



CITY OF NORTH POLE
Regular Meeting
September 5, 2023
City Hall Chambers
125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska
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Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Committee of the Whole: 6:30 PM
Regular City Council Meeting: 7:00 PM

MAYOR

Michael Welch
907-488-8584

CITY CLERK

Melissa Dionne
907-488-8583

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeffrey Jacobson – Mayor Pro Tem	907-460-7733
DeJohn Cromer – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	907-347-2808
Anton Keller – Alt. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	907-987-2548
Chandra Clack	907-460-3767
Aino Welch	907-488-5834
David Skippis	907-750-5106

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of Agenda (Pg. 1-2)
5. Approval of the Minutes from 8/21/2023 (Pgs. 3-9)
6. Communications from the Mayor
 - a. IGU Update (Pgs. 10-21)
7. Council Members Questions of the Mayor
8. Citizens Comments (Limited to five (5) minutes per Citizen)
9. Communications from Department Heads, HR, City Clerk and the Borough Representative
10. Ongoing Projects Report
11. Unfinished Business
 - a. Ordinance 23-11, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 2 Chapter 36 Personnel System (Pgs. 22-24)
 - b. Resolution 23-13, A Resolution of the North Pole City Council Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of North Pole, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and the City of Fairbanks to Jointly Provide for Economic Development (Pgs. 25-26)

c. Ballot Propositions Request to Council (Pgs. 27-28)

12. New Business

13. Council Comments

14. Adjournment



Committee of the Whole – 6:30 P.M.
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the North Pole City Council was held on Monday, August 21, 2023, in the North Pole City Hall Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Jacobson called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, August 21, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Jeffrey Jacobson – Mayor Pro Tem
Anton Keller -Alt. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
David Skipps
Chandra Clack
Aino Welch

Absent/Excused:

Mayor Welch
DeJohn Cromer – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Melissa Dionne

INVOCATION

Given by Ms. Clack

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Welch *moved* to approve the agenda of August 21, 2023

Seconded *by* Ms. Clack

Ms. Welch *moved* to amend the agenda of August 21, 2023, to consent:

Unfinished Business

- a. Ordinance 23-10, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Adjust the Police Department Budget

Seconded by Mr. Keller

On the Agenda as Amended

DISCUSSION

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – A. Welch, Clack, Jacobson, Keller, Skipps

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Mayor Welch, Cromer

On the Agenda

DISCUSSION

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – A. Welch, Clack, Jacobson, Keller, Skipps

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Mayor Welch, Cromer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Keller *moved* to approve the minutes from the 8/7/2023 meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Welch

On the Minutes

DISCUSSION

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – A. Welch, Clack, Jacobson, Keller, Skipps

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Mayor Welch, Cromer

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Mr. Jacobson shared that he was asked by Aaron Lojewski, after the last assembly meeting, to be on the KFAR 'Problem Corner' show. They discussed the City of North Pole challenges, the need for a new fire station, about the water system expansion and the PFAS contamination in Moose Creek. He shared that they had a caller who said that they feel that property owners have an unfair burden of supporting the government. He said that it was great to chime in and let them know that in North Pole we balance that burden by charging a sales tax with a small property tax to help alleviate that.
- Mr. Jacobson also pointed out an article in Latitude 65 about a film maker from North Pole who is making national news for a movie that he made called 'The Year of the Dog', it is a heart wrenching story of overcoming drugs and challenges in his life while living in Alaska and in the bush.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

- None

CITIZENS COMMENTS – (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)

- None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY

CLERK

Police Department, Chief Dutra

- Chief Dutra was not with us tonight.

Fire Department, Chief Heineken

- Chief Heineken let the Council know that their latest hire started on August 15th. Gavin Fischer is local and put himself through the certification classes and they are happy to welcome here and look forward to watching his career grow.
- The pump transmission for Engine 25 is here, now they are working with a shop to get it in for that repair. Shops who can work with fire engines are not very common, so they are trying to get the work done as soon as possible. The sooner the engine can be repaired the sooner they can work on decommissioning Engine 24, which has been donated to Delta Junction for their fire department.
- Chief Heineken shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Council that included the plans and details for the proposed new fire station.

Finance, Tricia Fogarty

- Ms. Fogarty was not with us tonight.

Director of City Services, Danny Wallace

Special Topics

- Combined Heat and Power Plant
 - This effort continues to move forward, as we're actively working with a firm that specializes in Public-Private Partnerships and utilities financing (Harrison Street). We conducted meetings with them informally at Chena Hot Springs on Aug 13th and formally on Monday, Aug 14th. They travelled to Alaska to conduct a site visit. They are conducting internal meetings this week and will present options for the project later this week or next.
 - Right now this project remains at the brainstorming/pre-coordination stage and no commitments have been made from the City (these would require Council approval).
 - Anyone interested in attending the bi-weekly CHP meeting via Zoom, let me know and I'll send the link.
- Grant Applications
 - We submitted two grant applications during the past few weeks:
 1. Local CyberSecurity Grant Program (from the Dept of Homeland Security), which aims to address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments. If accepted, we plan to use this 30k grant to review and test our City's system vulnerabilities for our utilities and other systems.
 2. Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT) – we've submitted for a \$900k grant to address infrastructure changes needed to address our yearly flooding issues. The Program is administered by the US Dept of Transportation.

- We're also working on a grant to fund the design portion of the Combined Heat and Power Plant through the Alaska Energy Authority. We're still working on the details on that one and we'll keep you updated.
- Summer Hires
 - We held a luncheon for our three summer hires (Derick Johnson and Tina Ramen – both worked for Public Works, and Owen Luo – who worked as a Municipal intern here in City Hall). Derick will depart this week and will return as a senior to Utah State University, Owen will also return to school as a senior at the University of Minnesota at the end of the month, and Tina will stay with us through the end of September, returning to her home in Texas at that time.
 - All three worked hard and accomplished much to include maintaining the beauty of the City, installing rock walls, sealing and painting parking lots, conducting surveys, filing and reorganizing offices, and a variety of other visible and behind the scenes tasks. We'll miss all three of them and wish them the very best.

Building Department

- Three Bears continues to make progress and began clearing the lot. They have been working through the extensive, but necessary permitting process with the City, FNSB, DEC, and the Dept of Transportation and the project is on track. We anticipate that they'll make their goal of opening next year.

Public Works Department

- Beautification efforts continue to include the resealing of the parking lot. You'll see that parking spaces have shifted, to include handicapped parking relocated closer to the entrance. The parking spaces along the COVID wing will be marked for City/Emergency vehicle use. We also plan to have parking bumpers installed to prevent any vehicles from hitting buildings or ending up in the slough.
- The Streetlight projects also continue to move forward -- We've signed the contract for candy cane streetlights to be repainted this year and next and over the next couple of months, you'll see the painting begin and bulbs replaced with more efficient lighting (for the candy cane ones). The other light poles are projected to be installed in the next few weeks.
- We have sent the snow removal request for proposal out to potential contractors, and we've advertised on Facebook, on our website, and in the NewsMiner. Bids are due on September 1st and I hope to have a recommendation at the first Council meeting in September.

Utility Department

- We've been receiving emails and calls from Citizens regarding PFAS contamination. Some have asked about testing and others have asked about future City plans to address this issue.
- At this point, we routinely test our City water for PFAS and have not had any issues.

- But we are in contact with the Air Force and are meeting with the Air Force Civil Engineer and his team from JBER. They'll discuss their current monitoring effort and other related topics. This meeting is tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2pm at City Hall.

Mr. Jacobson asked about the office space at City Hall and the comments that he has heard that there will be no office space available for the incoming HR person.

- Mr. Wallace said that he has been working on office space and creating new office spaces to accommodate new staff and growth for the current staff that do not currently have offices. Ideas include making a closet previously used for storage into an office. He has talked to the Mayor about Melanie Swanson and the building departments' need for additional office and her taking over the old HR office.

Mr. Jacobson asked if the final decision regarding office spaces be put off for now.

- Mr. Wallace agreed, that the office moves would not happen until further guidance was given.

Borough Representative

- Mr. Jacobson attended the FNSB meeting on 8/10/2023.
- ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20-1B. An Ordinance Amending the FY 2023-24 Budget by Appropriating \$366,984 From the General Fund Balance to the Capital Projects Fund for the Required Match for the Chena Lake Bike/Ped Path Project; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into A Memorandum of Agreement with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; And Waiving FNSBC 20.16.050 Regarding Temporary use licenses. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)-Adopted/Immediate Reconsideration Failed/Adopted
- ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20-1C. An Ordinance Amending the FY 2023-24 Budget by Appropriating \$403,384 From the General Fund Balance to The Capital Projects Fund for The Required Match for The Pioneer Park North Parking Lot and Boat Launch Project; Authorizing the Mayor To Enter into A Memorandum of Agreement with The Alaska Department of Transportation And Public Facilities; And Waiving FNSBC 20.16.050 Regarding Temporary Use Licenses. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)-Adopted
- ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42. An Ordinance Amending FNSBC 21.28.040 To Increase Reimbursement Rates for The Solid Fuel Burning Appliance Removal Program. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)-Adopted/Immediate Reconsideration Failed/Adopted
- ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43. An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 4.36 FNSBC, Early Childhood Development Commission, And Amending Chapter 4.72 FNSBC, Library Commission, To Rename It the Library and Literacy Commission and Alter the Duties of The Commission. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)-Amended/Referred to the Library Commission and the Early Childhood Development Commission with a recommendation due back within 90 days.
- ORDINANCE NO. 2023-44. An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 4.60 FNSBC, John A. Carlson Community Activity Center Advisory Board and Amending Chapter 4.76 FNSBC, Parks And Recreation Commission, To Alter the Duties of The Commission. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)-Adopted

- ORDINANCE NO. 2023-45. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.40 FNSBC, Economic Development Commission, And Repealing Chapter 4.92 FNSBC, Sustainability Commission. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)-Amended/Adopted/Immediate Reconsideration Failed/Adopted (08/11/2023)

City Clerk's Office, Melissa Dionne

- Ms. Dionne gave an update on the applications that have been received for the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk/HR positions. So far there are 6 for the Deputy Clerk and 5 for the City Clerk.
- Elections are going smoothly; the ballot proof should be ready for review this week.
- Ms. Dionne gave a training update. Throughout the entire city, there are only 2 people that have not completed them.

Ms. Welch asked about the ballot propositions and how they are going to be presented to the public, to make sure that voters understand the propositions and why they are important to the City of North Pole.

- Mr. Wallace explained what they are and talked about the idea of having a fact sheet for voters and possibly including them in the next utility billing.

Mr. Jacobson agreed that there is a right way to get that information out there for the voters. He said that if we are going to put flyers out in the utility bills or put anything up on the website that the Department of Elections requires that the City Council fund those activities. So, that the Council is declaring that we are funding putting out information to influence the outcome of an election by presenting facts, absent that we are in violation of the election laws to use city funds without publicly stating why.

Mr. Keller asked that we be proactive about this instead of reactive. That we get the word out there via radio, ads and/or tv to make sure that we get the correct info out there.

Ms. Welch agreed that we needed to do this and also asked the Council be given the information to be able to educate people via their personal Fb's and neighbor's etc.

ON GOING PROJECTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mr. Keller gave everyone another reminder to get ready for the winter that is coming and that this weather is a nice teaser of that and that he needs to check the fuel in his house. Along with septic and chimneys, all too often there are fires that could have been prevented because they weren't cleaned in over and year or more. He said that we like to see our fire fighters, but we don't like them that way. He asked everyone to look out for their neighbors too and with school starting to please make sure that you are paying attention to the little ones, he sees a lot of bike riders and kids on atv's and motorcycles. Just make sure we are looking out while we are driving and paying attention to school zones even though some aren't so clearly marked. And please be patient, that is the future we are looking out for.
- Ms. Welch asked everyone to be safe around the schools too, being out there everyday on the front line with the kids while the kids are being dropped off she sees people getting way too impatient because they have to wait 3 or 4 minutes for getting up to the point where it is safe to unload or load your children. She has worked at Hunter for the last 22 years and knows that it cannot just be the parents at her school that have that issue. She said she does not see how much time they are going to save by calling the kids out

into the third lane because they don't want to pull in and stop because then there are kids running out into traffic when someone else is trying to leave. So please instruct your children and follow the instructions yourself that you are stopped completely before calling your kids over. It is much too easy for kids, especially with the snow, to slip. She has stopped at least 6 or 7 kids from getting run over as they are coming out to run across the street and they slip and slide underneath the vehicle. She has just grabbed them by the hood and pulled them out because mom didn't even realize they were there.

- Mr. Jacobson echoed the comments of Mr. Keller and Ms. Welch on being prepared for winter and improving the safety whether we are drivers or walkers or bicyclists. He shared that the last few weeks there has been a cow moose with a young calf that has been wondering between subdivisions, over by his house and the Hotel North Pole and there have been people stopping and taking pictures, which is certainly fine. But it is important if you are not in a car to stay away because a cow moose is very protective of her calf and can move extremely fast and can do serious damage to a person with their hooves, they can kill you with just one kick. It is important to respect that wildlife is wild and unpredictable. And even though they are cute and you want to get that great Alaska photo and your sneaking up on them to get that perfect shot, it may be the last picture that you take. He also wanted to thank Owen for his time with us as an intern and wishes him well on his senior year in Minnesota and wished him safe travels.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Welch *moved* to adjourn.

Seconded *by* Ms. Clack

The regular meeting of Monday, August 21, 2023, adjourned at 7:58. p.m.

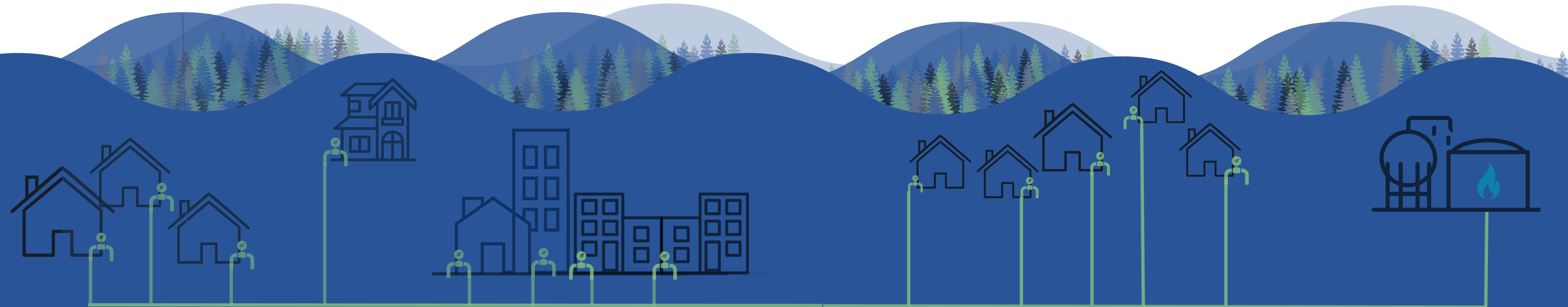
These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, August 21, 2023.

ATTEST:

Melissa Dionne, City Clerk



NATURAL GAS SECURITY FOR THE INTERIOR



ABOUT INTERIOR GAS UTILITY

Publicly-owned utility

IGU is a publicly-owned utility with a mission to provide clean-burning natural gas to as many customers in the Fairbanks North Star Borough as possible as soon as possible.

Nearly 25 years of service

Fairbanks customers have been using natural gas for nearly 25 years. North Pole service started in 2021.

Distribution Assets

IGU owns and operates more than 150 miles of main lines throughout Fairbanks and 75 in North Pole. The combined LNG storage capacity is 5.5. million gallons

CURRENT STATUS

Feed Gas




IGU has a feed gas contract with Hilcorp in the Cook Inlet that could satisfy the utility's current customer needs until 2032.

Liquefaction

IGU owns and operates a liquefaction facility (Titan) located in Pt MacKenzie that can produce 50,000 gallons of LNG per day. The LNG is then transported to Fairbanks and North Pole about 300 miles via truck on the Parks Highway.



COOK INLET

-  In April of 2022, Hilcorp informed its customers that renewal of natural gas contracts could not be guaranteed due to a possible reduction of supply in the Cook Inlet.
-  This is a concern to all utilities reliant on Cook Inlet natural gas to supply the needs of their customers in Southcentral Alaska.
-  IGU no longer shares these concerns. We have been proactive in our response to the potential crisis and have put contracts in place to strengthen our utility, secure our supply, and serve our mission.

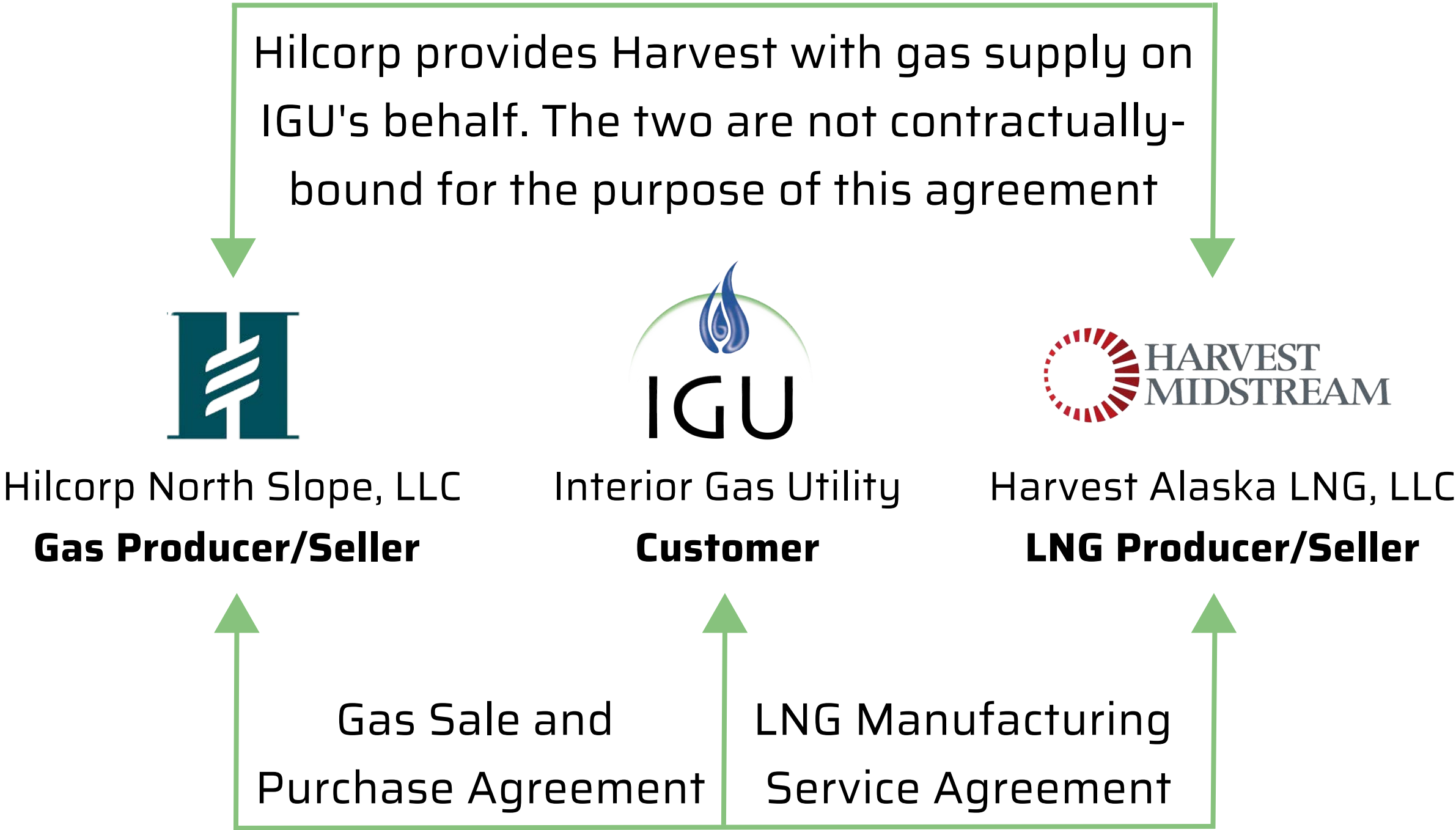
NATURAL GAS IN ALASKA

Natural Gas Reserves and Uses

Alaska has significant proven natural gas reserves, including 40 trillion cubic feet (tcf) in Prudhoe Bay and Point Thompson on the North Slope, and about 820 billion cubic feet (bcf) remaining in the Cook Inlet, in South-West Alaska. Natural gas consumption out of Cook Inlet averages 70 bcf/year.

Most of the state's gas production is not brought to market. Natural gas volumes from the North Slope far exceed local demand. Operators reinject 8.9 bcf/day of the state's natural gas withdrawals back into oil reservoirs to help maintain crude oil production rates. Additionally, the US Department of Energy estimates 230 tcf of natural gas that is undiscovered, but technically recoverable.

NORTH SLOPE LNG - PARTIES



MAJOR TERMS

Contract term

20 years:
October 2024-June 2045;
ability to increase term under
Harvest and Hilcorp contracts.

Capacity

150,000 gallons/day (4.5
BCF/year), additional LNG
production trains as necessary
for up to 13.5 BCF/year.

Schedule

IGU will not need all the LNG
the plant can produce in the
earlier years. The plant will
shut down in the summer to
account for smaller demand.

Commitments

IGU to be the priority customer
and to exclusively buy LNG from
Harvest, unless IGU's needs
exceed Harvest capacity.

Trucking

Potential options: contracts
with trucking companies; IGU
trucking or Harvest trucking.

ROFR

IGU has the right of first refusal
in the event of an LNG plant
sale.

PROGRESS REPORT



- 🔥 Broke ground on civil work July 11th
- 🔥 Crew of approximately 15-20 from local Alaskan contractors working on site
- 🔥 Foundation excavations for all 3 buildings completed
- 🔥 Installation of foundation piles, thermosyphons, insulation and liner nearly complete
- 🔥 Concrete for foundations will be poured in September
- 🔥 Line pipe for gas pipeline connection is on site and ready for installation this winter

OTHER SUPPLY OPTIONS

Cryopeak - LNG Solutions

Master supply agreement in place. IGU routinely acquires up to 1MM gallons/year.

Hilcorp and Harvest

Cover provisions in both contracts. In the case of an outage of feed gas or LNG caused by the providers, they are contractually obligated to provide cover.

IGU LNG Plant

IGU will keep the Titan plant in warm status for contingency preparedness.

Fortis, Ferus, and Campus Energy

These are three different Canadian LNG companies that IGU has purchased LNG from in the past and are available on the spot market.

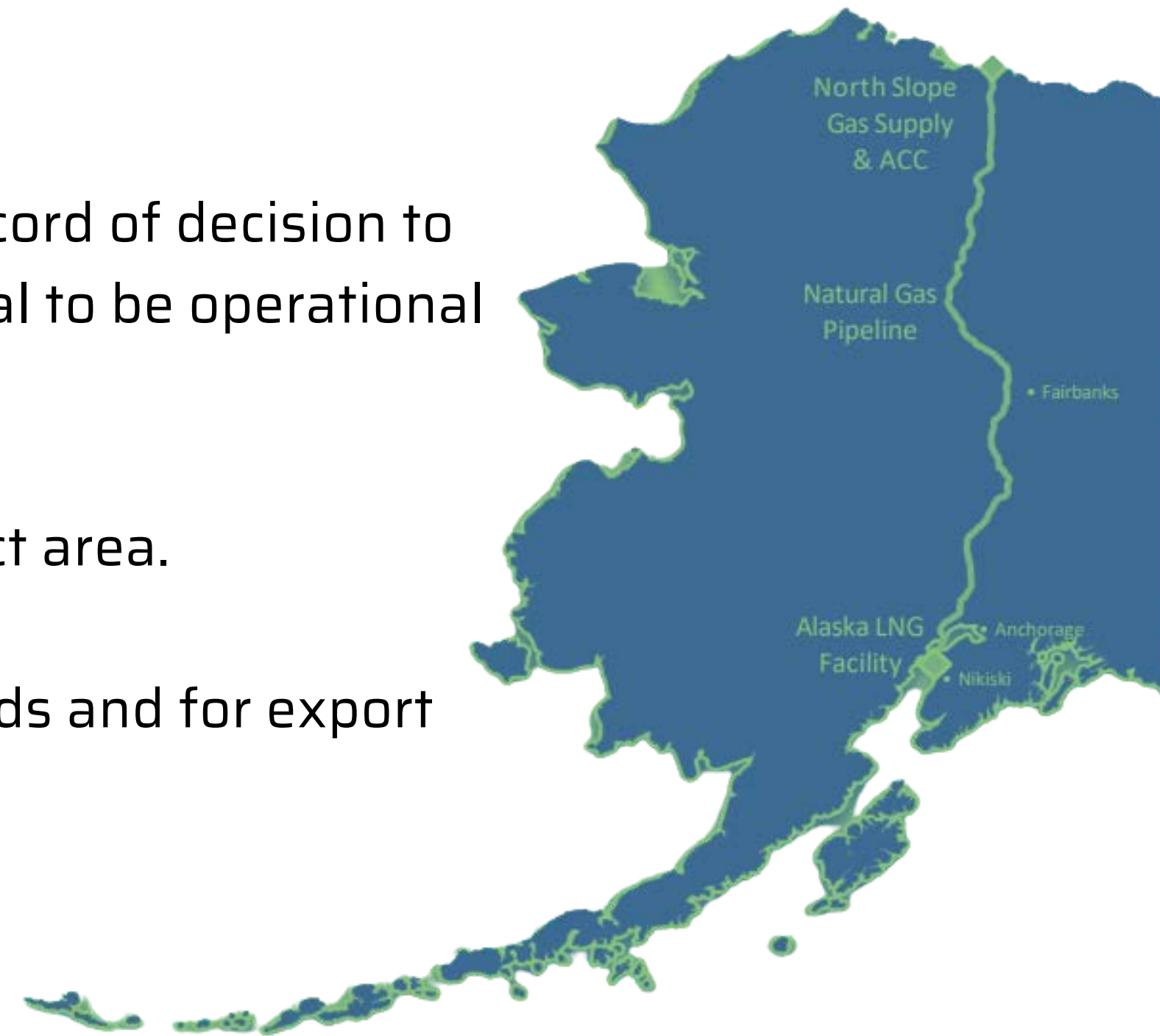
Cook Inlet Utility Group

IGU is the first utility that sources natural gas from the Cook Inlet to have found a solution to the potential reduced supply availability. IGU remains involved in a group looking for Cook Inlet solutions and may benefit from them once identified.

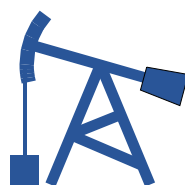
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Alaska LNG

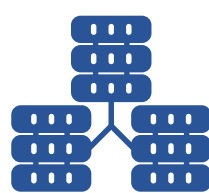
- 🔥 In April 2023 Biden Administration formally issued a record of decision to construct the Alaska LNG project, which has the potential to be operational by 2030.
- 🔥 Land rights-of-way received for about 93% of the project area.
- 🔥 Sufficient natural gas reserves to cover full in-state needs and for export to the Asian market for more than 30 years.
- 🔥 Pipeline to come about 30 miles from Fairbanks.



OUR MESSAGE SUMMARIZED



Alaska has proven natural gas reserves that far exceed the local needs for decades.



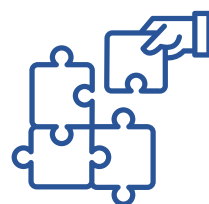
IGU has a proven history of reliability and resilience. We have been safely and consistently serving communities not connected to a pipeline for nearly 25 years and have agreements in place for natural gas and LNG supply sufficient to cover our customers present and future demand for the next 30 years.



IGU has secured sufficient LNG supply and, through economies of scale, any increased demand will help keep the price stable or lower them.



Natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil fuel. Fairbanks and North Pole have been deemed as non-attainment areas for air quality. Any time any business or resident switches from dirtier fuel sources to natural gas, it gets our community closer to attainment.



IGU is the first utility that sources natural gas from the Cook Inlet to have found a long term, definitive alternative. Cook Inlet gas supply concerns do not affect IGU or its customers.

QUESTIONS?



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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE AMENDING TITLE 2
CHAPTER 36 PERSONNEL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, changes to the North Pole Municipal Code are a continually changing requirement;
and

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole wishes to remain up to date with its protections for its
employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole wishes to provide an easy and confidential avenue for its
employees to report workplace misconduct and to provide neutral investigations without bias or
retaliation.

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole wishes to contract with S3/Work Shield to manage these
reports, conduct investigations and suggest resolutions which requires code changes..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of North Pole:

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

Section 2. NPMC 2.36.291 A is hereby amended as follows:

2.36.291 ~~Bullying and harassment~~ Workplace Misconduct

- A. The City intends to provide a safe workplace free of ~~harassment or bullying~~ workplace
misconduct All alleged workplace misconduct including bullying, harassment,
retaliation, discrimination, and other alleged violations of laws protecting employees
that are applicable to and binding on the City of North Pole shall be reported to Work
Shield or any subsequent contractor. The City shall publish all relevant information
concerning its contractor including the contractor's reporting hotline number and
information on filing a complaint with the contractor online, so it is readily available
anonymously to employees.

Section 3. NPMC 2.36.291 H. is deleted, and the remaining sections shall be re-lettered accordingly.

~~H.—Reporting and Investigation. (See grievance procedure, NPMC 2.36.322.)~~

Section 4. NPMC 2.36.291 I. 2. Formal Action is amended as follows:

a. ~~Employees who are experiencing an unwelcome or hostile work environment or who have been subjected to quid pro quo type sexual harassment shall address that unwelcome/conduct through the formal remedial process; or have experienced workplace misconduct shall, unless resolved through the informal process, address that unwelcome behavior/conduct through the remedial process available through the City's contractor;~~

b. ~~Formal complaints shall be in writing and specify:~~

~~i.—The identity of the victim;~~

~~ii.—The identity of the offending employee;~~

~~iii.—The offensive behavior that the employee engaged in;~~

~~iv.—The frequency of the offensive behavior;~~

~~v.—Damage the victim suffered because of the offensive behavior;~~

~~vi.—How the victim would like the matter resolved;~~

Employees using the remedial process available through the City's contractor shall provide all relevant information requested by the contractor.

~~c. The victim will be allowed a reasonable amount of time during work to prepare a formal complaint. If requested, the alleged victim will be allowed a reasonable amount of time during work to respond to the contractor's request for information or other documents.~~

~~d. The victim shall submit formal written complaints to their immediate supervisor who shall forward the complaint to Human Resources and the Mayor. If the immediate supervisor is the employee engaging in offensive behavior, the formal complaint shall be submitted to the next highest supervisor, the department head, the~~

~~Mayor, or designee.~~ The City's contractor shall promptly investigate the complaint and provide a resolution recommendation to the employee's supervisor. If the immediate supervisor is the employee engaging in offensive behavior, the proposed resolution shall be submitted to the next highest supervisor. This resolution may be accepted or rejected in whole or in part.

~~e. An immediate investigation will be conducted by individuals not involved in the complaint as designated by the Mayor. This investigation may include a supervisor, a member of the Public Safety Department, and another department /administrative-level employee of the City but may require the assistance of trained staff from another municipality or public agency. All appeals of any complaint resolution must be filed within five days after the employee is notified of the final resolution as adopted by the appropriate supervisor. If the complaint is resolved by the immediate supervisor, the appeal shall be filed with the department head pursuant to the requirements of NPMC 2.36.322 B. 2 (Step 2) All other resolution appeals shall be filed pursuant to NPMC 2.36.322. 3 (Step 3) If the complaint is not settled at Step 3 it may be appealed to the Personnel Review Board pursuant to 2.36.322 (Step 4).~~

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon signing.

ADOPTED THE ____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

Mayor Michael W Welch

ATTEST:

Melissa Dionne, City Clerk

PASSED/FAILED

Yes:

No:

Absent:

CITY OF NORTH POLE
RESOLUTION 23-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH, AND
THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO JOINTLY PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, AS 29.35.110(c) authorizes a second-class borough, like the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough), to expend tax revenue collected on an areawide basis for economic development if an agreement is in place with a city located in the borough to cooperatively or jointly provide for economic development; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.35.110(c) was recently amended to include using revenue from other sources of funds to include grants; and

WHEREAS, The City of North Pole, the City of Fairbanks, and the Borough have been operating under an agreement signed by the Mayors of each jurisdiction since 2004; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of all borough citizens for the Borough to be able to spend tax revenue on economic development that will benefit the entire borough, regardless of the source of the revenue; and

WHEREAS, Economies are not necessarily bound by governmental boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The Borough is not interested in acquiring an areawide power of economic development, which would prohibit the City of North Pole and the City of Fairbanks from exercising economic development within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.71.800 defines economic development as “an action intended to result in an outcome that causes an increase in, or avoids a decrease of economic activity, gross domestic product, or the tax base;” and

WHEREAS, The Borough has tracked economic indicators for the borough areawide since the 1970's through the Community Research Quarterly publication; and

WHEREAS, The Borough is a resource for the exchange of local economic information between and amongst local businesses and municipal, state, and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Commission is a necessary and integral part of the coordination of economic development activities of the Borough and participates in specific economic development projects as they are proposed; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement does not amend or modify the role of the Economic Development Commission nor does it infringe on or eliminate the appropriating power of the Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of North Pole authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough to jointly provide for economic development and authorizing

each municipality to:

1. Apply for, receive, and administer grants.
2. Take other action to develop, encourage, study, or finance economic development projects that benefit the entire borough, such as
 - a. Support economic development organizations that support key industries outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), such as the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation and Explore Fairbanks.
 - b. Promote, support, and facilitate projects for key economic industries as identified in the CEDS.
3. Develop and maintain key economic indicators and metrics to be used for informing economic development decisions for the entire borough.
4. Create and disseminate information on the economic status of the entire borough in support of economic development actions.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of North Pole, Alaska this ___ the day of September 2023.

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Dionne, City Clerk

PASSED/FAILED

Yes:

No:

Absent:

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City of North Pole
Director of City Services

Memo

To: City Council
From: Danny Wallace

Date: 1 September 2023
Subject: Recommendation on Ballot Proposal Contact

City Council:

We'd like to officially request permission to contact North Pole citizens about the upcoming ballot proposals. We would like to send a mailer to all individuals within City limits. Cost for this should not exceed \$1,000.

The draft flyer is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,



Robert (Danny) Wallace
Director of City Services
North Pole, Alaska

Proposed Notice (to be mailed)

NOTICE TO CITY RESIDENTS

On Election Day (Tuesday, October 3rd), the City of North Pole will present two Propositions for Citizen vote:

PROPOSITION 1: Authorizes North Pole to Apply for and Accept a \$1.5 Million Forgivable Loan to Mitigate Emerging Contaminates (to include PFAS)

PROPOSITION 2: Authorizes the City Of North Pole to Accept a \$653,000 Loan to design New Water Mains to Address Potential Water System Failure

More details on the back of this card or from the City website at www.northpolealaska.com

PROPOSITION 1: Authorizes North Pole to Apply for and Accept a \$1.5 Million Forgivable Loan to Mitigate Emerging Contaminates (to include PFAS)

Emerging contaminants include, but are not limited to, per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other persistent organic pollutants; biological contaminants and microorganisms; some compounds of pharmaceuticals and personal care products; nanomaterials and microplastics; and harmful algal blooms in surface waters. This loan will be for 20 years at an annual interest rate of 1.5%. If needed, the City will repay the loan from the existing general funds. The City's annual loan payment will be approximately \$86,858, although this loan is forgivable (all funds paid will be reimbursed to the City). The Alaska Division of Water State Revolving Fund stated it will reimburse the City of North Pole for 100% of the loan.

PROPOSITION 2: Authorizes the City Of North Pole to Accept a \$653,000 Loan to design New Water Mains to Address Potential Water System Failure

The North Pole Utility is requesting authority to accept a \$653,000 loan from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to fund planning and design of replacement water main distribution system (Downtown Loop area) for the City of North Pole. The Downtown Loop area, which was developed in the 1970s and early 1980s, consists of approximately eight miles of distribution water mains. However, most of these mains are over 50 years old and made of thin-gauge steel piping, which experience significant and constant leaks at the fittings and joints. Leaks and failures will result in infrastructure damage, emergency service disruptions, human health risks, safety issues, and will negatively impact economic development. This loan will be for 20 years at an annual interest rate of 1.5%. The Utility will repay the loan from the existing capital construction utility charges collected from all utility rate payers. This project will not use property taxes nor sales tax for either construction costs or to repay the loan. The Utility's annual loan payment will be approximately \$37,824.