

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Regular Assembly Meeting
April 9, 2020
6:02 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, April 9, 2020 in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

There were present and appearing telephonically:

Christopher Quist, Deputy Presiding Officer and

Marna Sanford	Frank Tomaszewski
Mindy O'Neall	Aaron Lojewski
Jimi Cash	Liz Lyke
Leah Berman Williams	

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
Michelle Denton, Transportation Director
Shoshana Kun, City of Fairbanks Representative (Arr. 6:13 p.m.)
Aino Welch, North Pole Representative (Arr. 6:17 p.m.)
Tim Doran, School Board Representative
Nick Czarnecki, Air Quality Manager
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk

Absent & Excused

Matt Cooper

NONSECTARIAN INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Track 1, 01:19

Deputy Presiding Officer Quist 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, 05:30

Clerk's Note: The Deputy Presiding Officer reordered the agenda to hear Item 10 Messages from The Mayor prior to Item 12 Reports from Representatives.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Track 1, 07:17

- 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.

Mike Prax, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2020-19.

Randy Griffin, resident of the borough, spoke against Resolution No. 2020-19.

John Mowery, resident of the borough, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2020-19.

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

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Track 1, 34:40

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by CASH

moved to approve the agenda as amended
and consent agenda as read.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED AND CONSENT AGENDA,
AS READ.

Yeses: Williams, Cash, Tomaszewski, O’Neill,
Sanford, Lojewski, Lyke, Quist

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Track 1, 34:40

a. Special Assembly Meeting minutes of March 19, 2020.

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

NONE

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

Track 2, 00:20

Mayor Ward commented on:

- The Economic Development Commission met to define goals and objectives to be used to help aid economic recovery post COVID-19.
- Update on FNSB’s COVID-19 operational closures due to the Governor’s mandates.
- The impacts of the Governor’s vetoes of 100% of school bond debt reimbursement funding on the FNSB budget are being discussed and will be brought up at Saturday’s budget worksession.
- Clint Brooks, Commander, Interior Alaska Unified Command, gave an update on current local statistics and recommendations.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Track 1, 40:14

Assemblymember O'Neill reported the Economic Development Commission met on Tuesday to discuss creation and implementation of an economic recovery plan for post COVID-19. The commission will meet weekly and encourages public involvement in the process.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Track 2, 23:11

a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

Council Member Shoshana Kun reported on:

- The land we are sitting on right now is unceded Lower Tanana Chena Dené land.
- All City services are fully functional, though City Hall is closed to the public at this time.
- Discussions on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on city finances are ongoing.
- Mayor Matherly is advocating for the use of face masks when out in public.
- Numerous local agencies are coordinating to make sure citizens stay safe.

b. Report from the City of North Pole Representative.

Council Member Aino Welch reported on:

- Mayor Welch is back at work after testing negative for COVID-19.
- The Mayor has an emergency declaration ready, pending attorney review.
- North Pole City Hall is operational, with several employees out due to COVID-19 concerns and employees working from home when appropriate.
- Sales tax revenues are expected to see \$1.5-2 million in losses.
- Mayor Welch asks that people please mask up and take care of each other during this trying time.
- Mayor Welch supports FNSB Resolution No. 2020-19, a resolution supporting Governor Dunleavy's Alaska COVID-19 Economic Stabilization Plan and payment of a full dividend.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES - continued

c. Report from the School Board Representative.

School Board Vice President Tim Doran reported on:

- Thanked parents and students for their engagement in the learning process.
- Teachers, staff and administration have been working to implement procedures and processes for distance education since schools will remain closed for the rest of the school year.
- Online and offline instruction opportunities are available. Contact your child's school if you have any questions.
- Information and support services can be found at k12northstar.org.
- The school district is making every effort to ensure students age 18 and younger are fed through the end of the school year under a federally mandated program.
- The school board will present its FY20-21 budget at the FNSB Finance Committee meeting on April 16, 2020, public input is encouraged.
- The school board will make final recommendations on its budget once local and state funding has been determined.
- The next board meeting is April 21 at 6:00 p.m. via videoconference.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

Track 2, 44:17

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-20-1X. An Ordinance Amending The FY 2019-20 Budget By Appropriating \$451,505 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 Carlson Center And The Big Dipper. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Nick Czarnecki, Air Quality Manager and Michelle Denton, Transportation Director gave a staff report.

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

WILLIAMS,
Seconded by CASH

moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-20-1X.

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING - continued

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2019-20-1X.

Yeses: Lyke, Tomaszewski, Sanford, Cash,
Lojewski, O’Neill, Williams, Quist

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 8 Yeses, 0 Noes

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – Unfinished Business

NONE

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

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

NONE

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19. A Resolution Supporting Governor Dunleavy’s Alaska COVID-19 Economic Stabilization Plan And Payment Of A Full, Statutory Permanent Fund Dividend. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Tomaszewski)
Track 2, 53:25

Assemblymember Tomaszewski gave a staff report.

CASH, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-19.
Seconded by LOJEWSKI

Discussion ensued

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19.

Yeses: Cash, Tomaszewski, Lojewski

Noes: Lyke, O’Neill, Williams, Sanford, Quist

MOTION FAILED 3 Yeses, 5 Noes

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions - continued

- b. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21. A Resolution Specifying The Minimum Amount Of Money To Be Made Available From Local Sources To The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District For School Purposes During Fiscal Year 2020-21.
(Sponsor: Mayor Ward)
Track 3, 31:35

Mayor Ward gave a staff report.

WILLIAMS, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-21.
Seconded by CASH

Discussion ensued.

TOMASZEWSKI, moved to amend Line 59 by replacing
Seconded by LOJEWSKI \$48,000,000 with \$30,283,537.

Discussion ensued

LOJEWSKI, moved to amend the amendment by
Seconded by SANFORD replacing \$30,283,537 with \$47,000,000.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT BY REPLACING \$30,283,537 WITH \$47,000,000.

Yeses: Cash, Sanford, Williams, Lojewski, Quist

Noes: Tomaszewski, O'Neall, Lyke

MOTION CARRIED 5 Yeses, 3 Noes

Discussion ensued

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR – New Business – Resolutions - continued

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND BY REPLACING \$48,000,000 WITH \$47,000,000, AS AMENDED.

Yeses: Lojewski, Sanford, Cash, Tomaszewski

Noes: Lyke, O’Neill, Williams, Quist

MOTION FAILED 4 Yeses, 4 Noes

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-19.

Yeses: Williams, Lojewski, Cash, Sanford, O’Neill, Lyke, Quist

Noes: Tomaszewski

MOTION CARRIED 7 Yeses, 1 Noes

- c. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22. A Resolution Approving Certain Unincorporated Communities And Their Respective Incorporated Nonprofit Entity/Entities For Participation In The FY 2020-21 Community Assistance Program. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

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

- d. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23. A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Submit To The Alaska Department Of Fish And Game Hunter Access Grant Program Multiple Proposals For The Accessibility, Safety, And Capacity Building Improvements At The Fairbanks North Star Borough Shooting Range. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

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

- e. RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20. A Resolution Establishing The Rate Of Levy Of 2020 Real Property Taxes For Areawide, Non-Areawide, Solid Waste Collection District, And Service Areas Jurisdictions. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward) (Advance to June 11, 2020)

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, 34:40

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 3.16.030 Conduct Of Debate And Discussion To Allow The FNSB Assembly To Postpone To A Certain Time Other Than The Date Of The Next Regular Assembly Meeting. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Cooper)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Committee of the Whole on April 16, 2020; Advanced to April 23, 2020 Public Hearing.

- b. ORDINANCE NO. 2019-20-1Y. An Ordinance Amending The FY 2019-20 Budget By Appropriating \$54,100 From The Solid Waste Collection District Fund Fund Balance For A Code Enforcement Program With Two Code Enforcement Officers And A Manager Position For The Remainder Of FY 2019-20; Authorizing 3.0 Full Time Equivalent, Permanent Employee Positions; And Amending FNSBC Title 1 Regarding Code Enforcement Officer Designations, To Include The Designation Of Solid Waste Collection District Code Enforcement Officers. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on April 16, 2020; Advanced to April 23, 2020 Public Hearing.

- c. ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20. An Ordinance Appropriating Funds As Listed For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020; Ratifying Fiscal Policies And User Fees; And Levying Taxes. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

Without objection the measure was read by title, introduced and referred under the consent agenda to the Finance Committee on April 11 and 18, 2020; Advanced to May 7, 2020 Public Hearing.

CITIZEN'S 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

ASSEMBLYMEMBER'S COMMENTS

Track 3, 1:11:57

Assemblymember Williams reminded everyone of the Finance Committee budget worksession Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Assemblymember Cash reported the CARES Act as a source for education grant funding and suggested this budget session will be different than those in the past due to the fiscal unknowns surrounding the current pandemic.

Assemblymember Lyke advocated for continued vigilance in personal healthcare by washing hands and wearing a face mask when in public. Ms. Lyke reported that now is a good time to listen to those who need the most help.

Assemblymember O'Neill cautioned against relying on potential COVID-19 recovery funds to backfill the budget. Ms. O'Neill urged everyone to take the COVID-19 virus seriously and to remember that with freedom comes responsibility.

Assemblymember Sanford commented emotions can run high during budget worksessions and encouraged the assembly to remember they are all working together for the common good.

Assemblymember Tomaszewski reported he believes the assembly missed the opportunity to help the citizens of Fairbanks tonight. Mr. Tomaszewski offered masks to his fellow assemblymembers and reminded everyone to be safe and wash your hands.

Assemblymember Lojewski advised against checking stock portfolios at the current time. Mr. Lojewski commented that due to his emergency planning strategy his business is weathering the current economic storm well and stressed the importance on others to establish similar practices. Mr. Lojewski commented we will get through this trying time.

Tim Doran, School Board Vice President, thanked the assembly for their action on Resolution No. 2020-19 and the support it shows for our community. Mr. Doran encouraged transparency in the budget process and empathized with the assembly on their work on the budget.

Deputy Presiding Officer Quist thanked everyone for practicing social distancing and encouraged wearing masks. Mr. Quist stressed the importance of continuing to conduct essential borough business and urged the public to stay involved by visiting the webpage "Stay Connected With The Assembly" at fnsb.us, where citizens can review upcoming agendas, submit written testimony, sign up to testify telephonically and obtain information on how to participate in meetings via ZOOM.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER'S COMMENTS - continued

Assembly Schedule for Week of April 13, 2020:

- Thursday, April 16, Special Joint Worksession at 5:30 p.m in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers, Finance Committee at 7:00 p.m. with the Committee of the Whole immediately following.
- Saturday, April 18, Finance Committee Budget Worksession at 9:00 a.m. Printed budget books are in your mailboxes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Christopher Quist
Deputy Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: May 7, 2020