

## MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of November 11, 1997

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was convened at 5:50 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.  
Absent: Joe Murdy (excused.)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge was led by Mr. Bell.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

## A. Regular Meeting - October 7, 1997

Mr. Wuerch moved, to approve the minutes of the  
seconded by Mr. Meyer, regular meeting of October 7,  
and it passed without objection, 1997.

5. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.6. **ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:**

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

A. **BID AWARDS:** None.B. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION:**

1. Ordinance No. AO 97-142, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 28.130 by repealing Section 28.130.010 **limiting campaign contributions and expenditures to \$1,000** or in opposition to any candidate for elected municipal or school district office, Legal Department. public hearing 12-9-97.
  - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 948-97.
2. Resolution No. AR 97-278, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$170,355 from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) for the **Child Care Licensing Program** in the Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services. public hearing 11-18-97.
  - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 945-97.
3. Resolution No. AR 97-280, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage affirming a **\$200,000 utility revenue distribution from the Refuse Collections Utility** to the 1998 General Government Operating Budget, Office of Management and Budget. public hearing 11-18-97. **(addendum)**
  - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 952-97.
4. Ordinance No. AO 97-143, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Sections 3.70.110 to amend the arbitrator's authority in collective bargaining **factfinding and interest arbitration**, and to provide for appeals from the arbitrator to the Employee Relations Board, Employee Relations. public hearing 12-9-97. **(addendum)**
  - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 954-97.

## C. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Resolution No. AR 97-279, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage providing for the appropriation of \$1,106 donated from numerous citizens to the Miscellaneous Operational Grants Fund (0261) for the **purchase of library books and materials**, Cultural and Recreational Services/Libraries.
  - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 946-97.

## D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 951-97, **Ramada Ltd. Hotel of Anchorage** - A New Tourism Beverage Dispensary Liquor License & Restaurant Designation (Northeast Community Council), Clerk's Office.
2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 947-97, change order No. 9 to **Baronoff Avenue street improvements** contract with Summit Paving and Construction, C-60344; File No. 87-62, Public Works.
3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 949-97, sole source contract with Pruhs Corporation for furnishing **storm drain pipe and appurtenances** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Public Works Department/Purchasing.

## E. INFORMATION AND REPORTS: None.

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

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

NAYS: None.

## 8. REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. TIME CRITICAL ITEMS: None.
- B. BID AWARDS: None.
- C. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION: None.
- D. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION: None.
- E. NEW BUSINESS: None.
- F. INFORMATION AND REPORTS: None.

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

- A. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 924-97, recommendation of award to First National Bank of Anchorage for providing **banking services** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Finance Department (RFP 49-97), Purchasing.  
(POSTPONED FROM 11-4-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the memorandum and noted no motions are pending.

Municipal Manager Larry Crawford requested this item be postponed. He said staff was not available to answer questions because today was a holiday.

Ms. Clementson moved, to postpone action on AM 924-97  
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth, until November 18, 1997.  
and it passed without  
objection,

## 10. APPEARANCE REQUESTS:

- A. **Eric Wohlforth**, to invite Assembly members to the Principles and Interest Conference on the Permanent Fund on November 20 and 21. (**addendum**)

Mr. Wohlforth invited Assembly members to the Principals and Interest Conference. He encouraged members to attend, because this conference promises to be very good. The format will include experts from Alaska and elsewhere examining the history of the Permanent Fund, its current configuration and various proposals for future changes. A video of highlights from the conference will be produced for distribution to communities around the State. The video will be shown in connection with a series of town meetings to be held in the spring of 1998. A concluding conference is scheduled for late spring 1998 in Anchorage. Mr. Wohlforth noted the events are completely sponsored by private sector businesses, using no public funds.

The meeting recessed at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

## 11. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

## 12. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Resolution No. AR 97-276, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$1,000,000 from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area Capital Improvement Fund (0461) for **design and construction of Mountain View Community/Recreation Center**, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 940-97.

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

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to approve AR 97-276.  
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

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

- B. Resolution No. AR 97-237, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage providing for a **revision of the Anchorage School District's budget for FY 1997-98** (General Fund, Food Service Fund, and Local/State/Federal Projects Fund Adjustments), Anchorage School District.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 850-97.

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

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to approve AR 97-237.  
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

Mr. Bell felt the Assembly should increase the Anchorage School District (ASD) budget \$4.8 million less than the \$11,402,900 request. He said the \$4.8 million amount could be added at a later date when the cost of the retirement incentive program is known.

Anchorage School District Superintendent Bob Christal addressed the Assembly. He explained savings from the Teachers and Public Employees Retirement systems were used to offset budget reductions by the Assembly. That allowed the District to avoid teacher layoffs and program cuts.

In response to Mr. Bell, Janet Stokesbary of the ASD said salaries for new teachers were reduced by about \$1,000 in the 1997-98 budget. She said there were no unbudgeted savings due to early retirements.

Mr. Christal explained the ASD needs authorization now to expend funds for the retirement incentive program, although the funds will not be expended until May or June of 1998.

Mr. Wohlforth disclosed his wife is a teacher with the ASD. He said her salary represented a significant part of their household income. However, her salary would not be affected by the action before the Assembly.

Chairman Begich ruled Mr. Wohlforth did not have a conflict of interest.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Christal discussed the budget for various programs, charter and specialty schools. He noted about \$5 million of the appropriation was for State and Federal matching grants. If these funds are not appropriated, the grants would have to be returned and certain projects and activities would not be funded.

Mr. Bell moved, to amend AR 97-237 to reduce the  
seconded by Mr. Kendall,  
appropriate amount by \$4,813,400 for a new  
total of \$6,589,500.

Mr. Bell said his intent was that the \$4,813,400 appropriation would be considered separately by the Assembly in March, 1998.

Mr. Wohlforth opposed the motion. He felt the ASD must have the money in December in order to assure employees that a retirement incentive program was available.

Mr. Wuerch noted the ASD would know on December 1 how many employees will retire, and the exact amount could be appropriated then.

In response to Mr. Kendall, Mr. Christal said the teacher retirement program was not included in the 1997-98 budget. He added that several years ago, the District approached the Assembly in the spring requesting a budget increase after receipt of Federal grants. Officials were chastised for not seeking Assembly approval in the late fall/early winter.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Christal explained if the number of retirements does not reach the expected number, the excess retirement incentive funds will not be spent for another purpose.

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

to call the previous question.

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

Question was called on Mr. Bell's motion to amend and it failed:

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

Mr. Wuerch noted the proposed budget revision would not affect local taxes.

Mr. Bell disagreed with Mr. Wuerch. He said any excess funds transferred to next years' budget would affect local taxes.

Mr. Christal agreed to appear in January 1998 to report on the number of employees who participate in the retirement program.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-237 and it passed:

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

Mr. Bell moved, to combine the public hearings for  
seconded by Ms. Clementson, items 12.C. and 12.D, AO 97-126  
and it passed without and AR 97-227.  
objection,

- C. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance No. AO 97-126, an ordinance adopting and appropriating funds for the Municipality's **1998 Anchorage Telephone Utility Operating and Capital Budgets** and approving the issuance in 1998 of a maximum of \$35,000,000 of Anchorage Telephone Utility Parity Revenue Bonds at a specified maximum true interest rate to partially fund the Utility's capital budget, Anchorage Telephone Utility.
  - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 822-97.
- D. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING:** Resolution No. AR 97-227, a resolution adopting the **1998-2003 Anchorage Telephone Utility Capital Improvement Program**, Anchorage Telephone Utility.
  - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 823-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing for AO 97-126 and AR 97-227 and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing. He noted action on both items was scheduled for November 18, 1997.

Mr. Bell moved, to combine the public hearings for  
seconded by Ms. Clementson, items 12.E. and 12.F, AO 97-123  
and it passed without and AR 97-226.  
objection,

- E. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance No. AO 97-123, an ordinance adopting and appropriating funds for the **1998 Public Utilities Operating and Capital Budgets** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management and Budget.
  - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 818-97.
  - 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 157-97.
- F. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING:** Resolution No. AR 97-226, a resolution adopting the **1998-2003 Public Utilities Capital Improvement Program**, Office of Management and Budget.
  - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 819-97.
  - 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 157-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing for AO 97-123 and AR 97-226 and asked if anyone wished to speak.

GENE SARRELS, a member of the Port Commission, spoke in support of the Commission's September 26, 1997 report "Anchorage Port Enterprise Dividend." He said the Commission issued the report to resolve a long-standing question about the propriety, methodology and inconsistency of assessing Port revenues to support general government. While researching the enterprise dividend, it was found the Port is not a utility as defined under the Municipal Charter because it is governed by the Federal Maritime Commission rather than the Alaska Public Utilities Commission. Mr. Sarrels noted the Port establishes its rates based on the recovery of all operating costs and certain costs related to improvements of Port facilities. The current MUSA dividend approach is based on property values, including improvements which are already taxed. The Commission feels charges assessed to the Port should be predicated on the amount of service required and provided by the Municipality. Mr. Sarrels requested the Commission's recommendations to formally codify the assessment methodology, account for the assessment on a cost-per-service basis, and allow the Port greater flexibility to act in a pro-active and business-like manner be adopted.

Mr. Wohlforth and Chairman Begich requested the Commission develop a plan to implement its recommendations.

Chairman Begich asked if anyone else wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing. Action on both items was scheduled for November 18, 1997.

- G. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance No. AO 97-124, an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage adopting and appropriating funds for the **1998 General Government Operating Budget** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 820-97.
  2. Ordinance No. AO 97-124(S), an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage adopting and appropriating funds for the 1998 General Government Operating Budget for the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management and Budget.
  3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 950-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak.

DAWNIA CLEMENTS spoke about the proposed increase in funding for a paratransit brokerage, to allow evening and weekend access to transportation. She spoke as a member of the Transit Advisory Board, director of the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs, and representing her peers who are over 60 years old. Ms. Clements said the proposed transit system will address the transportation needs of senior citizens in Anchorage. She noted senior volunteers meet many critical needs in the community, and adequate transportation is necessary for them to get to and from volunteer positions. Senior volunteers also help frail elderly persons to live independently as long as possible.

TOM MCGRATH supported comments of the previous speaker. He felt there should be a more innovative approach to the budget, such as contracting out more services. He noted more ballfields and ice rinks were needed, and complained library and museum hours are shorter. In general, he felt things in Anchorage are not getting accomplished, despite increased budgets.

FRANCINE LASTUFKA-TAYLOR of the Alaska Moving Image Preservation Association (AMIPA) thanked Messrs. Wuerch and Begich for their proposed amendment to the budget, and for taking a tour of her facility. She introduced the board members. She said her association worked to preserve Alaskan film and audio materials. She anticipated some type of public ownership of the materials in the future.

LORI ELLER, vice chair of the Library Advisory Board, thanked the Assembly for its support of the Library. She spoke in support of funding for additional capital improvement projects for the Library system, including remodeling of the Loussac circulation area, construction of a Girdwood library, increased computer terminals in the various branches, and earthquake-proof shelving. Ms. Eller also spoke in support of the budget request for AMIPA. She felt preservation of audio and video materials was important.

ERNIE HALL, chairman of the Board of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, introduced other Board and staff members. He thanked the Assembly for its continued support of AEDC's mission: to actively recruit new business for Anchorage. Mr. Hall noted this years' proposed increase to the AEDC budget was the first in ten years. These funds will allow more recruitment presentations to companies considering moving into Anchorage. He explained AEDC now must make lease payments for its office space in the Bank of America Building, which was recently purchased by the State of Alaska. Previously the private owners of the building donated office space to AEDC. Also, AEDC received notice it must vacate this building by June 1998, which will result in relocation costs.

ELLA CRAIG, chair of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, spoke in support of an increase to the Health and Human Services Department budget for a needs study of the senior population in Anchorage. Ms. Craig noted seniors are the fastest-growing segment of the population. She said some studies have been performed in the past, but they focused on specific issues. The proposal is for an unbiased, comprehensive, in-depth study which would include consumer views rather than agency views. It would improve quality of life for seniors by planning and coordination of available resources. She hoped the results of the study would eventually affect public policy.

MELINDA TAYLOR, of the Northeast Community Center, spoke in support of the proposed amendment to increase the Center's budget. She emphasized the critical nature of the services the Center provides to the community. Although there are many volunteers, they need an additional staff person to support the amount of people who visit the center and additional programs to be offered.

MARIE MAJEWSKE, ROBERT RUPKE, DOROTHY GARRETT, BILL BOBRICK and JOHN THOMAS, Board members of the Northeast Community Center, spoke about the importance of the Center to the community and the need for the additional funds.

ROBERT OTT, a resident of Spenard and member of the Spenard Community Council, spoke in support of an increase to Public Works' budget for zoning and code enforcement. He said the zoning committee of the Council meets monthly with the code enforcement officer assigned to Spenard; there is a backlog of cases and a real need for additional enforcement. Mr. Ott noted these cases represent quality of life and safety issues.

SAM HAYWOOD, president of the Northeast Community Council, outlined the positive effects of the Northeast Community Center. He said the community has been tremendously impacted: community involvement is on the increase and petty crimes are on the decrease. Mr. Haywood explained the Center hosts events for families and children, co-sponsors health fairs, and provides a meeting place for various community groups. He urged the Assembly to support an amendment to increase the Center's budget.

RANDY PHILLIPS, a member of the Board of the Eagle River Fine Arts Academy, described the activities of the Academy. The purpose of the Academy is to encourage participation in the arts. He invited everyone to an auction in January 1998 which would raise funds for the Academy.

MARCIE GENTEMAN expanded on the Academy's programs. She said the Academy has been in existence for about fourteen years, and serves children and adults. Classes include voice, instruments, painting, drama, creative writing, karate and moving and visual arts. She explained grant funds are used for scholarships.

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

The meeting recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

- H. **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance No. AO 97-125, an ordinance adopting and appropriating funds for the **1998 Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System**, Police and Fire Retirement System. public hearing 11-11-97 and 11-18-97.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 821-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing. He noted the second public hearing would be held on November 18, 1997.

Mr. Carlson disclosed a potential conflict of interest on this item. Chairman Begich said that issue would be addressed during action on the ordinance.

- I. 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.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 878-97.
  2. Ordinance No. AO 97-133(S), 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. (**addendum**)
  3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 953-97.

In response to Chairman Begich, Assistant Municipal Attorney Bill Greene described the differences between the two versions of the ordinance. The S version included the term "negligent" as prosecutions often hinge on the mental state of a violator.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak.

ANN MARIE HOLAN, manager of the Smokeless States project at the Alaska Native Health Board, said she has worked full-time in the field of tobacco control for over three years. Ms. Holan said increased tobacco taxes do not deter smoking by minors who choose to steal cigarettes. She said the problem of children shoplifting cigarettes has always been significant, and now is increasing since the price of tobacco products has increased. Studies show a common source of tobacco for minors is theft. She said placing tobacco products beyond reach of customers is a good way to prevent shoplifting. However, merchants do not have incentive to take this action on their own, because they are paid by tobacco companies to keep products in self-service displays. These fees more than compensate for losses from shoplifting. She urged the Assembly to adopt the ordinance to place another barrier between children and addiction to tobacco.

JUDITH MULLER, a member of the Health and Human Services Commission, spoke in support of the ordinance. She said the Commission approved a resolution earlier this year supporting the improvement of public health by the reduction of tobacco use. The law would enhance protections of minors and reduce instances of theft. The Commission believes the law will reduce the amount of tobacco available to children and reduce the potential for tobacco addiction.

CHRISTIE MACINTYRE, executive director of the American Lung Association of Alaska, explained the Association's mission was to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. She urged the Assembly to support the proposed ordinance. She said virtually all new users of tobacco products are children and teens. Ninety percent of all smokers began smoking or using smokeless tobacco before the age of nineteen. Ms. MacIntyre spoke about the power of addiction. The ordinance was a way to prevent children from becoming addicted. She read a letter from the Anchorage Teens Against Tobacco Alliance in support of the ordinance.

IRENE PIERSON-GAMBELL spoke in support of the ordinance. She felt the health of young people outweighed any cost or inconvenience to business owners.

CRAIG HARPEL spoke as the director of the Alaska office of the American Heart Association. He explained the Association's mission was to fight heart disease; tobacco contributes greatly to this disease. He felt the ordinance was appropriate because it only limited access to minors and would not impact adults who choose to smoke or chew. He asked the Assembly to adopt the ordinance.

JENNY MURRAY, tobacco policy coordinator for the American Cancer Society, stated her support for the ordinance. She also conveyed support by Arliss Sturgulewski, who could not be present tonight. Although tobacco is generally placed alongside candy and snack products, it is dangerous and should not be treated as candy.

ERIC MEYERS noted the tobacco industry publicly professes opposition to use by youth. Privately, however, the industry works against this ideal. He felt efforts by Phillip Morris and R.J. Reynolds lobbyists to defeat this ordinance is evidence of the law's value. He reiterated the point that adults do not start smoking; children do. Ninety percent of all smokers begin before age eighteen. He supported the ordinance as a measure to save lives. He noted the Federal Food and Drug Administration is pursuing regulations similar to this ordinance. Mr. Meyers added many local governments in various states have enacted similar laws.

TOM MCGRATH supported the ordinance. He pointed out it would provide for removing temptation to steal from children, yet maintain adults' right to choose to purchase tobacco.

Chairman Begich asked if anyone else wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing. He addressed a note on the agenda which stated action would be postponed until November 18. He said the public hearing was scheduled to be held and closed today, as occurred.

Mr. Meyer recalled upon introduction of this ordinance on October 21, he asked action be postponed until November 18 to allow Mr. Murdy to be present. However, Mr. Murdy indicated he supported taking action tonight.

Mr. Bell noted House Bill 189 was approved unanimously.

In response to Mr. Bell, Marco Pignalberi of State Senator John Cowdery's office addressed the Assembly. He said action on the bill by two Senate committees was anticipated early in the session. The bill was a priority of Senator Cowdery.

Mr. Meyer moved, to adopt AO 97-133(S).  
seconded by Ms. Abney,

Chairman Begich disclosed he owns two or three cigarette vending machines. However, he plans to donate them to the American Lung Association for destruction as a fundraising activity. He did not feel he had a conflict of interest because the revenue from the machines is insignificant; it represents about 3/4 of one percent of the revenue of that business.

Mr. Carlson moved, to amend AO 97-133(S) on page 1,  
seconded by Mr. Bell, line 44 to read: "As far as  
and it passed without practical from any entrance on  
objection,  
the inside..."

Mr. Carlson felt it was ironic that propositions re-legalizing marijuana were likely to appear on the State ballot next year. He hoped those who testified tonight would address this issue also.

Ms. Von Gemmingen moved, to amend AO 97-133(S) on page 2,  
seconded by Mr. Bell, line 21 to read: "...on the one  
and it passed without hundred twentieth (120th) day  
objection,  
after passage..."

Ms. Von Gemmingen noted the holiday season was approaching. She did not want to place undue burden on merchants at this time of the year. She noted many businesses are currently moving tobacco products behind counters, but many are not complying with the law regarding sale to minors. She supported the ordinance.

Mr. Bell said he opposed the increased tobacco tax. However, he supported the proposed ordinance which would restrict access to children.

Mr. Wohlforth congratulated Mr. Meyer for introducing this ordinance.

Ms. Clementson also spoke in support.

Mr. Meyer supported the law, which would help prevent children from becoming addicted to tobacco.

Ms. Abney and Chairman Begich spoke in support of the ordinance.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-133(S) as amended and it passed:

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

Mr. Meyer moved,  
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

immediate reconsideration.

AYES: None.

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

13. **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/ASSEMBLY APPEALS:** None.

14. **SPECIAL ORDERS:**

- A. Resolution No. AR 97-282, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly encouraging the UAA Board of Regents and the State Legislature to **preserve the current level of funding for the Chugiak-Eagle River Campus of UAA**, Assemblymember Kendall. **(LAID ON TABLE)**

Mr. Kendall moved,  
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

to approve AR 97-282.

Mr. Kendall explained the campus needs funding, and the University has proposed reducing the budget significantly. He recommended approval.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-282 and it passed without objection.

15. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:**

1. Assembly members discussed their proposed amendments to the operating budget.
2. Mr. Bell noted today was Veterans Day. He felt it was important to honor veterans, as they helped protect our country.
3. Chairman Begich reported on the second Gang Task force meeting. He anticipated some draft ideas would be available by the beginning of the new year.
4. Ms. Abney said the recycling task force has been meeting regularly, and have developed a Request For Proposal.

16. **UNFINISHED AGENDA:** None.

17. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

TOM MCGRATH pointed out the only entrance to the Assembly Chambers is through the outdoor smoking area for the building. He added this was also the entrance for handicapped people; some handicapped people suffer from emphysema and other lung diseases. He felt the smoking area should be moved away from the main entrance.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:** None.

19. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

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