyed the process of the public rallying together for what they believe in. Ms. Sanford suggested it is time for the assembly to take a position on income tax, oil revenue and tax credits.

Assemblymember Lojewski stated this is only a proposed budget by Governor Dunleavy and suggested important conversations will have to take place.
ASSEMBLYMEMBER’S COMMENTS - continued

Assemblymember Williams, who works at UAF, reassured the public that UAF is committed to its students and the economy of the State of Alaska and stated she has confidence the legislature will support education.

Assemblymember Quist wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Mayor Ward wished everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Presiding Office Cooper urged everyone to be compassionate and kind to residents who may be feeling extra stress due to the government shutdown and Governor Dunleavy’s proposed budget.

Assembly Schedule for the week of February 18, 2019:

- Monday, February 18th the FNSB Juanita Helms Administration Center will be closed in observance of President’s Day.

- Thursday, February 21st, Committee of the Whole worksession at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk by
Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Borough Clerk

APPROVED: February 28, 2019