

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Regular Assembly Meeting
May 6, 2010
6:00 p.m.

A Regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly was held Thursday, May 6, 2010, in the Assembly Chambers of the Borough Administrative Offices, 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks, Alaska.

There were present:

Mike Musick, Presiding Officer and

Guy Sattley	Hank Bartos
Matt Want	Nadine Winters
Joseph Blanchard II	Kelly Brown
Natalie Howard	Tim Beck

Comprising a quorum of the Assembly, and

Luke T. Hopkins, Borough Mayor
Jeff Jacobson, Chief of Staff
Rene Broker, Borough Attorney
Pat Carlson, Borough Assessor
Bernardo Hernandez, Director, Community Planning
David Gibbs, Director, Emergency Operations
Michael Lamb, Chief Financial Officer
Mary Beth Overturf, Director, General Services
Sallie Stuvek, Director, Human Resources
Paul Costello, Director, Land Management
Greg Hill, Director, Library
Michael Cox, Director, Parks and Recreation
Scott Johnson, Director, Public Works
David Leone, Acting Director, Transportation
Jim Connors, Transportation
Sean Rice, School Board Representative
Mayor Doug Isaacson, North Pole Representative
Mona Drexler, Borough Clerk
Nanci Ashford, Deputy Borough Clerk
Amanda Towse, Research Assistant

ABSENT & EXCUSED

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Track 1 1:32

The Clerk read the consent agenda.

WINTERS,
Seconded by BROWN

moved to approve the agenda and
consent agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

Track 1 2:56

Mayor Hopkins presented Katie Weisenbeck from the Department of Parks and Recreation as "Employee of the Month" for the month of May 2010.

Mayor Hopkins presented Sallie Stuvek from the Department of Human Resources with Resolution 2010-18 thanking and honoring her as Acting Chief of Staff.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Track 1 10:37

a. Citizen's Comments are limited to items under Communications only.

None

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY

a. Report from the City of Fairbanks Representative.

None

b. Report from the City of North Pole Representative.

Track 1 10:50

Mayor Doug Isaacson commented on the following:

- Commented on new Physical Therapy building
- Announced July 3' 2010 Summer Festival

c. Report from the School Board Representative.

Track 1 10:50

Representative Sean Rice commented on upcoming graduations.

- d. Bid Award: IFB No. 10053
Lathrop high School Exterior Building Upgrade

Approval of Base Bid as submitted by Ghemm Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,374,000.00.

Track 1, 2:16

Without objection the measure was introduced, read and approved by title only.

WINTERS, moved to award.
Seconded by BROWN

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

- e. Bid Award: IFB No. 10055
Pioneer Park Parking Lot Phase II

Approval of Base Bid as submitted by Great Northwest, Inc. in the amount of \$764,860.00.

Track 1 2:33

Without objection the measure was introduced, read and approved by title only.

WINTERS, moved to award.
Seconded by BROWN

WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

MESSAGES FROM THE BOROUGH MAYOR

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES

None

SPECIAL ORDERS – PUBLIC HEARING

Track 1 13:10

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2010-20. An Ordinance Appropriating Funds As Listed For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, Ratifying Fiscal Policies And User Fees, Statements Of Appropriating Intent And Levying Taxes. (Sponsor: Mayor Hopkins)

Michael Lamb CFO gave staff report.

The presiding officer called for public testimony.

Nancy Wagner, Superintendent of schools and resident of the Borough, spoke in support of the Mayor's budget and the one million dollar increase for public education. She also spoke in detail about the need for a budget increase for the school district and the effort to control costs by the Borough School District.

Sue Hull, resident of the Borough and School Board Member, spoke on behalf of President, Leslie Hajdukovich. She spoke in support of the Mayor's budget increase request for the school district and the cuts that the School District has made to keep spending to a minimum.

Kelley Hegarty, resident of the Borough and community planner, spoke in support of the Mayor's budget and specifically to the Department of Community Planning's budget.

Deb Horner, resident of the Borough, community planner and former member of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Planning Commission, spoke in support of Department of Community Planning's budget and the importance in finding a balance.

Nickolas Nugent, resident of the Borough, Chairman of Parks and Recreation Commission and former president of the Nordic Ski Club, spoke in support of the Department of Parks and Recreation budget. He also spoke in opposition to a user fee or gate at Birch Hill.

Mary Richards, resident of the Borough, Chair of Fairbanks Convention and Visitor's Bureau, thanked the Assembly for their support in the budget and spoke in support of the Mayor's budget.

Sylvia Ward Schultz, resident of the Borough, spoke in support of Mayor's budget for the School District.

Nina Harun, long time resident of the Borough, spoke in support of the Mayor's budget for education. She spoke in detail about the special education program and suggested that the Assembly volunteer at local schools.

Bob Henszey, resident of the Borough, spoke in support of the Mayor's budget and in particular, Department of Community Planning.

Chad Schumacher, resident of the Borough and general manager of Superior Pellet Fuels, spoke in support of the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation (FEDC). He spoke in support of fully funding the FEDC.

Joe Hayes, resident of the Borough, spoke in support of full funding of the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation. He also spoke in support of the funding for the School District as proposed in the Mayor's budget.

David Van Den Burg, resident of the Borough, spoke in support of the Mayor's budget to invest in the community and in particular supported the Department of Community Planning.

William Sackinger, long time resident of the Borough and former faculty member at University of Alaska Fairbanks, spoke in support of the Mayor's request to fund the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation. In addition he spoke of the need to create new jobs within the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

Damian Thomas, resident of the Borough, spoke in support of the Mayor's budget and in specific the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation's (FEDC) budget. As an example, he spoke of the Pellet project that was brought to Fairbanks by the FEDC.

Steve Lundgren, resident of the Borough, Executive Vice President of Denali State Bank and representing Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation(FEDC), spoke in support of the Mayor's budget and in particular the FEDC's budget. He also spoke in support of the education system in the Borough and thanked the Assembly for their support.

Jeanne Olson, resident of the Borough and local veterinarian, spoke in opposition of Animal Control Division's non-resident user fees.

Jenn Peterson, resident of the Borough, and a member of the Planning Commission and Community Planning Advisory Board spoke in support of the Mayor's budget. She also spoke in support of the Planning Commission and support of the Planning Department's budget.

Laura Capelle, resident of the Borough and school district employee, spoke in support of the Mayor's proposed budget for the school district.

Lynette Clark, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the Mayor's budget and asked that the Assembly take a closer look at the budget before approving anything within the budget. She also spoke in opposition to Vision Fairbanks and Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation.

Joan Busom resident of the Borough and small business owner in downtown Fairbanks, spoke in support of the Department of Community Planning.

Lance Roberts, resident of the Borough, spoke in regard to unemployment in the Borough and spoke in opposition of the Mayor's proposed budget for the Department of Community Planning.

Art Robson, resident of the Borough, addressed the need for maintenance at the Library.

Sharon Johnson, resident of the Borough and employee of the Borough employed in the Transportation Department/Air Quality, spoke in support of reinstating funding for her position to a full time employee in the Air Quality Division after her position was cut to part time.

Glen Wilcox, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the Department of Community Planning and the development in downtown Fairbanks.

Asa Dowdy, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the budget and spoke in support of cuts, for example, the Special Assistant position in the Mayor's office.

Harry Niehaus, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the Mayor's proposed budget.

Eugene Alty, resident of the Borough, spoke in support of reducing the budget.

Mike O'Brien, resident of the Borough, and President of Nordic Ski Club, spoke in opposition of a user fee at Birch Hill.

Jeff Werner, resident of the Borough and local agriculturalist, spoke in opposition to the proposed budget and raising taxes.

David Pruhs, resident of the Borough and member of the Board of Equalization, spoke in support of the Mayor's proposed budget and in specific the Planning Commission and Department of Community Planning.

Ronnie Rosenberg, resident of the Borough, and Chair of the Animal Control Commission, spoke in support of the budget and in specific the non-resident fee. She spoke in opposition of the \$0.25 increase for disabled people to take showers at the Big Dipper Ice Arena.

Rebecca Hammond, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the Animal Control non-resident fees and is opposed to cutting an Animal Control Officer position from the budget.

Steve Laroe, resident of the Borough and Fairbanks North Star Borough teacher, spoke in support of the Mayor's budget for education.

Susan Todd, resident of the Borough, spoke in support of the Department of Community Planning's budget.

Lisa Peger, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's budget proposal in particular Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation and Community Planning and education.

Nick Agnasteau, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the proposed budget.

Stuart Thompson, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the Mayor's budget, and proposed cuts in all departments.

Jim Headlock, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition to the budget and advised a hiring freeze to reduce the budget.

David Geisel, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's budget and the Department of Community Planning.

David Hayden resident of the Borough, spoke in support of the budget and in particular support of the Department of Community Planning.

Chris Miller, resident of the Borough, thanked the Assembly for its work and preparation of the budget. He spoke in support of the budget and in particular the Department of Community Planning.

Richard Hall, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition to the Planning Commission and to the Department of Community Planning's budget. He also supported a reduction in spending for education and opposed the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation funding.

Will Finley, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the Mayor's budget.

Mike Prax, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the budget and supported cuts in all departments, in particular the Department of Community Planning.

Bill Zorb, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition of the Mayor's budget and in particular funding for the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation.

Vivian Steiver, resident of the Borough, thanked the Assembly for its work. She spoke in support of the Interior Alaska Conservative Coalition's (IACC) recommendations. She spoke in opposition of an increase in the budget and an increase in taxes.

Leslie McFarland, resident of the Borough, thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to speak. He spoke in support of the budget at last year's level but does not support an increase. He also spoke in opposition to tax exemptions.

Bob Shefchik, resident of the Borough, thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to speak. He spoke in support of the finance committee's recommendation and in particular he spoke in support of funding for the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation.

Thomas Marsh, resident of the Borough and member of the Planning Commission spoke in support of the Department of Community Planning's budget and appropriate zoning.

Tim Suttley resident of the Borough spoke in opposition to the budget and in particular the Department of Community Planning.

Jean Trainer resident of the Borough and employee of the public library, spoke in support of the Mayor's budget. She thanked the Borough employees for their service.

Buzz Otis, resident of the Borough and President of North Pole Economic Development Corporation (NPEDC), spoke in support of the budget and the need for additional funding for the NPEDC.

Anna Plager, resident of the Borough, thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to speak. She spoke in support of the Department of Community Planning and of the proposed budget.

Sandy Boshier resident of the Borough spoke in opposition to the proposed budget and in particular the Department of Community Planning.

Nancy Graff, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed budget.

Marjorie Kniffen, resident of the Borough, spoke in opposition to the permit and user fee increases. She also spoke in opposition to fines and the funds requested for Vision Fairbanks.

The presiding officer called for testimony, there being none public hearing was closed.

BARTOS, moved to adopt.
Seconded by BROWN

WINTERS, moved to substitute.
Seconded by BECK

SATTLEY, moved to increase the Treasury & Budget by
Seconded by increasing the Other Contractual Services line
item by \$50,000.00 for User Fee Credit Card
acceptance costs.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-20.

Ayes: Winters, Brown, Beck, Blanchard, Sattley, Musick.

Noes: Howard, Want, Bartos

MOTION CARRIED 6 Ayes, 3 Noes

SATTLEY,
Seconded by HOWARD

moved to increase Solid Waste Disposal, Other Contractual Services line item by \$91,100 for User Fee Credit Card acceptance costs and increase the Disposal fees revenue by \$181,000.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-20.

Ayes: Winters, Bartos, Beck, Howard, Blanchard, Brown, Sattley, Musick

Noes: Want

MOTION CARRIED 8 Ayes, 1 No

SATTLEY
Seconded by HOWARD

moved to reduce the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation budget from \$400,000 to \$200,000.

Discussion ensued

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-20.

Ayes: Howard, Sattley

Noes: Brown, Bartos, Beck, Winters, Want, Blanchard, Musick

MOTION FAILED 2 Ayes, 7 Noes

WINTERS,
Seconded by BARTOS

moved to remove the \$.50 increase for disabled persons swim fees in the Parks and Recreation User Fees (Appendix E, User Fee Schedule page 47). Also move to remove the \$.25 increase for disabled persons for showers in the Parks and Recreation User Fees (Appendix E, User Fee Schedule page 48)

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-20.

Ayes: Bartos, Winters, Howard, Brown, Want, Blanchard, Beck, Sattley, Musick

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Ayes, 0 Noes

BARTOS,
Seconded by SATTLEY

moved to delete the Special Assistant Position to the Mayor (1FTE) with benefits.

Discussion ensued

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-20.

Ayes: Howard, Winters, Brown, Want, Blanchard, Beck, Bartos, Sattley, Musick

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 9 Ayes, 0 Noes

WANT,
Seconded by HOWARD

moved to reduce each departments budget by 5 percent across the board.

Discussion ensued

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-20.

Ayes: Want, Howard

Noes: Bartos, Blanchard, Winters, Beck, Brown, Sattley, Musick

MOTION FAILED 2 Ayes, 7 Noes

SATTLEY,
Seconded by BARTOS

moved to reduce the Department of Community Planning, Planning and Zoning Division by \$100,000.00 from \$796,080 to \$696,080.

Discussion ensued

WINTERS,
Seconded by BARTOS

Moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting for the purpose of the completion of the budget process.

VOTE ON MOTION TO EXTEND THE RULES.

Ayes: Bartos, Winters, Musick

Noes: Beck, Blanchard, Want, Howard, Brown, Sattley

MOTION FAILED 3 Ayes, 6 Noes

Presiding Officer noted the meeting will reconvene on May 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

RECESSED

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 p.m.

Mike Musick
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Mona Lisa Drexler, MMC
Borough Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: June 10, 2010