

ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 21, 2021

This meeting will be held by teleconference hosted from the
Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers
Juanita Helms Administration Center
907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, AK
12:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. NEW BUSINESS

- 3.a. Review draft of Ordinance No. 2021-TBD. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 3.24.030, Legislative Priorities Committee.

Documents:

[Ordinance No. 2021 - TBD Backup Information.pdf](#)

- 3.b. Strategize with the FNSB Lobbyist on how to align the borough's interests with the Interior Delegation for the current legislative session.
- 3.c. Discussion to determine if additional legislative priorities are needed based upon the anticipated focus of the legislative session.

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

5. ADJOURNMENT

6. AUDIO FILES - LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

[01-21-2021 Audio Recording Track 1 \(MP3\)](#)

7. ACTION MEMO - LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Documents:

[01_29_2021_LPC_Action_Memo.pdf](#)

THE AGENDA ITEMS AS LISTED MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED IN SEQUENCE. THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE TO INCLUDE THE DELETION OF ITEMS OR EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, IF NEEDED.

By: Marna Sanford
Introduced: (Date of Meeting)

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 –

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FNSBC 3.24.030, LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Legislative Priorities Committee works with the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) Administration to develop legislative strategy and priorities; and

WHEREAS, Timely decisions are needed from the Legislative Priorities Committee to provide direction on statutory changes and to work with legislators and the Governor to enact such desired changes; and

WHEREAS, The changes proposed in this ordinance establish codified deadlines for the committee to prepare and recommend in the form of committee sponsored resolutions suggested changes to statutes and capital and programmatic request; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of Borough residents that legislative priorities and requests be clearly articulated and shared in a timely fashion with state and federal elected officials; and

WHEREAS, The timelines established in this ordinance allow for proper participation in statewide municipal gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Changes to statute and supported statutory changes require time and resources and often span legislative sessions.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks North Star Borough:

Section 1. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified.

Section 2. FNSBC 3.24.030, Legislative Priorities Committee, is hereby amended as follows:

A. The legislative priorities committee shall consist of three members appointed by the presiding officer.

B. The chair of the legislative priorities committee shall be selected by the presiding officer, and shall preside over all meetings of the legislative priorities committee, setting its agenda, and organizing such procedures as are necessary to meeting annual goals. These shall include but are not limited to:

1. Coordinate legislative [PRIORITIES] strategy and priority requests with administration.

2. [REVIEW THE CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROPRIATE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ALASKA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE.] Prepare recommended capital and programmatic requests in the form of a resolution to the assembly no later than the first meeting in November; capital requests shall include approved capital improvement program projects.

3. Recommend changes in state or federal law in the form of a resolution to the assembly no later than the first meeting in August.

4. Provide federal and state legislative and funding guidance in the form of a memorandum to the administration and assembly at any time during the year.

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59 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective at 5:00 p.m. on the
60 first Borough business day following its adoption.

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62 ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2021.

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65 Mindy O’Neill
66 Presiding Officer
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68 ATTEST:
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71 April Trickey, CMC
72 Borough Clerk

APPROVED:

Jill S. Dolan
Borough Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly
April Trickey, CMC, Borough Clerk

THROUGH: Marna Sanford, Chair, Legislative Priorities Committee

FROM: Gina Gregg, Research Assistant

DATE: February 1, 2021

**SUBJECT: ACTION OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021 AND JANUARY 29, 2021
RECONVENED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Convened at 12:06 p.m./Adjourned at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on January 29, 2021.

Members Present:

Jimi Cash
Leah Berman Williams
Marna Sanford, Chair

Members Excused:

None

Others Present:

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Brittany Smart, Special Assistant to the Mayor
Yuri Morgan, Morgan Partnership, LLC

Reconvened January 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m./Adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Members Present:

Jimi Cash
Leah Berman Williams (Arr: 2:10 p.m.)
Marna Sanford, Chair

Members Excused:

None

Others Present:

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
Jim Williams, Chief of Staff
Jill S. Dolan, Borough Attorney
Brittany Smart, Special Assistant to the Mayor
Mindy O'Neall, Assemblymember
Yuri Morgan, Morgan Partnership, LLC



NEW BUSINESS

Review draft of Ordinance No. 2021-TBD. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 3.24.030, Legislative Priorities Committee.

-Committee Members Cash and Williams requested their names be listed as co-sponsors and agreed to introduce ordinance to the Assembly. (01/21/2021)

Strategize with the FNSB Lobbyist on how to align the borough's interests with the Interior Delegation for the current legislative session.

- Review FNSB approved FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and determine projects to submit to the State Legislature for funding that are life, health, or safety projects.

-Approved (3-0) to include the SS Nenana Restoration Phase I, Growden Field Upgrades, North Star Athletics Complex, and Carlson Center Ice Replacement projects into the borough's capital budget request. (01/29/2021)

-Approved (3-0) to direct the FNSB Lobbyist to use the Mayor's spreadsheet provided at meeting for direction on requests for the current legislative session. (01/29/2021)

- Discuss and determine the best approach to facilitate the Road Service Area Consolidation legislative priority.

-Discussion ensued, no action taken. (01/29/2021)

Discussion to determine if additional legislative priorities are needed based upon the anticipated focus of the legislative session.

-Approved (3-0) to allow the FNSB Lobbyist to share the borough's legal opinion on the proposed PILT legislation with the legislature. (01/29/2021)

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Cash expressed support for the Military Spouse License Reciprocity Bill being introduced by Senator Kawasaki.

Ms. Williams requested school funding be a high priority in light of recent budget cuts.

Current Year Fiscal Priority

FY 21 funded projects	Project Total	Committed by Assembly	Donation Request per CIP	Donations Received	Outstanding Need
SS Nenana Restoration Phase 1	\$ 4,300,000	\$ 3,550,000	\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000
Growden Field Upgrades	\$ 500,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 160,000		\$ 160,000
North Star Athletics Complex	\$ 400,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 80,000
Carlson Center Ice Replacement	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 120,000
John weaver Memorial Skatepark	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 1,065,000		\$ 1,065,000
Future Year projects 2-3 years					
		(not appropriated yet)			
Pioneer Park Playground upgrades and replacement	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 220,000	0	\$ 220,000
Noel Wien Library upgrades and repairs	\$ 10,775,000	\$ -	\$ 3,100,000	0	\$ 3,100,000

Potential Bonded Projects

Shovel Ready	Project Total	Committed or donated			Outstanding Need
Pioneer Park Restroom Replacement and Office Space	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000			\$ -
Transit Garage Phase II	\$ 18,200,000	\$ 10,300,000			\$ 7,900,000
Soon to be ready					
Animal Shelter replacement	\$ 17,000,000				\$ 17,000,000
South Cushman Rife Range Safety Improvements	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,272,240			\$ 727,760
Noel Wein Library Upgrades and Repairs	\$ 10,775,000	\$ 3,100,000			\$ 7,675,000
Tanana Middle School Phase I	\$ 9,750,000				\$ 9,750,000
Lathrop High School Kitchen Remodel	\$ 2,585,194				\$ 2,585,194
University Park Elementary School Site Improvements	\$ 1,500,000				\$ 1,500,000