FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Reconvened Regular Assembly Meeting
May 9, 2019
6:00 p.m.

A May 2, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was reconvened on Thursday, May 9, 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

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<td>Aaron Lojewski</td>
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<td>Angela Major</td>
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<td>Leah Berman Williams</td>
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<td>Christopher Quist</td>
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Comprising a quorum of the Assembly, and
Bryce J. Ward, Borough Mayor
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Debbie Brady, Chief Financial Officer
Ivar Halvarson, Borough Assessor
Christine Nelson, Community Planning Director
Blake Moore, Computer Services Director
David Gibbs, Emergency Operations Director
Sallie Stuves, Human Resources Director
Melissa Harter, Library Director
Mike Bork, Parks & Recreation Director
David Bredlie, Public Works Director
Glenn Miller, Transportation Director
Tim Doran, School Board Representative
Diane Borgeson, Financial Specialist to the CFO
Peggy Macdonald, Treasury/Budget Manager
Janet Smith, Public Works Deputy Director
Michael Bredlie, Rural Services Manager
Travis Smith, Facilities Maintenance Manager
Donna Brooks, Treasury/Budget Assistant Manager
Steve Taylor, Recreation Superintendent
Rene Van Nort, Library Administrative Manager
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk
Adena Benn, CMC, Deputy Borough Clerk

Absent and Excused
NONE
PRESENTATIONS
Track 1, 01:10

Mayor Ward read and presented a proclamation to John Rathbun, Facility Custodian, Parks & Recreation, for May employee of the month.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

a. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-20. An Ordinance Appropriating Funds As Listed For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019; Ratifying Fiscal Policies And User Fees; Levying Taxes; And Amending Subsections 2.08.020(A) And 2.08.030(C) Of The Fairbanks North Star Borough Code Of Ordinances To Change A Department Name. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 1, 03:03

Clerk’s Note: Public hearing was closed and Ordinance No. 2019-20 was moved at the Regular Assembly meeting of May 2, 2019.

Discussion ensued.

QUIST, Seconded by GRAY

moved to substitute Attachments A and C.

Discussion ensued

TACKE Seconded by WILLIAMS

moved to amend Page 663, by decreasing Debt Services by $17,276 and by decreasing the General Fund contribution to the Debt Service Fund by the same amount.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING - continued

TACKE, Seconded by GRAY

moved to amend Page 337, Line 23 by increasing by $775 and decreasing Line 24 by $642, for a total on Line 25 of $133; amend Page 339, Line 38 by increasing Other Contractual Services by $256,257 and decreasing Line 39 by $256,257 for a total on Line 42 of $0; amend Page 339, Line 43 by increasing by $115,605, increasing Line 44 by $12,845, and by decreasing Line 45 by $12,845, for a total on Line 48 of $115,605; amend Page 692 adding the Human Services Community Matching Grant in the amount of $269,744, Local Cash Match of $115,605, and Total Grant and Cash Match of $385,350.

Discussion ensued.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

TACKE, Seconded by GRAY

moved to amend Pages 622-623 by adding a line to Permanent Salaries to show a decrease of $74,720, and by adding a line to Benefits to show a decrease of $45,280 for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities grant; and amend Page 692 to add Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities matching grant of $120,000.

Discussion ensued.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

Discussion ensued.

Presiding Officer Cooper passed the gavel to Deputy Presiding Officer Major.
SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING - continued

COOPER, Seconded by TACKE moved to amend Pages 39 and 49 to allow Financial Services to make the necessary budget adjustments to increase State Revenue: Aid for School Construction and decrease Areawide Property Taxes by the amount appropriated in the State budget if signed by the governor prior to Mill Levy setting in June.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND PAGES 39 AND 49 TO ALLOW FINANCIAL SERVICES TO MAKE THE NECESSARY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO INCREASE STATE REVENUE: AID FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND DECREASE AREAWIDE PROPERTY TAXES BY THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET IF SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR PRIOR TO MILL LEVY SETTING IN JUNE.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

COOPER, Seconded by GRAY moved to amend Page 39 by decreasing areawide current taxes by $1,310,434, and increasing the contribution from the General Fund fund balance by the same amount, designating it for tax reduction pursuant to FNSBC 8.04.280.

Discussion ensued.

SANFORD, Seconded by GRAY moved to amend the amendment by decreasing areawide taxes by the amount in excess of 17% of the FY 19 General Fund fund balance appropriation level at the adoption of the final budget, designating it for tax reduction pursuant to FNSBC 8.04.280.

Discussion ensued.
SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING - continued

The Chair ruled a vote on the amendment to the amendment would carry the main amendment.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT BY DECREASING AREAWIDE TAXES BY THE AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF 17% OF THE FY 19 GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION LEVEL AT THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET DESIGNATING IT FOR TAX REDUCTION PURSUANT TO FNSBC 8.04.280.

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Yeses, 0 Noes

Deputy Presiding Officer Major passed the gavel back to Presiding Officer Cooper.

Discussion ensued.

QUIST, Seconded by TACKE moved to amend Multi-Year Program #13 on Page 681 of the FY20 Recommended Budget by increasing the amount for Community Planning – Code Enforcement Clean-Up Program by $40,000 for a program total of $80,000.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM #13 ON PAGE 681 OF THE FY20 RECOMMENDED BUDGET BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING – CODE ENFORCEMENT CLEAN-UP PROGRAM BY $40,000 FOR A PROGRAM TOTAL OF $80,000.

Yeses: Tacke, Quist, Sanford

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

MOTION FAILED 3 Yeses, 6 Noes

Discussion ensued.
SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING - continued

LOJEWSKI, Seconded by TACKE
moved to amend, contingent on the Borough not receiving school bond debt reimbursement, to use the General Fund to buy down the mill rate by 50% of the loss of expected revenue.

Discussion ensued.

LOJEWSKI, Seconded by TACKE
moved to amend the amendment by changing 50% to 25%.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT BY CHANGING 50% TO 25%.

Yeses: Lojewski, Williams, Gray, Tacke, Quist, Cooper

Noes: Sanford, Lyke, Major

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 3 Noes

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND CONTINGENT ON THE BOROUGH NOT RECEIVING SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT, TO USE THE GENERAL FUND TO BUY DOWN THE MILL RATE BY 25% OF THE LOSS OF EXPECTED REVENUE, AS AMENDED.

Yeses: Sanford, Gray, Tacke, Lojewski, Cooper

Noes: Quist, Williams, Lyke, Major

MOTION CARRIED 5 Yeses, 4 Noes
MAJOR, Seconded by QUIST moved that the Borough Assembly is designating that the use of General Fund fund balance, to balance the budget, is being done in order to reduce the amount of property taxes levied on the taxpayer pursuant to FNSBC 8.04.280.

VOTE ON MOTION THAT THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IS DESIGNATING THAT THE USE OF GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE, TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, IS BEING DONE IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED ON THE TAXPAYER PURSUANT TO FNSBC 8.04.280.

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

Noes: Lojewski

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 1 Noes

TACKE, Seconded by WILLIAMS moved to allow Financial Services to make the necessary budget adjustments to balance the approved budget and finalize the approved budget ordinance.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ALLOW FINANCIAL SERVICES TO MAKE THE NECESSARY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO BALANCE THE APPROVED BUDGET AND FINALIZE THE APPROVED BUDGET ORDINANCE.

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

Noes: Lojewski

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 1 Noes

Discussion ensued. The Chair ruled a vote to substitute Attachments A and C would carry the main motion.
SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING - continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE ATTACHMENTS A AND C AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2019-20, AS AMENDED.

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

Noes: Lojewski

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 1 Noes

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

Track 2, 45:56

b. Items that are not scheduled on the agenda.

Patrice Lee, resident of the borough, invited the Assembly and the public to view the electrostatic precipitator (ESP) demonstration at Jeanne Olson’s home, located at 1890 Hollowell Road.

Robert Pavlik, resident of the borough, spoke regarding the mill rate increase and encouraged limiting spending.

Mike Prax, resident of the borough, thanked the Assembly for their work on the FY19/20 budget and spoke regarding the DEC attainment plan. Mr. Prax suggested that now is the time to engage the public regarding how to fund services without the need to further raise taxes.

Gabrielle Larry, resident of the borough, spoke regarding property taxes and fiscal responsibility. Ms. Larry suggested wider reaching advertising for borough meetings.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER’S COMMENTS

Track 3, 01:10

Mayor Ward reported the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will make available for public comment the draft Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP) by May 13; the Fairbanks Chamber Weekly Business Luncheon will be held on May 13; and a Muffins with the Mayor event will take place at the North Pole Library on May 16.

Assemblymember Tacke thanked the Mayor and Finance Department for putting together a solid budget including funding facilities maintenance reserve.

Assemblymember Lyke spoke about the challenges of the budget process.
ASSEMBLYMEMBER'S COMMENTS - continued

Assemblymember Gray thanked everyone for participating in the budget process.

School Board Representative Doran thanked the Assembly for their support to education and our community.

Assemblymember Lojewski thanked the Mayor and the Assembly for their work during the budget process.

Assemblymember Quist thanked the Mayor for presenting a good budget and providing much needed services to the citizens of the borough, and thanked the Assembly for their work.

Presiding Officer Cooper thanked the Mayor's Office, the Finance Department, the Assembly and the public for their hard work on the budget. Mr. Cooper reported he was happy to be presenting what is essentially a flat budget, even in these uncertain times, and expressed hope that the legislature would make good on their promise to fund school bond debt reimbursement.

Assembly Schedule for the week of May 13:

- Thursday, May 16: Assembly 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 8:12 p.m.

Matt Cooper
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: June 13, 2019