

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of October 21, 1997

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was convened at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Mark Begich in the Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Charles Wohlforth, Bob Bell, Pat Abney, Dan Kendall, George Wuerch, Mark Begich, Kevin Meyer, Fay Von Gemmingen, Cheryl Clementson, Ted Carlson, Joe Murdy.
Absent: None.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge was led by Mr. Murdy.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- A. Regular Meeting - August 19, 1997
- B. Regular Meeting - August 26, 1997

Ms. Abney moved, to approve the minutes of the
seconded by Mr. Kendall, regular meetings of August 19 and
and it passed without objection, 26, 1997.

5. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mystrom distributed crime statistics, updated as of September 1997, which included a comparison of the same period from the past four years. He was pleased to note the statistics show a continued decline in crime. Many changes are in progress in the Police Department, including reorganization, additional officers, and increased public relations and involvement efforts. He felt these changes in combination with other programs will continue the decline in the crime rate.

Mr. Wohlforth felt the statistics were impressive. He requested information on street sanding procedures; constituents complained sanding was not done quickly enough last Tuesday, the day of the first snowfall.

Mayor Mystrom pointed out the Municipality has responsibility for sanding downtown streets and residential streets. Almost all other streets in town are sanded by the State of Alaska. He reminded everyone to contact the appropriate authority depending on the street in need of sanding. He said Municipal sanding trucks were in operation today, and added the plowing schedule for the city was to have every subdivision plowed within 72 hours of a snowfall. Subdivisions schedules are rotated. In response to Chairman Begich, Mayor Mystrom confirmed a new sanding material is currently in use. It is a 1/8-inch chip gravel which is more expensive, but less is used because it does not blow off the streets as easily as finer grades. One concern was that it might result in more chipped windshields, but that situation has not yet materialized.

Mr. Murdy congratulated the Police Department; he asked they focus more on traffic control.

Ms. Von Gemmingen commended Officer Jones for his letter to the editor of the Anchorage Daily News.

Ms. Clementson congratulated Denise Burger of the Mayor's Office for finding solutions to several constituent problems.

6. **ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:**

Mr. Murdy moved, to amend the agenda to include
seconded by Mr. Wuerch, the addendum items.

Chairman Begich read the addendum items.

Question was called on the motion to amend the agenda and it passed without objection.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Murdy moved to approve all items on the
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen, consent agenda as amended.

A. BID AWARDS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 888-97, recommendation of award to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. for furnishing **aerial platform fire apparatus** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Fire Department (ITB 97-95), Purchasing. **(addendum)**

Mr. Wohlforth asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.B.

B. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION:

1. Ordinance No. AO 97-133, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapters 8.05 and 14.60 to **enact restrictions on customer access to tobacco and tobacco products**, Assemblymember Meyer. public hearing ~~11-4-97~~ 11-11-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 878-97.

Mr. Meyer asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.C.

2. Ordinance No. AO 97-134, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 11.10.010 definition of "Vehicle-for-Hire" and "Chauffeur" and Section 11.20.430 (Insurance for Horse-Drawn Vehicles); repealing Anchorage Municipal Code Subsection 11.10.160A.9. and Sections 11.20.400, 11.20.410, and 11.20.420; and amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 11.30.010 to **remove horse-drawn vehicles for hire from the jurisdiction and regulation of the Anchorage Transportation Commission** and to eliminate other regulation of the operator's/drivers of horse-drawn vehicles for hire except as pertains directly to chauffeur licensing, safety, drug and alcohol testing, and required insurance coverage, Assemblymembers Kendall and Carlson. public hearing ~~11-4-97~~ 12-9-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 879-97.

Mr. Kendall asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.C.

3. Ordinance No. AO 97-135, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Sections 28.20.040, 28.60.030 and 28.60.050 to require **election notices** to include the names of candidates for election and a statement that write-in candidates are permitted except in run-off elections; to provide for mailing absentee ballots to addresses within the Municipality and the minimum time before elections absentee voting may occur; and to establish an election day absentee polling place at the Anchorage International Airport and rules for voting, verifying and counting absentee ballots, Assemblymember Von Gemmingen. public hearing ~~11-4-97~~ 12-16-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 884-97.

Ms. Von Gemmingen asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.C.

4. Ordinance No. AO 97-136, an ordinance approving an **equal value land exchange involving 20 acres within HLB Parcel 1-007** on Jasmine Road in Chugiak known as East 1/2 of the SE 1/4, Section 16, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian and 3.71 acres owned by David F. Malzac located adjacent to Oberg Community Park in Birchwood known as NHN Dallon Court, Tract B, Irma Subdivision, Heritage Land Bank. public hearing 11-4-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 886-97.
5. Resolution No. AR 97-256, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$300,000 to the Federal Categorical Grants Fund (0241) from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services for the **development of a Metropolitan Medical Strike Team (MMST) system**, Fire Department. public hearing 10-28-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 880-97.
6. Resolution No. AR 97-257, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage **naming the accessible entrance to the Atwood Concert Hall of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts the "Leslie B. Pace Entrance"** in honor of Leslie Pace, Cultural and Recreational Services. public hearing 12-9-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 881-97.

C. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Resolution No. AR 97-258, a resolution authorizing the **disposal of a municipal interest within Lots 3 through 10, Block 3, Northern Lights Subdivision**, located in the vicinity of Benson Boulevard and Dawson Street, Water and Wastewater Utility.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 882-97.
2. Resolution No. AR 97-260, a resolution establishing guidelines and criteria to be used in developing the **1998 Legislative Program**, Municipal Manager's Office.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 887-97.
3. Resolution No. AR 97-261, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **establishing general municipal policy guidelines for labor negotiations**, Employee Relations. **(addendum)**
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 889-97.

Mr. Carlson asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.D.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 876-97, **Anchorage Telephone Utility Board of Directors impending vacancy** and Assembly procedure for new appointment, Clerk's Office.

Mr. Meyer asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.E.

2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 877-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 60629 with eXegeSys Inc. for providing **computer programming services** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light and Power/Purchasing.
3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 883-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 72382 with Shepard Brothers, Inc. for **furnishing minibuses** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Public Transportation Department/ Purchasing.
4. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 890-97, **appointment to the executive staff** (Soren Orley, Chief Fiscal Officer), Mayor's Office. **(addendum)**

E. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

1. Information Memorandum No. AIM 144-97, Internal Audit Report 97-16 - **Billing and Collecting for Emergency Medical Services, Anchorage Fire Department and Finance Department/Internal Audit.**
2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 146-97, **Crestbrook WID No. 431 contract** with S.R. Swett & Sons Construction potential contract change order, Water and Wastewater Utility.
3. Information Memorandum No. AIM 147-97, **Sunny Slopes West Water R & R contract** with Newton Excavating, Inc. potential contract change order, Water and Wastewater Utility.

Ms. Von Gemmingen asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.F.

4. Information Memorandum No. AIM 148-97, repayment of loan from Heritage Land Bank for **Sullivan Arena floor repair** through ticket surcharge, Property and Facility Management.
5. Information Memorandum No. AIM 149-97, **Monthly Financial Report** - August 1997, Finance.

Question was called on the motion to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda as amended and it passed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: None.

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. TIME CRITICAL ITEMS: None.

B. BID AWARDS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 888-97, recommendation of award to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. for furnishing **aerial platform fire apparatus** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Fire Department (ITB 97-95), Purchasing. **(addendum)**

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to approve AM 888-97.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Fire Chief Mike Nolan confirmed this purchase was for a new ladder truck for Fire Station #1. He said normally this type of truck is built to custom specifications, however, this one was a new, already-built vehicle. The specifications of the truck are very close to those required by the Municipality, and are adequate. It would take over a year to obtain a custom-built truck. This award was not the low bid; the lower bid truck did not meet required specifications. The truck should be shipped at the end of January, 1998. Chief Nolan confirmed the existing Fire Station #1 truck would become a back-up vehicle. The existing back-up truck will be retired to be used for parades and similar uses.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 888-97 and it passed without objection.

C. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION:

1. Ordinance No. AO 97-133, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapters 8.05 and 14.60 to **enact restrictions on customer access to tobacco and tobacco products**, Assemblymember Meyer. public hearing ~~11-4-97~~ 11-11-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 878-97.

Messrs. Meyer, Murdy and Kendall joined in introducing this ordinance. The public hearing was scheduled for November 11, 1997.

Mr. Meyer noted November 4 was the date of the special Municipal election, and many people who want to testify on this issue may be occupied with the election.

2. Ordinance No. AO 97-134, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 11.10.010 definition of "Vehicle-for-Hire" and "Chauffeur" and Section 11.20.430 (Insurance for Horse-Drawn Vehicles); repealing Anchorage Municipal Code Subsection 11.10.160A.9. and Sections 11.20.400, 11.20.410, and 11.20.420; and amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 11.30.010 to **remove horse-drawn vehicles for hire from the jurisdiction and regulation of the Anchorage Transportation Commission** and to eliminate other regulation of the operator's/drivers of horse-drawn vehicles for hire except as pertains directly to chauffeur licensing, safety, drug and alcohol testing, and required insurance coverage, Assemblymembers Kendall and Carlson. public hearing ~~11-4-97~~ 12-9-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 879-97.

Mr. Kendall, Mr. Wuerch and Ms. Von Gemmingen joined in introducing this ordinance. The public hearing was scheduled for December 9, 1997.

3. Ordinance No. AO 97-135, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Sections 28.20.040, 28.60.030 and 28.60.050 to require **election notices** to include the names of candidates for election and a statement that write-in candidates are permitted except in run-off elections; to provide for mailing absentee ballots to addresses within the Municipality and the minimum time before elections absentee voting may occur; and to establish an election day absentee polling place at the Anchorage International Airport and rules for voting, verifying and counting absentee ballots, Assemblymember Von Gemmingen. public hearing ~~11-4-97~~ 12-16-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 884-97.

Ms. Von Gemmingen, Ms. Clementson and Mr. Murdy joined in introducing this ordinance. The public hearing was scheduled for December 16, 1997.

D. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Resolution No. AR 97-261, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **establishing general municipal policy guidelines for labor negotiations**, Employee Relations. (addendum)
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 889-97.

Mr. Carlson moved, to approve AR 97-261.
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

Mr. Carlson questioned how these policy guidelines differ from those currently in effect.

In response to Chairman Begich, Employee Relations Director Tom Tierney acknowledged the existing guidelines approved by the Assembly in 1993. He said the proposed guidelines are different in scope and in specificity.

Mr. Murdy moved, to postpone action on AR 97-261
seconded by Mr. Kendall, until October 28, 1997 pending
and it passed without review and comparison of the
objection,
existing guidelines.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 876-97, **Anchorage Telephone Utility Board of Directors impending vacancy** and Assembly procedure for new appointment, Clerk's Office.

Mr. Meyer moved, to approve AM 876-97.
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

Mr. Meyer said Ronald Kerr, a member of the ATU Board of Directors, intends to resign. He felt this item should be postponed to allow incorporation of Mr. Kerr's seat in the vacancy notice.

Mr. Murdy moved, to postpone action on AM 876-97
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth, until October 28, 1997.
and it passed without
objection,

(Clerk's Note: Mr. Meyer requested the public hearing for item 8.C.1, AO 97-133, be changed to November 11, 1997, with intent that action would take place on November 18 to allow Mr. Murdy to participate. Ms. Clementson objected on the grounds she felt it was improper to hear public testimony and take action on separate dates.)

F. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

1. Information Memorandum No. AIM 147-97, **Sunny Slopes West Water R & R contract** with Newton Excavating, Inc. potential contract change order, Water and Wastewater Utility.

Ms. Von Gemmingen moved,
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

to accept AIM 147-97.

Ms. Von Gemmingen disclosed a possible conflict on this item.

Chairman Begich felt she did not have a conflict of interest.

Question was called on the motion to accept AIM 147-97 and it passed without objection.

Assembly members congratulated Soren Orley on his appointment to Chief Fiscal Officer.

9. **OLD BUSINESS AND UNFINISHED ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

- A. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 861-97, sole source contract for providing professional **programming services** with JD Consulting & Programming for the Municipality of Anchorage, Management Information Systems Department/Purchasing.
(POSTPONED FROM 10-7-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the memorandum and noted a motion to approve was on the floor.

Municipal Manager Larry Crawford noted this item was delayed to allow time for the contractor to file a notice of intent to do business with the Municipality. Also, the Municipal Attorney reviewed the contract to ensure it was appropriate for this former employee to do business with the Municipality; it was determined that the contract was appropriate. He asked Management Information Systems (MIS) Director Bill Rasmussen to explain the rationale behind the contract.

Mr. Rasmussen said the Municipality's payroll system has been in operation for about twenty years. The contractor, Jim Dunaway, is one of only two Municipal employees that know how to program the system. The other employee has been assigned to work on the new payroll system. When Mr. Dunaway decided to retire, Mr. Rasmussen asked him to provide his services on a contract basis. He said the contract amount is in line with amounts from other competitive Requests for Proposal.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Rasmussen said Mr. Dunaway earned \$66,000 annually as an employee, not counting benefits. He said the \$115,000 amount of the contract was based on \$62 per hour; 40 hours per week for one year. He said the year 2000 issue is increasing the amount programmers are demanding for services. He felt this contract amount was good in light of these price increases. Mr. Rasmussen anticipated half of Mr. Dunaway's time would be spent on the old payroll system, and half would be spent on year 2000 conversion for other systems.

In response to Mr. Bell, Mr. Rasmussen said five employees are being trained for the new payroll system. He explained staff has been reduced by half, and these employees are supporting twice the number of systems. He said cross-training was difficult because staff has been greatly reduced; thus they have only enough time to do their own work and not enough for training other employees.

Mr. Crawford noted Assembly members' concerns were discussed thoroughly prior to award of this contract. He felt the risk of failing to have the systems converted and operating on time outweighed the cost of the contract. This contract minimized the risk of that failure. He added contracts of this type will not be a common practice.

In response to Mr. Murdy, Mr. Rasmussen said he could not guarantee there would be no change orders to this contract. He said the year 2000 issue is becoming a serious problem; not enough programmers have applied to work on this project.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 861-97 and it passed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: Wuerch.

The Assembly then considered item 10, Appearance Requests.

Sharon Leon & Matt Neil, to present the "Making a Difference" program update.

Ms. Leon thanked the Assembly for supporting the program which helps youth and adults to work together to make a difference in reducing juvenile offenses. She outlined this weeks' activities: The American Probation and Parole Association is performing youth court training; The Anchorage Youth Court Bar Association will meet to discuss issues including curfew, tobacco and alcohol; A debate will be televised on KTVA Channel 11; and a trial will be held with twenty-six witnesses including three police officers. Twenty-six cases will be heard by Anchorage Youth Court this week. Ms. Leon noted the program operates fifty-two weeks out of the year, for

\$255,000. This amount will be equaled if the program prevents five or more juveniles from staying at McLaughlin Center for one year.

Mr. Neil, of the Youth Restitution Program, explained he monitored participants after sentencing to ensure victims are paid. He was proud that eighty-seven percent of people who complete the program have not offended again in the twenty-month study period. For youth, due to peer pressure and other influences, twenty-months without re-offending is phenomenal. Mr. Neil said expansion of the restitution system to the formal adult criminal system is being discussed.

Mark A. Stowers, regarding Dos Locos Mexican Restaurant/Bar.

Mr. Stowers explained he wished to open a restaurant and bar in the Lost Abbey building. He discussed the idea with residents of the area, who all supported the proposal. He offered to answer any questions.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Mr. Stowers confirmed he had been operating a catering business on the location, until it was discovered a church was located within two hundred feet. The church is discussing the possibility of relocating. If the church moves, he intended to continue having catered events on the weekends. He did not want to outlay the expense to actually open a restaurant until he obtained the necessary approval. Mr. Stowers said he was also waiting to apply for a conditional use permit until he knew whether the restaurant would be supported.

Ms. Clementson felt using a special event catering license to host events every weekend was a way to circumvent the spirit of the law. She asked the Municipal Attorney and Police Chief to submit a report to the Assembly in writing detailing how this situation relates to Municipal Code Title 21 land use requirements for the retail sale of alcohol, and health codes.

In response to Mr. Wuerch, Mr. Stowers said he was a sub-lessor of the building, and intended to remain a lessor. He said he had discussed his plan with the Community Council, and intended to remain in close communication with the Council.

In response to Mr. Meyer, Mr. Stowers said he hoped to gain transfer of the beverage dispensary liquor license owned by Bob Stevens for the 3rd and E Street Top of the Rock club. He would be willing to accept any conditions from the Assembly to ensure the business would not be operated solely as a bar, but that alcohol would be served with food.

Assistant Municipal Attorney Bill Greene advised the Assembly to indicate to Mr. Stowers that tonight's comments would have no bearing on the Assembly's action in the event an actual license for this location came before the body.

In response to Chairman Begich, Mr. Stowers indicated his understanding of this statement.

Sandy Traini, regarding the issuance of catering permits.

Ms. Traini pointed out the Municipal Code 21.50.160 requires any use involving the retail sale or dispensary of alcoholic beverages requires a conditional use permit; the facility must meet specific requirements of the conditional use. She pointed out the State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board relies on the Anchorage Police Department to ensure all applicable local laws are met when a catering permit is approved. However, she felt communication between ABC and the Police Department is insufficient, and the Police Department issues approval for catering permits without ensuring compliance with Title 21. Ms. Traini acknowledged the Police Department has other priorities. However, ABC Board relies on the Department to check for compliance and whether a catered event is actually "special" or is an ongoing business. She asked the Assembly to investigate this issue, and approve a resolution asking the administration to develop a plan to fix the process. She also asked no further catering permits be approved until the faulty process is corrected. Lastly, Ms. Traini noted Bob Stevens applied for a teen club license in October 1997 at the subject location.

Mr. Wuerch requested the administration investigate compliance with applicable codes as described by Ms. Traini.

Municipal Manager Larry Crawford said the issue would be investigated. He asked the Police Chief be allowed to comment.

Police Chief Duane Udland explained he was told the Police Department's responsibility was to inform ABC if any applicants have a criminal history, and that information is all they check. Until recently, the Department utilized the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer system. However, that system is no longer available for this use. Chief Udland said hundreds of permits are approved every year, and zoning issues are not considered for catering permits. He pointed out many churches apply for these permits to serve alcohol at wedding receptions and other special events. He has instructed his staff not to approve any more catering permits for Mr. Stowers at this location until this issue is resolved, because he felt multiple catering permits for one location was a method of circumventing the intent of these permits.

Chairman Begich suggested a group investigate whether statutory changes are necessary to address the catering permit process.

The meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

- B. Ordinance No. AO 97-106, an ordinance **approving a non-competitive, less than fair market value, lease to Environmental Recycling, Inc.** (ERI), a non-profit corporation, for approximately 12.51 acres of Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Parcel 4-033 at Point Woronzof near the Anchorage International Airport (AIA), Heritage Land Bank.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 659-97.
 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 134-97.
- (POSTPONED FROM 8-19-97 AND 9-16-97; NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION TO POSTPONE ACTION TO 10-7-97 WAS SPREAD ON THE MINUTES BY MS. ABNEY 9-16-97; RECONSIDERED 9-23-97; POSTPONED ACTION TO 10-21-97)

This item was considered later in the meeting. See after item 12.K.

- C. Resolution No. AR 97-96, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **directing the Administration to prepare and issue an Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposals to sell the Municipality's parking garages**, Assemblymembers Kendall, Abney, Begich, Bell, Carlson, Meyer, Murdy, and Wuerch.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 467-97, Finance.
 2. Resolution No. AR 97-96(S), a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly directing the Administration to prepare and issue an Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposals to sell the Municipality's parking garages, Assemblymember Kendall.
- (AMENDED 5-20-97; POSTPONED FROM 5-20-97; POSTPONED FOR 120 DAYS; NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER BELL 6-11-97; RECONSIDERATION DIED FOR LACK OF ACTION 7-1-97)

Mr. Kendall moved, to postpone action on AR 97-96(S)
seconded by Mr. Murdy, until December 16, 1997.
and it passed without
objection,

10. **APPEARANCE REQUESTS:**

- A. **Joe Hegna, Chair - Health & Human Services Commission**, to discuss current health and human services issues, Commission goals and future direction.

Mr. Hegna did not appear. He spoke at a work session held earlier in the day.

- B. **Sharon Leon & Matt Neil**, to present the "Making a Difference" program update.
C. **Mark A. Stowers**, regarding Dos Locos Mexican Restaurant/Bar.
D. **Sandy Traini**, regarding the issuance of catering permits.

These persons appeared earlier in the meeting. See after item 9.A.

11. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

12. **NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Ordinance No. AO 97-130, an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$43,850,000 in aggregate principal amount of General Obligation School Bonds of the Municipality for the purpose of raising funds to pay the **costs of educational capital improvement projects** in the Municipality; fixing certain details of said bonds; providing for the form and manner of sale of said bonds; pledging the full faith and credit of the Municipality to the payment thereof; authorizing the Chief Fiscal Officer or the Acting Chief Fiscal Officer to negotiate and execute a contract for the purchase and sale of said bonds; and related matters, Finance.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 847-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to adopt AO 97-130.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

In response to Mr. Bell, Anchorage School District Superintendent Bob Christal explained the distribution of these funds. He said \$3 million of this appropriation would be used for Fairview school replacement and Northern Lights ABC school.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-130 and it passed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: None.

- B. Ordinance No. AO 97-131, an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$35,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of **Tax**

Anticipation Notes of the Municipality; fixing certain details of said notes; pledging the receipts from ad valorem property taxes to be levied during 1998 and the full faith and credit of the Municipality to the payment thereof; authorizing the Chief Fiscal Officer or the Acting Chief Fiscal Officer to negotiate and execute a contract for the purchase and sale of said notes; and related matters, Finance.

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 848-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to adopt AO 97-131.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

NAYS: None.

- C. Resolution No. AR 97-240, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$132,268 to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) from the Department of Health and Social Services for the provision of **prenatal care services**, Health and Human Services.

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 852-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-240.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

NAYS: None.

- D. Resolution No. AR 97-241, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$150,000 to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) from the Department of Health and Social Services for the provision of **perinatal case management/healthy baby services**, Health and Human Services.

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 853-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-241.
seconded by Mr. Carlson,

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

NAYS: None.

- E. Resolution No. AR 97-242, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$999,479 to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) from the Department of Health and Social Services for the provision of **Women, Infants & Children nutrition services**, Health and Human Services.

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 854-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-242.
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

Ms. Clementson moved, to amend AR 97-242 on line 11
seconded by Mr. Murdy, to read: "...the provision of
and it passed without services to women, infants and
objection,
children."

Ms. Clementson explained this amendment was made at the request of Health and Human Services Department staff.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-242 as amended and it passed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

NAYS: None.

- F. Resolution No. AR 97-243, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$1,072,508 to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) from the Department of Health and Social Services to fund **Community Health Nursing Services**, Health and Human Services.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 855-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-243.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: None.

- G. Resolution No. AR 97-255, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage reappropriating \$204,000 as a contribution from the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund (0461), Cultural Recreational Services Department, to the Equipment Maintenance Internal Service Capital Fund (0606), Property and Facility Management Department, for the purpose of **purchasing park maintenance equipment**, Cultural and Recreational Services.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 873-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-255.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

Mr. Wuerch said he supported the resolution, but expressed concern that hydroseeder equipment would be purchased, only to be used for three months out of the year. He felt the administration should have investigated contracting this service rather than purchasing the equipment.

In response to Chairman Begich, Operations Manager George Vakalis said hydroseeding is a service that is normally contracted. However, an accelerated program is in place. With a larger area to be seeded, crews are working days and nights. It is more cost effective to have workers use Municipal equipment. Watering services are operated this way, also. Mr. Vakalis said in order to avoid disturbing citizens at night, parks and ballfields would be done during the day as often as possible. However, medians and other non-residential areas would be done at night.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-255 and it passed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Murdy.
NAYS: Carlson.

- H. Ordinance No. AO 97-132, an ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly authorizing the long term lease between the Municipality of Anchorage as lessor and Airport Development Corporation as lessee of **Lot 22, Merrill Field Replat Addition No. 4**, located at the northeast corner of East 8th Avenue and Orca Street, Merrill Field Airport.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 857-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to adopt AO 97-132.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: None.

- I. Resolution No. AR 97-233, a resolution confirming and levying assessments for the water improvements on property benefited in **Sunset Hills West Water Improvement District 342**, setting date of payment and providing for penalties and interest in the event of delinquency, Water and Wastewater Utility.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 835-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-233.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: None.

- J. Resolution No. AR 97-234, a resolution confirming and levying assessments for the sanitary sewer improvements on property benefited in **Sunset Hills West Lateral Sewer Improvement District 167**, setting date of payment and providing for penalties and interest in the event of delinquency, Water and Wastewater Utility.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 836-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-234.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: None.

- K. Ordinance No. AO 97-117, an ordinance amending the zoning map and providing for the rezoning from PC-SL (Planned Community) with Special Limitations to R-1SL (Single Family Residential) with Special Limitations for portions of BLM Lots 55, 71, 72 & 89, located within Section 14, T14N, R2W, S.M., AK (**proposed Tract A, Eagle Bluff Subdivision** per Platting Case S-10033), generally located south of Eagle River and east of Glenn Highway (South Fork Eagle River Community Council) (Planning and Zoning Commission Case 97-067), Community Planning and Development.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 761-97.

Don Alspach of Community Planning and Development explained this rezoning was for the Heritage Land Bank and was relatively simple. The land will probably be surplusd eventually.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to adopt AO 97-117.
seconded by Mr. Kendall,

Ms. Clementson commented the maps attached to this document were worthless, because they offered no perspective of the location of the land. She asked this issue be addressed. She also noted this land was adjacent to a prison, and was being rezoned for residential use.

In response, Mr. Alspach said staff received no comments on this point.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-117 and it passed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: Clementson.

Mr. Meyer moved, to change the orders of the day
seconded by Mr. Wuerch, to consider item 9.B, AO 97-106.
and it passed without
objection,

Ordinance No. AO 97-106, an ordinance **approving a non-competitive, less than fair market value, lease to Environmental Recycling, Inc.** (ERI), a non-profit corporation, for approximately 12.51 acres of Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Parcel 4-033 at Point Woronzof near the Anchorage International Airport (AIA), Heritage Land Bank.

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 659-97.

2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 134-97.

(POSTPONED FROM 8-19-97 AND 9-16-97; NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION TO POSTPONE ACTION TO 10-7-97 WAS SPREAD ON THE MINUTES BY MS. ABNEY 9-16-97; RECONSIDERED 9-23-97; POSTPONED ACTION TO 10-21-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the ordinance and noted a motion to amend by Ms. Abney made on September 16, 1997 was on the floor. He noted Ms. Abney's motion would delete the requirement for Mr. Dean to move the glass storage area.

Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Director Gary Gustafson clarified the requirement for Mr. Dean to move the glass was under the existing land use permit with HLB. The requirement has no relationship with the proposed lease.

Ms. Abney said her intent was that Mr. Dean not be required to move the glass storage area to another area of the composting facility.

Mr. Gustafson said he proposed two alternative locations to Mr. Dean: either near Clitheroe Center or near the composting pad. The area should be fenced to prevent access by children, and to provide a visual screen.

Ms. Abney pointed out a photograph showing the glass storage area was misleading. She and several others visited the site; she reported it required a search for the pile in order to see it.

Mr. Meyer concurred. He said the pile is small, and to see it from the Coastal Trail was difficult.

In response to Ms. Von Gemmingen, John Dean said he changed his plan for the glass. Originally he intended to wait until a large amount accumulated, then rent a large crusher to process the glass. Now he intended to build a small crusher, and process the glass more often as it accumulates. This will begin next summer. He did not think the existing pile would increase much more by that time. Members of the Turnagain Community Council felt that if the pile became a problem, planting of a few evergreen trees would be an adequate solution.

Mr. Kendall felt the Assembly should leave issues such as the placement of the glass to the leasing agent who is managing the property. If the glass is addressed by the Assembly, it should be in a resolution requesting the administration to manage the property in a certain way, rather than having a glass provision in the lease.

Ms. Clementson moved,	to amend Ms. Abney's motion to	
	seconded by Ms. Abney,	say
	the glass storage pile does	
and it passed without	not have to be moved prior to July	
	objection,	1,
	1998.	

In response to Mr. Wuerch, Mr. Gustafson said the relocation requirement was because the pile will grow. He added there is no guarantee the glass will be processed next year as Mr. Dean indicated.

Question was called on Ms. Abney's motion to amend as amended and it passed:

AYES: Abney, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: Wohlforth, Bell, Kendall, Von Gemmingen.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,	to amend AO 97-106 pursuant to
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,	recommendations by Mr. Gustafson: 1) to revise the
	first paragraph of Section 1 to read: "Pursuant to AMC
	25.40.025.F., the Assembly hereby approves the
	lease of a portion of HLB Parcel 4-033 at Point
	Woronzof, containing approximately 12.51 acres to
	ERI for a period of ten (10) years at an initial annual
	rental rate of \$4,750, subject to the following
	conditions:"; 2) to revise Section 1(a) to read: "No
	later than August 1, 1999, ERI shall construct an
	undulating 5 ft. to 12 ft. high landscaped and
	vegetated buffer berm...design and vegetative planting
	shall be approved in advance by HLB and DCRS. ERI
	shall be responsible for all berm planting and
	maintenance."; and 3) to delete the last sentence
	from Section 1(d): "In this event, the HLB shall
	reimburse ERI for the..."

In response to Ms. Abney, Mr. Gustafson said if it is not possible to build the berm by the deadline because of a lack of materials that is beyond anyone's control, an extension of the deadline will be examined.

In response to Ms. Von Gemmingen, Mr. Dean discussed the impact of the third item in the amendment, deletion of the agreement to reimburse him for undepreciated value of immovable improvements. He said the two composting pads cannot be moved; their value is about \$128,000. Mr. Dean said the impact of the amendment was that the facility would never grow larger. He would not be able to justify the expense of adding another pad.

Ms. Abney moved,	to amend the amendment to delete	
	seconded by Mr. Murdy,	item #3.

Ms. Clementson argued Mr. Dean would receive a large subsidy in the form of a reduced lease rate. She felt it would be excessive to also pay him for undepreciated value of improvements if the lease is terminated.

Mr. Bell concurred and added there was a risk Mr. Dean might make some large, investment or improvement to the property just prior to termination of the lease.

Mr. Murdy moved,	to call the previous question.
seconded by Mr. Carlson,	

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson.

Question was called on Ms. Abney's motion to amend the amendment and it failed:

AYES: Abney, Begich, Meyer.

NAYS: Wohlforth, Bell, Kendall, Wuerch, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

Question was called on Mr. Wohlforth's motion to amend and it passed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

NAYS: Abney, Meyer.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-106 as amended and it passed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

NAYS: Meyer.

Mr. Kendall moved, immediate reconsideration.
seconded by Mr. Bell,

AYES: Wohlforth, Meyer, Clementson.

NAYS: Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Von Gemmingen, Carlson, Murdy.

The Assembly then returned to the regular order of New Public Hearings.

- L. Resolution No. AR 97-236, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage establishing a Municipal Facilities Major Maintenance and Upgrade Program for municipally-owned general government facilities and appropriating a total of \$2,528,000 from General Government Operating Fund Balances to corresponding General Government Capital Improvement Funds in support of the **Municipal Facilities Major Maintenance Upgrade Program**, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 845-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-236.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

NAYS: None.

- M. Ordinance No. AO 97-128, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 12.10 to exempt all individual, non-business personal property from taxation; to provide for a short, simplified filing form for taxpayers reporting less than \$5,000 in business personal property valuation; and to change the filing deadline for **Business Personal Property Tax Returns** to April 20, Assemblymember Von Gemmingen.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 840-97.
 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 150-97, Finance. (**addendum**)

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to adopt AO 97-128.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

Ms. Von Gemmingen explained the change of deadline from April 15 to April 20 was because most people are very busy with the April 15 Federal income tax deadline. Also, the ordinance would exempt personal property not used in a business, such as lawn mowers and snow blowers.

Mr. Wohlforth commended Ms. Von Gemmingen for this ordinance. He felt it proposed a significant improvement to the system, although he felt more improvements could be made in the future.

Ms. Clementson said she intended to introduce an ordinance which would raise the amount at which a tax bill is mailed to \$20.

In response to Chairman Begich, Chief Fiscal Officer Soren Orley explained filing of a long form every four years was necessary to ensure the taxpayer is eligible for the short form. The short form may be filed for the intervening three years.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Orley explained \$5,000 was calculated statistically to be the level at which more people would be able to file a short form.

Municipal Manager Larry Crawford added the Municipality is required to tax for true value, therefore, periodic verification of assets is necessary.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-128 and it passed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Carlson, Murdy.
NAYS: None.

(Clerk's Note: Ms. Clementson was out of the room at the time of the vote.)

Mr. Murdy moved, to combine the public hearings
seconded by Mr. Carlson, for items 12.N. and 12.O,
and it passed without AO 97-122 and AR 97-224.
objection,

- N. **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance No. AO 97-122, an ordinance adopting the **1998 General Government Capital Improvement Budget**, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 815-97.
- O. **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING:** Resolution No. AR 97-224, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage adopting the **1998-2003 General Government Capital Improvement Program**, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 815-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing for AO 97-122 and AR 97-224 and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing. He noted the second public hearing for both items was scheduled for October 28, 1997.

13. **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/ASSEMBLY APPEALS:**

- A. Appeal S-10057, **Bell Estates Phase 1 Subdivision**, Clerk's Office.

Mr. Wuerch moved, to affirm the judgment of the
seconded by Mr. Kendall,
Platting Board.

Mr. Wuerch sympathized with the subdivision residents. However, the proposed additional development was well-planned and seems reasonable. He felt the Board acted in a prudent and proper manner.

Ms. Abney noted appellant alleged that the Platting Board and other agencies did not adequately evaluate the impact of the decision which would redirect traffic through the subdivision. She felt the request for alternative access was reasonable.

Ms. Clementson moved, to substitute a motion to remand
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth, Appeal S-10057 to the Platting Board with the request that it consider several issues: Comments from the Fire Department on the traffic pattern, whether or not sidewalks should be added as a requirement of approval, comments from the Traffic Engineer on whether parking should be allowed on both sides of the street, and comments from Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning and the State Department of Transportation on criteria for access to a major arterial.

Ms. Clementson noted the Fire Department was the only department which did not comment. She felt their comments were necessary because the length and street design of the subdivision would change. Regarding sidewalks, she pointed out Community Planning and Development (CPD) staff commented prior to public comments. Even though the subdivision is not long enough to require sidewalks, CPD has the ability to require them if warranted. Public input seems to indicate many children will use Bell Place to walk to school. Regarding access, she felt Traffic Engineering, Transportation Planning and the State Department of Transportation should further specify criteria for allowing additional access to a major arterial.

Mr. Meyer agreed access to Lake Otis was a critical point and was not adequately clarified.

Mr. Wuerch felt the access issue was clear in the record.

Ms. Abney felt safety concerns warranted additional investigation into the Lake Otis access issue.

Mr. Kendall felt the Board adequately addressed the parking and sidewalk issues. He noted sidewalks were not required, and allowing parking on both sides of the street was needed because of lack of parking. He felt that if CPD received no comments from the Fire Department, that meant the Fire Department had no concerns about the proposal.

Ms. Von Gemmingen felt traffic impact might affect property values. If traffic accessing Lake Otis from 88th Avenue is heavy, traffic would likely flow into this subdivision. She added the maps in the packet were difficult to read.

Ms. Clementson pointed out if an organization has no comments or concerns, they must still return the comment form indicating such. No such form was received by the Fire Department.

In response to Don Alspach of CPD, Ms. Clementson clarified her intent was the case be reviewed by staff and the Platting Board, but not have a new public hearing.

Mr. Wuerch noted the three criteria for remanding an appeal were procedural error, error in the application of the law, or that the findings and conclusions are unsupported by evidence. He questioned which of these was the basis of the motion.

Ms. Clementson replied that the third, facts and findings unsupported by evidence, was the basis. She reiterated that several public safety issues and access information were not part of the record.

Mr. Kendall pointed out on page 109, staff comments include a rationale for the access issue.

Ms. Clementson agreed, and withdrew the access issue from her motion. She also withdrew the issue of parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Wohlforth concurred.

Question was called on Ms. Clementson's substitute motion as altered above and it failed:

AYES: Wohlforth, Abney, Begich, Meyer, Clementson.

NAYS: Bell, Kendall, Wuerch, Von Gemmingen, Carlson, Murdy.

Question was called on Mr. Wuerch's motion to affirm the decision of the Platting Board and it passed:

AYES: Bell, Kendall, Wuerch, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

NAYS: Wohlforth, Abney, Begich, Meyer.

(Clerk's Note: Action on this item was reconsidered. See minutes of October 28, 1997 for further action.)

14. **SPECIAL ORDERS:**

- A. Mr. Murdy moved, to reschedule the public hearing
seconded by Mr. Carlson, for AR 97-249, regarding the 1998 Legislative Program, from
November 18 to October 28, 1997.

In response to Mr. Kendall, Dan Moore of the Office of Management and Budget explained the November 18 date was an error. Intent was to schedule Assembly action for October 28, to coincide with consideration of the capital budget.

Question was called on the motion to reschedule the public hearing for AR 97-249 to October 28, 1997 and it passed without objection.

15. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:**

- A. Mr. Murdy noted the National Weekly newsletter included an article about Senate Bill 1256 and House Bill 1534, pending before the U.S. Congress regarding land use development. The proposed law may be approved, and would have a significant impact on Anchorage. He recommended the Assembly approve a resolution stating its position and relaying that to Alaska's Congressional delegation.
- B. There was discussion of rescheduling the Assembly work sessions for the coming week. The joint Assembly/School Board meeting was rescheduled to November 4, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the School District headquarters.
- C. Ms. Von Gemmingen urged everyone to attend a meeting on October 22, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. Charlie Gandie will speak on the topic of a more walkable, bikeable city.
- D. Mr. Wuerch reported on a meeting of the joint Senate/House task force on Deferred Maintenance. There was discussion of Governor Hickel's concept of a community dividend. The concept is to create a companion to the State Permanent Fund Dividend that would go directly to individual communities, based on population. He said Governor Hickel was scheduled to give a series of appearances to detail the concept, including at the Alaska Municipal League conference next month.
- E. Chairman Begich announced an east Anchorage residents meeting on October 30, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.
- F. Mr. Murdy noted many debates on the curfew special election were scheduled in the coming weeks.

16. **UNFINISHED AGENDA:** None.

17. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** None.

19. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: November 25, 1997

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