

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

Regular Meeting of November 18, 1997

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was convened at 5:15 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 Ms. Clementson.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** None.

5. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

6. **ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:**

Ms. Von Gemmingen moved, to amend the agenda to include
seconded by Mr. Meyer, the addendum items.

Chairman Begich read the addendum items.

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

Mr. Murdy moved, to change the orders of the day
seconded by Mr. Wuerch, to consider item 14.A, AM 866-97.
and it passed without
objection,

Assembly Memorandum No. AM 866-97, **certification of the November 4, 1997, Special Municipal Election**, Clerk's Office.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AM 866-97.
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

Municipal Clerk Lejane Ferguson spoke on behalf of Election Commission chair Joan Haug. She noted the Election Commission met to canvass the absentee and questioned ballots on November 14, 1997 and met on November 17, 1997 to adopt its report. Both meetings were duly noticed in the Anchorage Daily News on November 10, 1997. Total absentee ballots received was 676; total questioned ballots received was 2,372. Total rejected absentee ballots was 7; total rejected questioned ballots was 137.

Mr. Kendall thanked everyone responsible for conducting the election.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 866-97 and it passed without objection.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

A. **BID AWARDS:**

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 967-97, recommendation of award to NC Machinery for **rebuilding one loader** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Solid Waste Services (ITB 97-116), Purchasing.
2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 968-97, recommendation of award to E. Brown Inc., dba International Steel for **construction of Egan Center Skybridge** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Property and Facility Management (ITB 97-C32), Purchasing.

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

B. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION:**

1. Ordinance No. AO 97-144, an ordinance **continuing or reestablishing the Anchorage Telephone Utility Labor Board** pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code Section 4.05.150, Assemblymember Begich. public hearing 12-9-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 961-97.
2. Ordinance No. AO 97-145, an ordinance **continuing or reestablishing the Urban Design Commission** pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code Section 4.05.150, Assemblymember Begich. public hearing 12-9-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 962-97.
3. Ordinance No. AO 97-146, an ordinance enacting Anchorage Municipal Code Subsection 12.15.015 F. to **reestablish the qualifications, terms and conditions of a property tax exemption for community purpose property**, Assemblymember Begich. public hearing 12-9-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 963-97.
4. Resolution No. AR 97-281, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$460,000 and amending the revised 1997 Port of Anchorage Capital Budget to fund a **settlement in Spernak and Son, Inc. v. Municipality of Anchorage, et al.**, Case No. 3AN-96-2351 Civil, Port of Anchorage/Legal Department. public hearing 12-9-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 955-97.
5. Resolution No. AR 97-286, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, accepting a State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation grant in the amount of \$251,026 and appropriating said grant to the Anchorage Water Utility's Capital Improvement Budget for the **South Addition Woodstave Upgrade, Phase II Project**, Water and Wastewater Utility. public hearing 12-9-97.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 969-97.
6. Resolution No. AR 97-287, a resolution confirming and levying assessments for the **water special improvements within Levy Upon Connection (LUC) Roll 97-W-2**, setting date of payment and providing or penalties and interest in the event of delinquency, Water and Wastewater Utility. public hearing 12-9-97. **(addendum)**
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 977-97.

C. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Resolution No. AR 97-283, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **expressing appreciation to Michael "J" Easley for his 27 years of service** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Assemblymembers Abney, Begich, Bell, Carlson, Clementson, Kendall, Meyer, Murdy, Von Gemmingen, Wohlforth and Wuerch.

Ms. Abney asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.D.

2. Resolution No. AR 97-284, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **supporting the development of an Alaska system of rest and information stops for travelers**, Assemblymember Abney.

Ms. Abney asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.D.

3. Resolution No. AR 97-285, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **requesting and encouraging the U.S. Forest Service and the Alaska Congressional delegation to support year-round operation of the Begich-Boggs Visitor Center**, Assemblymember Abney.

Ms. Abney asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.D.

4. Resolution No. AR 97-288, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$40,000 of interest revenues from within the Areawide General CIP Fund 0401 and \$50,000 from the New Anchorage Police Service Area Operating Fund Balance (0151) to the New Anchorage Police Service Area Capital Improvement Fund (0451) for **site selection study of alternatives to the Sixth Avenue Jail, Downtown Fire Station, and Inebriate Drop-Off Center**, Office of Management and Budget. **(addendum)**
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 979-97.

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

5. Resolution No. AR 97-289, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **establishing an "ATU Committee" of the Assembly**, Assemblymember Begich. **(addendum)**

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

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 956-97, **Light and Power Commission appointment** (Russell Nogg), Mayor's Office.

2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 970-97, **appointment to Pre-Funding Investment Board** (Theo Chenier), Mayor's Office.
3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 964-97, **Stuart Anderson Cattle Company** - Transfer of Ownership of a Beverage Dispensary Liquor License & Restaurant Designation Permit (Spenard Community Council), Clerk's Office.
4. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 957-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 73755 to exercise the first option period with Ethix Northwest for providing **medical utilization review services** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Employee Relations Department/Purchasing.
5. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 958-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 73278 to exercise the first option period with Human Affairs Alaska for providing a **Managed Mental Health/Employee Assistance Program** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Employee Relations Department/Purchasing.
6. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 959-97, change order No. 6 to purchase order 42900 with Paratransit Services for providing **MuniLift Paratransit Services** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Public Transportation Department/Purchasing.
7. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 971-97, recommendation of award to Mellon Bank, N.A. for providing **Master Trust/Custody Services** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Police and Fire Retirement System (RFP 52-97), Purchasing.
8. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 960-97, change order No. 5 to purchased order 60373 with Wilder Construction Company for providing **additional grant fundable work to the 1997 Merrill Field Improvement Project** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Merrill Field Airport.
9. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 965-97, **approval of 1998 grants to non-profit arts organizations**, Cultural and Recreational Services.

Ms. Clementson asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.E.

10. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 966-97, the **sunset of AO 95-90 Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Commission** (AMC 4.60.240), **AO 95-64 Youth Advisory Commission** (AMC 4.60.275), **AO 95-46 Investment Advisory Commission** (AMC 4.50.090), **AO 95-91 Animal Control Advisory Board** (AMC 4.60.180), Clerk's Office.
11. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 972-97, Appeal S-10057, **Bell Estates Subdivision Findings and Conclusions**, Community Planning and Development.

Ms. Clementson asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.E.

12. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 974-97, **appointment to Executive Staff** (Meera Kohler - General Manager, Municipal Light and Power), Mayor's Office. **(addendum)**

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

13. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 975-97, change order No. 2 to purchase order 64214 to EBSCO Subscription Services for providing **subscription services** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Cultural and Recreational Services/Purchasing. **(addendum)**

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

14. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 976-97, **La Cabana** - Transfer of Ownership of a Beverage Dispensary Liquor License and Restaurant Designation (Downtown/Fairview Community Councils), Clerk's Office. **(addendum)**
15. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 978-97, change order No. 6 to purchase order 62937 with Applied Microsystems, Inc. for **Municipal website development** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Mayor's Office/Purchasing. **(addendum)**

E. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

1. Appeal 97-108, **Collins Subdivision, Lot 8** - Conditional Use Permit for a Correctional Community Residential Center, has been scheduled for hearing before the Board of Adjustment on ~~December 9, 1997~~ December 16, 1997.

This hearing for this appeal was rescheduled to December 16, 1997 by a motion passed later in the meeting. See after item 8.F.2.

2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 158-97, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility construction contract change orders for **6th Avenue & "K" Street Woodstave R&R, Anchorage Loop Water Transmission Main - Phases I & III**, South Addition Woodstave R&R - Phase I, Turnagain View Booster Station Upgrades, Sunny Slopes West Water R&R, North Eagle River Intertie, Eagle River Trunk Sewer TID ER-3, and Girdwood WWTF Improvements - Phase I, Water and Wastewater Utility.
3. Information Memorandum No. AIM 159-97, **Monthly Financial Report** - September 1997, Finance.

4. Information Memorandum No. AIM 160-97, **Bar Violations/Quarterly Report**, Anchorage Police Department.

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

5. Information Memorandum No. AIM 162-97, **Sole Source Procurement Report** for the month of October 1997, Purchasing. **(addendum)**
6. Information Memorandum No. AIM 163-97, **contracts awarded between \$30,000 and \$100,000 through formal competitive processes** for the month of October 1997, Purchasing. **(addendum)**

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 968-97, recommendation of award to E. Brown Inc., dba International Steel for **construction of Egan Center Skybridge** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Property and Facility Management (ITB 97-C32), Purchasing.
Mr. Wohlforth moved, to approve AM 968-97.
seconded by Mr. Kendall,

Mr. Wohlforth explained he had supported construction of an escalator for the skybridge. However, he now felt the escalator was not as important as a rehearsal hall for the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts (ACPA). An additional rehearsal hall would allow more use of the ACPA's three stages, thus expanding booking dates for both the ACPA and the Egan Convention Center. This would result in more use of the skybridge. He felt funds would be better spent on a rehearsal hall than an escalator.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 968-97 and it passed:

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

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to change the orders of the day
seconded by Mr. Wuerch, to consider a motion to amend
and it passed without something previously adopted,
objection,
AR 97-105, approved May 20, 1997.

Resolution No. AR 97-105, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$303,360 in unappropriated interest from within the Areawide Capital Improvement Fund (0401) and \$70,000 contributed by the Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau to the Areawide Capital Improvement Fund (0401) for **construction of a skybridge connecting the Egan Convention Center and the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts**, Property and Facility Management. (AMENDED AND APPROVED 5-20-97)

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to amend AR 97-105 to delete
seconded by Mr. Kendall,
Section 3, which directs inclusion
and it passed without of an escalator in the skybridge
objection,
design.

Question was called to approve AR 97-105 as amended and it passed without objection.

C. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION: None.

D. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Resolution No. AR 97-283, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **expressing appreciation to Michael "J" Easley for his 27 years of service** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Assemblymembers Abney, Begich, Bell, Carlson, Clementson, Kendall, Meyer, Murdy, Von Gemmingen, Wohlforth and Wuerch.

Ms. Abney moved,
seconded by Mr. Murdy,
and it passed without
objection,

to approve AR 97-283.

Ms. Abney read the resolution.

2. Resolution No. AR 97-284, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **supporting the development of an Alaska system of rest and information stops for travelers**, Assemblymember Abney.

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

to approve AR 97-284.

Ms. Abney explained the resolution would be forwarded to State and Federal officials. It supported development of a rest and information system along Alaskan highways.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-284 and it passed without objection.

3. Resolution No. AR 97-285, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **requesting and encouraging the U.S. Forest Service and the Alaska Congressional delegation to support year-round operation of the Begich-Boggs Visitor Center**, Assemblymember Abney.

Ms. Abney moved,
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

to approve AR 97-285.

Ms. Abney explained efforts to increase winter tourism depend on having adequate winter destinations. Having the Begich-Boggs Center, a major tourist destination, open year-round would have a positive economic effect.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-285 and it passed without objection.

4. Resolution No. AR 97-288, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$40,000 of interest revenues from within the Areawide General CIP Fund 0401 and \$50,000 from the New Anchorage Police Service Area Operating Fund Balance (0151) to the New Anchorage Police Service Area Capital Improvement Fund (0451) for **site selection study of alternatives to the Sixth Avenue Jail, Downtown Fire Station, and Inebriate Drop-Off Center**, Office of Management and Budget. (addendum)
a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 979-97.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

to approve AR 97-288.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Don Simmons of Property and Facility Management discussed the amount of public involvement in the jail site selection process. He said public meetings and presentations were an integral part of the scope of services. The study would be done in two phases. The first phase is scheduled for completion in January 1998; this will be identification of three to five sites for each facility and presentation of the site choices to the Legislature and the public. The second phase, actual site selection, is scheduled for commencement after approval of the projects. He confirmed the Ship Creek area and location of the existing Cook Inlet Pre-Trial facility would be included in the selection area. It was the intent of the administration that the old jail location would be abandoned when a new jail is built; the new facility would act as a jail rather than a prison.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-288 and it passed without objection.

5. Resolution No. AR 97-289, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **establishing an "ATU Committee" of the Assembly**, Assemblymember Begich. (addendum)

Mr. Wuerch moved,
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

to approve AR 97-289.

Mr. Wuerch expressed concern that the resolution seemed to delegate authority to the committee that should remain with the Assembly.

Mr. Wuerch moved,

to amend AR 97-289 in Section 1
seconded by Ms. Abney,
paragraph c to read: "...shall develop and implement a program to assist the Assembly in reviewing and monitoring ATU's business performance, and study any changes to ATU's governmental structure."

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Chairman Begich clarified his intent was that the committee would help the Assembly, as a body, to address various ATU issues such as bonding, budget and possible sale of the utility.

Mr. Wohlforth said the committee would schedule meetings so as many Assembly members could attend as possible. Assembly members are welcome to attend any meetings, including any executive sessions of the committee.

Question was called on Mr. Wuerch's motion to amend and it passed without objection.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-289 as amended and it passed without objection.

Chairman Begich noted Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Meyer and Ms. Von Gemmingen were the committee members; Mr. Wohlforth will act as chair.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 965-97, **approval of 1998 grants to non-profit arts organizations**, Cultural and Recreational Services.

Ms. Clementson moved, to approve AM 965-97.
seconded by Mr. Kendall,

Ms. Clementson moved, to postpone action on AM 965-97
seconded by Mr. Kendall, until December 9, 1997.
and it passed without
objection,

(Clerk's Note: This motion was reconsidered later in the meeting. See item 16, Unfinished Agenda.)

2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 972-97, Appeal S-10057, **Bell Estates Subdivision Findings and Conclusions**, Community Planning and Development.

Ms. Clementson moved, to approve AM 972-97.
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

Ms. Clementson moved, to amend AM 972-97 in the
seconded by Mr. Meyer,
Conclusions, item #3, to delete
and it passed without the sentence "The Platting Board
objection,
shall compare this...Lake Otis Parkway."

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 972-97 as amended and it passed without objection.

3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 974-97, **appointment to Executive Staff** (Meera Kohler - General Manager, Municipal Light and Power), Mayor's Office. **(addendum)**

Mr. Carlson moved, to approve AM 974-97.
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

Mr. Carlson welcomed Ms. Kohler. From past experience, he felt she was an outstanding employee and would be an asset to the Municipal work force.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 974-97 and it passed without objection.

F. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

1. Information Memorandum No. AIM 160-97, **Bar Violations/ Quarterly Report**, Anchorage Police Department.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to accept AIM 160-97.
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

Mr. Wohlforth noted in the last eighteen months he has attempted, unsuccessfully, to persuade his colleagues to take corrective action on the operation of four establishments listed in the report. He pointed out that these same four establishments, The 515 Club, The Hub, The Avenue and the Panhandle Bar, had several Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board violations and other incidents listed in this report. He reviewed highlights from the report. Mr. Wohlforth felt there was a serious problem with operation of bars in the 4th Avenue area, and the current process of addressing these problems is unacceptable.

Mr. Meyer noted there is a similar problem in his Assembly section. He pointed out the Captains Club received as many ABC violations as the 515 Club. The management has been consistently cited for allowing patrons to remain on the premises after closing. He recalled when this license was transferred recently, the

new owners appeared before the Assembly and stated he understood all the laws associated with alcohol service. Mr. Meyer questioned whether the Assembly could approach the owner about these violations.

In response to Chairman Begich, Assistant Municipal Attorney Ann Resch said the Assembly could ask questions of the owner if they appeared before the Assembly at a meeting.

Mr. Wuerch noted a tabulation error on line 21 of the report for Chilkoot Charlie's.

Ms. Clementson suggested a work session with the Municipal Attorney's staff and the ABC Board. She felt some action must be taken to address the many violations at various establishments.

Chairman Begich recommended the offending operators be asked to address the Assembly during a meeting, and answer questions about excessive violations. He noted the Assembly may protest a license in January during the second year of the two-year licenses.

Ms. Clementson noted the Assembly does not have a standard by which to measure establishments' violations. She said every time a standard has been proposed, it has been rejected by the Assembly. She felt some standard was necessary in order to address unacceptable operation practices.

Mr. Meyer requested the owner of the Captains Club appear before the Assembly to answer questions.

Ms. Clementson asked the owners of the Raven bar and The Avenue also appear. She suggested copies of the bar violations/quarterly report be forwarded to both owners.

Chairman Begich agreed.

Mr. Wohlforth empathized with his colleagues concerns. However, he felt until the Assembly takes some action to establish disciplinary procedures, merely conversing with owners and accepting their apologies would have no effect. Lastly, he expressed appreciation to Police Department staff for preparing and submitting the last quarters' report so promptly.

Question was called on the motion to accept AIM 160-97 and it passed without objection.

2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 975-97, change order No. 2 to purchase order 64214 to EBSCO Subscription Services for providing **subscription services** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Cultural and Recreational Services/Purchasing. (**addendum**)

Mr. Carlson moved, to approve AM 975-97.
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

In response to Mr. Carlson, Cultural and Recreational Services Director Connie Jones explained the proposed subscriptions were for regular Library materials. She agreed to provide him with a list of specific titles of the materials.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 975-97 and it passed without objection.

Ms. Clementson moved, to reschedule the hearing for
seconded by Mr. Bell, Appeal 97-108, Collins Subdivision
and it passed without Lot 8, item 7.E.1, to December 16,
objection,
1997 due to scheduled absences by three
members on December 9.

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 AND 11-11-97)
- B. 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.
(POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)
- C. 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.
(POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)
- D. 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.
(POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)
- E. 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.
(POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)
- F. 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.
 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 950-97.
(POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)
- G. Resolution No. AR 97-225, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage adopting the **1998-2003 Six Year Fiscal Program**, Office of Management and Budget.
 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 817-97.
 2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 941-97.
(POSTPONED FROM 11-4-97)
- H. Resolution No. AR 97-277, a resolution adopting the **1998 Legislative Program** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Manager's Office.
 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 944-97.
 2. Resolution No. AR 97-277(S), a resolution adopting the 1998 Legislative Program for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Manager's Office.
 3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 973-97.
(AMENDED 11-4-97; POSTPONED FROM 11-4-97)

Items 9.A. through 9.H. were considered later in the meeting. See item 16, Unfinished Agenda.

10. **APPEARANCE REQUESTS:**

- A. **Anne R. Mitchell**, regarding expenses incurred due to Public Works Department's trespass on property.

Ms. Mitchell explained Public Works' Street Maintenance staff used bulldozers to destroy small shrubs and small trees that screened her property from the street. Snow was also plowed onto her property. Staff promised to return to take care of the snow, but never arrived. Staff also paved her road as part of the Recycled Asphalt Program, and extended the asphalt onto her property. She described repeated contacts with Public Works staff to report these situations, and the resulting lack of action. She finally consulted an attorney to resolve these encroachment and trespass issues. Although the Municipality has reimbursed her for some of her expenses as a result of the trespass, reimbursement of her attorney's fees has been refused. She felt her attorney's fees should be paid because she received no corrective responses until intervention by the attorney.

Mr. Kendall suggested Ms. Mitchell contact Operations Manager George Vakalis to discuss this situation further. He requested a report from the administration on this situation.

- B. **Mary Minder**, regarding animal control. **(addendum)**

Ms. Minder described a frightening encounter with an Animal Control official. She felt she was treated unjustly, and lied to and coerced throughout the resulting contacts with officials regarding charges made against her dog. She supported the Municipality's law regarding dogs, but felt enforcement of the law was unfair.

Assistant Municipal Attorney Bill Greene explained Ms. Minder still had time to proceed with an appeal to the Animal Control Appeals Board.

Ms. Minder replied she chose not to appeal because Ms. Debbie Patrick threatened her. Ms. Patrick said the result of an appeal would be increased fines and an increase offense against the dog.

Health and Human Services Director Elaine Christian agreed fees might increase as a result of boarding the animal for a longer period of time. However, the charges against the dog would not change. The hearing officer would hear arguments on the existing charges only.

Mr. Wuerch requested Ms. Christian to investigate and report to the Assembly on whether charges against an animal are dropped if a complainant refuses to appear.

Mayor Mystrom expressed concern about Ms. Minder's comments. He said he would meet with her and Ms. Christian to discuss this specific case, as well as the enforcement process in general.

The meeting recessed at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

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

12. **NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Resolution No. AR 97-269, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$244,186 to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) from the Alaska Commission on Aging to assist in the **funding of a system of coordinated transportation services for senior citizens and for people with disabilities** with the Municipality of Anchorage, Public Transportation Department.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 922-97.

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 97-269.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

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

(Clerk's Note: Mr. Bell and Ms. Abney were out of the room at the time of the vote.)

- B. Resolution No. AR 97-272, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$121,646 to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for the **Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title IIC Youth Program**, Health and Human Services.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 929-97.

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 97-272.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

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

- C. Resolution No. AR 97-273, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$820,962 to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for the **Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title IIA Adult Program**, Health and Human Services.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 930-97.

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 97-273.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

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

- D. Resolution No. AR 97-274, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$1,273,666 to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for the **State Training and Employment Program (STEP)**, Health and Human Services.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 931-97.

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 97-274.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

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

- E. 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.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 945-97.

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 97-278.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

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

NAYS: None.

- F. Ordinance No. AO 97-137, an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage creating Street Reconstruction Special Assessment District 1SR97 - **Street, Drainage and Street Light Reconstruction in the Geneva Woods Subdivision Area** and determining to proceed with proposed improvements therein, Public Works.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 897-97.

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 97-137.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

Mr. Wuerch disclosed he lives in the Geneva Woods Subdivision and will participate in the assessment district. However, he did not feel this involvement constituted a conflict of interest.

Ms. Von Gemmingen pointed out a typographical error on the assessment roll. She said the postal code for Parcel #82 should be 99508.

Chairman Begich noted he has abstained in the past when the Assembly acted on improvement districts that affected his property.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-137 as corrected and it passed:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Wuerch.

- G. Resolution No. AR 97-250, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage affirming a **\$675,000 enterprise fund dividend from the Port of Anchorage** to the 1998 General Government Operating Budget, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 868-97.
 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 161-97. (**addendum**)

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

HUBERT "GLEN" GLENZER, chair of the Port Commission, said the Commission disagreed with the administration's proposal for the Port's enterprise dividend. He agreed the Commission's recommendations were submitted too late to affect this year's budget; they agreed with the administration to change next year's budget process. Mr. Glenzer said in the future, the Port should not be treated as a utility, but as a competitive business.

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

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-250.
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth,

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to postpone action on AR 97-250
seconded by Mr. Bell, until after
action on item 9.F,
and it passed without AO 97-124(S).
objection,

Mr. Kendall moved, to combine the public hearings for
seconded by Mr. Murdy, items 12.H. and 12.I, AR 97-251
and it passed without and AR 97-280.
objection,

- H. Resolution No. AR 97-251, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage affirming a **\$200,000 utility revenue distribution from the Solid Waste Disposal Utility** to the 1998 General Government Operating Budget, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 869-97.
- I. 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.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 952-97.

Chairman Begich opened the public hearing for AR 97-251 and AR 97-280 and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one and he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-251.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

Ms. Abney moved, to postpone action on AR 97-251
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth, until after action on item 9.F,
and it passed without AO 97-124(S).
objection,

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 97-280.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

Mr. Murdy moved, to postpone action on AR 97-280
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen, until after action on item 9.F,
and it passed without AO 97-124(S).
objection,

- J. Resolution No. AR 97-252, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage affirming a **\$9,200,000 utility revenue distribution from the Anchorage Telephone Utility**, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 870-97.
 2. Resolution No. AR 97-252(S), a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage affirming a ~~\$9,200,000~~ \$8,100,000 utility revenue distribution from the Anchorage Telephone Utility, Assemblymember Wohlforth. (**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 approve AR 97-252(S).
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to postpone action on AR 97-252(S)
seconded by Mr. Murdy, until after action on item 9.F,
and it passed without AO 97-124(S).
objection,

- K. **SECOND 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.
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 action would be taken on November 25, 1997.

Mr. Murdy moved, to adopt AO 97-125.
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth,

Mr. Carlson disclosed a potential conflict of interest, because he is a member of the retirement system. He noted the Assembly voted last year that he did not have a conflict.

Mr. Wohlforth felt Mr. Carlson did not have a conflict, because the action before the Assembly would not change his benefits.

- L. Ordinance No. AO 97-141, an ordinance approving an **equal value land exchange of Heritage Land Bank ("HLB") Parcels 2-004 through 2-114 and 2-148 through 2-151, within the Zodiak Manor Alaska Subdivision**, containing approximately 67 acres generally located north of Abbott Road and west of Service High School in exchange for \$676,000 and approximately 62 acres within the Klatt Homestead consisting of specified portions of Lots 1 and 2, Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian and Tract B, Tower Subdivision, generally located southwest of the corner of O'Malley Road and C Street; appropriating \$676,000 from the HLB Operating Fund (0221) to equalize the value of the land exchanged; and adding as dedicated park the 5.78 acre HLB Parcel 2-003 to Far North Bicentennial Park, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 942-97.

This item was considered later in the meeting. See item 16, Unfinished Agenda.

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

14. **SPECIAL ORDERS:**

- A. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 866-97, **certification of the November 4, 1997, Special Municipal Election**, Clerk's Office.

This item was considered earlier in the meeting. See item 6.

- B. Ms. Von Gemmingen took the Chair.

Ms. Abney, Mr. Wuerch, Mr. Carlson and Mr. Murdy presented Mr. Begich with an award from the Alaska Municipal League. The award, "Elected Official of the Year" recognized excellence in local government service.

Mr. Begich thanked his colleagues. He resumed the Chair.

15. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:** None.

16. **UNFINISHED AGENDA:**

- 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 AND 11-11-97)

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

Ms. Abney moved, to approve AM 924-97.
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

In response to Ms. Abney, Chief Fiscal Officer Soren Orley confirmed that the proposed item was not an interest-bearing account, rather the Municipality would pay the First National Bank of Anchorage for the right to write checks. He explained the arrangement was to keep a compensating balance in the account, equivalent to a fee.

Treasurer Ellen Braden further explained the contract amount would stay on deposit with the bank, in lieu of paying fees. The bank would be compensated with the interest from the account, for the services it provides. Services include processing of all Municipal revenue deposits, maintenance of accounts payable and payroll accounts for the Municipality and Anchorage Telephone Utility, and automatic transfer of funds out of non-interest bearing accounts.

In response to Mr. Murdy, Ms. Braden said the contract was a result of a Request for Proposal. She said a competitive bid was not done because officials wished to evaluate the methodology of the banks. Certain electronic transfer services have been in use for some time, and it was necessary to determine whether the respondents could duplicate these services.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 924-97 and it passed with Ms. Abney objecting.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to change the orders of the day
seconded by Mr. Murdy, to consider items 9.B, C, D and E
and it passed without after item 9.F, AO 97-124(S).
objection,

- B. 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.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 950-97.
(POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the ordinance and noted motions were pending.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to adopt AO 97-124(S).
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

Mr. Wohlforth outlined a suggested process for budget amendments. He noted Assembly members developed a list of amendments which would resolve a budget shortfall due to \$1.1 million less revenue distribution from Anchorage Telephone Utility than anticipated.

Mr. Bell moved, to amend AO 97-124(S) as indicated
seconded by Mr. Murdy, in the list
"Assembly Proposed Amendments to the 1998
General Government Operating Budget" dated
November 18, 1997 at 3:45 p.m.

(Clerk's Note: This list is attached as Exhibit A.)

Mr. Bell noted the proposed amendments would provide funds for the administration's proposed budget, while reducing the tax burden by taking money from designated and undesignated fund balances.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to amend the amendment on page
seconded by Mr. Bell, 6 of 7 to add the wording
and it passed without "Administration to allocate fund
objection,
transfers as appropriate for affected
functions."

Mr. Wuerch moved, to amend the amendment on page 1
seconded by Mr. Bell, of 7 to
substitute wording for the Midtown Transportation
Study to read: "Utilize professional services to
perform land use and refine a transportation plan for
the area bounded by Lake Otis, Boniface Parkway,
Northern Lights Boulevard and North Fork of
Campbell Creek" for the same amount, \$75,000.

Mr. Wuerch said the amendment would keep the appropriation amount the same, but redirect those funds for a pressing need in the Lake Otis and Tudor area.

In response to Mr. Meyer, Municipal Manager Larry Crawford said more than \$75,000 may be needed for the study. If more funds are needed, the Assembly would be approached at that time.

In response to Mr. Meyer, Operations Manager George Vakalis verified the proposed Midtown Transportation Study would be a joint effort between three departments, which he would oversee.

Dave Mumford of Public Works noted the available ARDSA (Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area) bond funds could not be used for a planning study such as the Lake Otis proposal.

Mr. Wohlforth pointed out some people are concerned that Mr. Vakalis' support for 40th Avenue would influence the study he would oversee. Also, he noted ARDSA funds are for road construction and cannot be used for planning as stated by Mr. Mumford. He felt the Midtown study should be just that: a planning study to determine if there is a need for 40th Avenue construction.

Mr. Wuerch spoke in support of the amendment, which would allow the Midtown study to be done with ARDSA funds, and the much needed University area study to be done as well.

Mr. Meyer argued when the Midtown study was placed in the Official Streets and Highways Plan, the Assembly committed that it would be done by the Community Planning and Development Department, and it should follow that commitment. He felt the Assembly should revisit the University area study during first quarter budget revisions.

Mr. Kendall spoke in support of the amendment.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Mr. Mumford clarified ARDSA funds could be used for the Midtown study, as they can be used for design study, including addressing the need for the road, the size, appropriateness and affect on other roads in the area. ARDSA funds cannot be used for the University study because that is a land use study.

Mayor Mystrom further clarified the design study can determine need as well as design of the road if it is needed.

Ms. Clementson supported the amendment. She reiterated a design study can result in a recommendation against construction. The University area study was badly needed because of growing congestion at the Lake Otis/Tudor intersection. She felt since three departments would be involved in the Midtown study, no one department would have more influence than the other two.

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

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

Question was called on Mr. Bell's motion to amend as amended and it passed without objection.

Ms. Abney moved, to amend AO 97-124(S) to delete
seconded by Mr. Bell, \$12,000 from rank 105, Cultural
and it was withdrawn, and
Recreational Services, for horticultural maintenance
along International Airport Road, and transfer that
amount to Health and Human Services, On-Site
Water Quality Division, for sampling of innovative
systems - 10 systems per year @ \$1,200 each.

Ms. Abney explained the sampling was a needed item; she felt reducing the horticultural maintenance item by \$12,000 would leave sufficient funds for the services, about \$63,000.

In response to Mr. Bell and Ms. Clementson, Cultural and Recreational Services Director Connie Jones explained two budget items for horticultural maintenance along International Airport Road. One, rank 68, was for maintenance of the median, and the other, rank 105, was for maintenance of the road sides. Ms. Jones said the median work was for new landscaping and would be quite extensive.

Mayor Mystrom described his discussions with State officials to improve the appearance of International Airport Road, a main entrance to the city. A joint effort resulted in new grass; next year the Municipality will maintain that grass and plant flowers.

Ms. Clementson expressed concern about assuming the State's responsibility for maintenance of State roads. She felt the Assembly should be consistent in its communications to the State regarding road maintenance issues.

Mayor Mystrom responded the Municipality has been maintaining many State roads for the past four years, because the work must be done. He stressed the importance of having the entrance to the city attractive; he was unwilling to wait for the State to take action on this. He added the State was cooperative in helping prepare the ground for the grass which was planted this year.

Mr. Kendall moved,	to amend the amendment by
and it was accepted as a	designating the system inspection
	friendly amendment,
	funds from tax revenues rather than reducing
	rank 105.

Ms. Abney withdrew her motion. Mr. Bell concurred.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,	to amend the list "Assembly
seconded by Ms. Abney,	Proposed Amendments to the 1998
and it passed with Ms.	General Government Operating
Clementson objecting,	Budget" dated November 18, 1997 at 3:45 p.m. (Exhibit A) on
	page 2 of 7 to add language to the third Health and
	Human Services project to read: "Contract out or
	provide grants for water quality projects including
	funding to the On-site Water Quality Division for
	costs to cover sampling of innovative systems, 10
	systems per year at \$1,200 each."

Mr. Carlson moved,	to amend AO 97-124(S) to delete
seconded by Ms. Clementson,	ranks 24, 58, 59, 66, 80 and 91 and replace them with a list of
	items on the list entitled "Proposed 1998 Budget
	Amendments."

(Clerk's Note: This list is attached as Exhibit B.)

In response to Chairman Begich, Mr. Carlson verified the result of the amendment would eliminate funding for Out North Theatre, and reduced funding for the total arts program by \$22,000.

In response to Ms. Abney, Mr. Carlson explained he proposed to delete funding for Out North Theatre because he felt their advertising indicated the group's programs were not suitable for children.

Ms. Abney pointed out the programs advertisements were not presented to children. She felt the group was important to the community.

Mr. Wohlforth felt the Out North Theatre advertisement he viewed was offensive. However, he pointed out the Arts Advisory Commission's purpose was to rank arts groups; if the Assembly intends to budget for these groups in the proposed way every year, need for the Commission may be eliminated. He opposed the proposal as it seemed to negate a process which has been used successfully for many years.

Mr. Crawford noted the list of recommended awards to non-profit arts organizations would be before the Assembly for action on December 9, 1997.

Ms. Clementson pointed out when the Assembly tried to amend this list in the past, the administration indicated they would merely spread the remaining funds equally between the recipients, saying the Assembly has no ability to affect appropriations less than \$30,000. She felt Mr. Carlson's proposal was the only way to allocate funds to groups the majority of Assembly members feel are appropriate.

Mr. Crawford clarified in the past, the list was presented as an item for information. This year, the list is presented as a memorandum requiring Assembly action. The administration has agreed to present the list in a way the Assembly may make amendments regardless of the appropriation amount; if Assembly members vote to delete funding for any item on the list, the administration will comply.

Ms. Von Gemmingen disclosed her husband prepared financial statements for one of the companies recommended for an arts grant.

Mr. Wuerch suggested Mr. Carlson withdraw his motion, and the Assembly consider action on item 8.E.1, AM 965-97, the 1998 non-profit art grants.

Mr. Kendall moved, to amend the amendment to
seconded by Mr. Bell, reallocate
the \$22,000 from Out North Theatre equally among
the remaining arts organizations, and direct the
administration to provide a list of the organizations
and amended appropriations to the Assembly.

Ms. Von Gemmingen spoke in support of approving the arts appropriations as recommended by the Arts Advisory Commission. She noted Out North Theatre was a business partner with Clark Middle School and the group provides many community benefits and services. Also, the group presents dramas dealing with social issues, including breast cancer, which is a significant health issue.

Ms. Abney concurred and spoke further in support of Out North Theatre.

Mr. Wohlforth felt the government should fund some avant garde programs, because they are the ones which have the most trouble finding private funding. He pointed out much art and music that today is viewed as classical, was in its day new, different and risky.

Mr. Kendall argued the proposal was not censorship; Out North Theatre may still operate. However, he felt taxpayer dollars should not be spent on such a controversial organization.

Question was called on Mr. Kendall's motion to amend the amendment and it passed without objection.

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

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

Mr. Wohlforth thanked Mr. Bell, the Chairman, and staff for the concept, implementation and hard work which resulted in this budget.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-124(S) as amended and it passed:

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

Mr. Murdy moved, immediate reconsideration.
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth,

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

- C. Resolution No. AR 97-250, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage affirming a **\$675,000 enterprise fund dividend from the Port of Anchorage** to the 1998 General Government Operating Budget, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 868-97.
 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 161-97. (**addendum**)

Chairman Begich noted a motion to approve was on the floor.

Mr. Wohlforth urged a "no" vote. He said the budget approved in the previous action does not utilize this Port dividend.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-250 and it passed:

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

(Clerk's Note: A motion to reconsider this action was considered later in the meeting. See after 16.F.)

- D. Resolution No. AR 97-251, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage affirming a **\$200,000 utility revenue distribution from the Solid Waste Disposal Utility** to the 1998 General Government Operating Budget, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 869-97.
- E. 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.

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 952-97.

Chairman Begich noted a motion to approve AR 97-251 was on the floor.

Municipal Manager Larry Crawford noted the Assembly may approve the utility revenue distribution from Solid Waste Services or Refuse Collections. The Commission recommends approval of AR 97-280, the Refuse Collections revenue distribution.

Mr. Wohlforth supported accepting the revenue from the Solid Waste Utility since it was an areawide service, and the revenue would be used for the entire Municipality. However, Refuse Collections only served a small part of the city.

Ms. Abney concurred.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-251 and it passed:

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

Mr. Wuerch moved, to table AR 97-280.
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth,

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

- F. Resolution No. AR 97-252(S), a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage affirming a ~~\$9,200,000~~ \$8,100,000 utility revenue distribution from the Anchorage Telephone Utility, Assemblymember Wohlforth. (**addendum**)

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

Mr. Wohlforth spoke in support of the resolution. He pledged to help work with ATU to avoid the problems which led to the \$1 million discrepancy.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Assistant Municipal Attorney Bill Greene recommended the Assembly not amend the title of the resolution to reflect the correct revenue distribution amount, for consistency of historical record.

Mr. Kendall said he would reluctantly support the resolution. He noted the Assembly could require the \$9.2 million revenue distribution if it chose. He felt communications between ATU and the Assembly and administration must be improved.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-252(S) and it passed:

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

Mr. Wohlforth moved, immediate reconsideration.
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

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

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to reconsider action on item
seconded by Ms. Abney,
16.C, AR 97-250.

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

- F. 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.
(POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the ordinance and noted no motions were pending.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

to adopt AO 97-126.

In response to Mr. Wuerch, a representative of Anchorage Telephone Utility confirmed that the bonds approved for sale would not include any conditions that would impede the Municipality in regard to future sale, reorganization transfer or liquidation of the utility.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-126 and it passed:

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

NAYS: None.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

immediate reconsideration.

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

NAYS: None.

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

- G. 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.

(POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the resolution and noted no motions were pending.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

to approve AR 97-227.

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

NAYS: None.

- H. 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.

(POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the ordinance and noted no motions were pending.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
seconded by Ms. Abney,

to adopt AO 97-123.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
seconded by Ms. Clementson,
and it passed without

to amend AO 97-123 to include
pages 4 and 5 "Assembly Proposed
Amendments to the 1998 Port
objection,
Budget" from the seven-page list of
amendments titled "Assembly Proposed
Amendments to the 1998 General Government
Operating Budget" dated November 18, 1997 at
3:45 p.m.

(Clerk's Note: This list is attached as Exhibit A.)

Mr. Kendall moved,

to amend AO 97-123 to include
seconded by Mr. Carlson,
\$50,000 for the Anchorage Water

and it passed without

Utility and \$50,000 for the
objection,
Anchorage Wastewater Utility for a study of
public water service needs in the
Chugiak/Birchwood/ Peters Creek/Eklutna area,
and to study the public sanitary sewer service
needs for the same area.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-123 as amended and it passed:

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

(Clerk's Note: Mr. Murdy was out of the room at the time of the vote. A motion to reconsider this item was considered later in the meeting. See item 16, Unfinished Agenda.)

- I. 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.
- (POSTPONED FROM 11-11-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the resolution and noted no motions were pending.

Ms. Clementson moved, to approve AR 97-226.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

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

(Clerk's Note: Mr. Bell and Mr. Murdy were out of the room at the time of the vote.)

- J. Resolution No. AR 97-225, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage adopting the **1998-2003 Six Year Fiscal Program**, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 817-97.
 2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 941-97.
- (POSTPONED FROM 11-4-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the resolution and noted no motions were pending.

Mr. Wuerch moved, to approve AR 97-225.
seconded by Mr. Carlson,

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

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

The meeting recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

- K. Resolution No. AR 97-277, a resolution adopting the **1998 Legislative Program** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Manager's Office.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 944-97.
 2. Resolution No. AR 97-277(S), a resolution adopting the 1998 Legislative Program for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Manager's Office.
 3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 973-97.
- (AMENDED 11-4-97; POSTPONED FROM 11-4-97)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the resolution and noted a motion to approve AR 97-227 was on the floor.

Mr. Carlson moved, to substitute and approve
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,
AR 97-277(S).

Mr. Carlson moved, to amend AR 97-277(S) in the attached
seconded by Ms. Abney,
legislative program, page 2-1, to raise the
School Foundation Formula to the first item under
"Highest Priority Legislative Issues."

Mr. Carlson said a new school foundation formula had the potential to reduce local taxes. It was the top priority with the Anchorage School District and the Alaska Municipal League (AML) and he felt it should be the Municipality's top priority also.

Mayor Mystrom said in many discussions on this issue a new jail has been identified as a top priority. There is a danger that changing the priority at this point would send a message to legislators that the jail was not as important. He felt all the items on the Highest Priority Issues list were important, but the jail is very important in terms of safety.

Mr. Wuerch recalled that deferred maintenance is the top priority for AML; school foundation was the second priority. He agreed with the Mayor that consistency was important. He preferred to see the Municipality's priorities match AML priorities.

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

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

Ms. Clementson moved, to amend AR 97-277(S) in the
seconded by Ms. Abney,
attached legislative program to add two
legislative issues, one regarding immunity for
volunteer crossing guards, and one regarding
flexibility for local school districts in determining
grade configurations.

(Clerk's Note: These items are attached as Exhibit C.)

Ms. Clementson clarified the grade configuration item would allow funding for middle schools that choose to include grade 6.

Question was called on Ms. Clementson's motion to amend and it passed with Mr. Murdy objecting.

Ms. Abney moved, to amend AR 97-277(S) in the
seconded by Mr. Meyer, attached
legislative program, on
and it passed without page 5-1, to change the wording of
objection,
the tenth item to read: "New Seward
Highway Sound Barrier - Tudor Road to O'Malley
Road."

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-277(S) as amended and it passed:

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

(Clerk's Note: This resolution was amended further. See minutes of December 9, 1997.)

- L. Ordinance No. AO 97-141, an ordinance approving an **equal value land exchange of Heritage Land Bank ("HLB") Parcels 2-004 through 2-114 and 2-148 through 2-151, within the Zodiak Manor Alaska Subdivision**, containing approximately 67 acres generally located north of Abbott Road and west of Service High School in exchange for \$676,000 and approximately 62 acres within the Klatt Homestead consisting of specified portions of Lots 1 and 2, Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian and Tract B, Tower Subdivision, generally located southwest of the corner of O'Malley Road and C Street; appropriating \$676,000 from the HLB Operating Fund (0221) to equalize the value of the land exchanged; and adding as dedicated park the 5.78 acre HLB Parcel 2-003 to Far North Bicentennial Park, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 942-97.

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

MARK MARLOW noted during the development of this land exchange, much attention and diligence was given to correct procedures and enlisting the support of property owners adjacent to both parcels. Concerns of all parties have been addressed. He felt the proposal had wide support in the community. The community would benefit from the exchange, because a publicly-owned parcel that is not producing tax revenue would be traded for land which has been identified in several studies as the best location for a major sports facility for south Anchorage. He encouraged the Assembly to support the ordinance. In response to Mr. Meyer, Mr. Marlow discussed the future steps necessary to complete the exchange. In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Marlow discussed the request by the Klatts to rezone their remainder of their property not traded B-3SL in exchange for their agreement to trade part of their land. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission did not support the rezoning, and the issue would be before the Assembly on December 9, 1997. He did not know whether denial of the rezoning might affect the Klatt's decision to trade their land.

JOHN WOOD, representing Carr Gottstein Properties, pointed out company officials agree there is a shortage of ballfields in south Anchorage. They also believe it is appropriate to use Heritage Land Bank (HLB) resources, either land or monies, to trade or acquire land necessary to build ballfields. However, his clients are concerned about the lack of competitive bidding in this process. Mr. Wood pointed out Carr Gottstein has a proposal that has not even been considered which would accomplish the same goal and save the Municipality \$2 million and would involve the loss of only one soccer field and the exhibition baseball diamond. He recommended the Assembly to find a solution through a competitive process. He pointed out competitive

bidding is required by the Municipality for things from selling a utility to purchase of office supplies, and should be applied in this case.

DON FALCONBERRY, representing the Bayshore/Klatt Community Council, spoke in support of the proposal. He said it would provide facilities in south Anchorage that have been long-needed and would be very welcome. A new sports facility will increase quality of life in Anchorage and relieve the pressure on existing facilities. The Klatt property would provide an ideal location and access for a sports facility. Mr. Falconberry asked the Assembly to adopt the ordinance.

JOHN ABBOTT spoke as a resident of Zodiac Manor Subdivision and a member of the ad hoc committee that has worked on development plans for the subdivision for several years. He related the history of zoning activities in the subdivision. He said the committee was not able to work with HLB staff as closely as they wanted, because the HLB and administration decided to proceed with the existing plat for the subdivision. Committee members feel the plat is not suitable for development of the subdivision or maintenance of the rural lifestyle residents enjoy. Despite this, the committee decided to work with Mr. Marlow, who has kept all his promises and worked diligently to develop a plat that will be acceptable. Therefore, he supported the land exchange with the condition that the proposed plat, in substantially the present form with the variances, is approved.

DANA SEGERS, a resident of Zodiac Manor Subdivision, spoke in support of the land exchange subject to approval of the Horizon Park Estates plat with all associated variances. He discussed his conflict between wanting to keep the existing woods next to his house and wanting soccer facilities available for his children. Mr. Segers noted the existing Zodiac Manor plat for the adjacent subdivision is outdated, clashes with the existing neighborhood and unsafe. He would not support the trade if the Zodiac Manor plat is used. The new plat, Horizon Park Estates, was developed in cooperation between Mr. Marlow and the committee and is acceptable.

Assistant Municipal Attorney Bill Greene advised the Assembly that if they hear discussions about a proposed plat which potentially may be appealed, there may be perceptions or allegations of bias and pre-judgement by the Assembly.

Ms. Clementson added the plat issue is separate from the land exchange currently before the Assembly. She felt Mr. Segers should go no further than comment he wanted the land exchange and plat to be contingent on one another. If the plat is denied and appealed to the Assembly, Mr. Segers would have the advantage of giving testimony that others will not have.

Mr. Bell argued every platting action has the potential to be appealed to the Assembly.

Mr. Greene clarified that the issue of bias, pre-judgement and prejudice could be raised, not that they would necessarily prevail. These issues are of constitutional proportions.

There was further discussion about Mr. Greene's advice and whether Mr. Segers should be allowed to continue to speak.

Mr. Greene felt the safest way for testifiers to continue would be to speak in favor or opposition to the trade, and whether or not they support the Horizon Park Estates plat. Details about the plat itself, that are within the purview of the Platting Board, should be avoided.

Chairman Begich advised the public, they may testify about the land exchange and the Klatt property. They may discuss support or opposition to issues regarding Mr. Marlow's proposed plat, without discussing details of those issues.

Mr. Segers stated he objected to not being allowed to discuss specific concerns about the plat. He discussed various problems with the Zodiac Manor plat, noting these problems would not occur if the Heritage Park Estates plat was approved.

Mr. Bell moved,

to extend the meeting until
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,
11:00 p.m. to complete public testimony
and action on AO 97-141.

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

NAYS: Meyer.

RITE ALCROM, an architect and member of the ad hoc committee, spoke in support of the land trade contingent on approval of the Heritage Park Estates plat.

JOHN ANDERSON, a resident on Abbott Loop Road, spoke in opposition to the exchange. He felt the project should be bid competitively.

JIM MAREL spoke in support of the land exchange. He felt it would be in the best interest of the Municipality and its taxpayers.

BOYD MORGANTHALER, representing the Anchorage district of the Alaska State Youth Soccer Association, spoke in support of the land exchange. He said about one thousand adults and six thousand children play soccer in Anchorage; soccer fields are in poor condition and very few are available to players. To serve everyone, three times the current number of fields would be necessary. Mr. Morgenthaler said the number of youth soccer players has grown 12% per year for the past five years; the need for more fields is critical. He urged the Assembly to adopt the ordinance, include \$676,000 of funding from the HLB, and authorize \$1.4 million in bonds to develop the fields. He felt an additional \$1.5 to \$2 million would need to be added to complete the project.

MARY MINDER, representing the Sand Lake Community Council, said the Council approved a resolution supporting the land exchange. Reasons included need for additional soccer fields, the ideal location of the Klatt property for such fields, and that development of Zodiac Manor would increase the property tax base. As an individual, Ms. Minder said she has known Mr. Marlow for five years and felt he was a man of honor and integrity.

JIM GARRIGUES said the Abbott Loop Community Council's position is one of support for the proposal, provided needs of the residents were satisfied. He noted these needs have not been satisfied thus far. The streets and signal lights in the Council area are completely inadequate for the amount of development. Also, three or four elementary schools and the high school are overcrowded. He and other members of the Council opposed the land exchange because it would overload the existing infrastructure in the area. In response to Ms. Abney, Mr. Garrigues said the Council had not taken a formal position against the exchange, but did request that the HLB halt consideration of the proposal until concerns of residents have been addressed.

JOHN STIGGERTS, a resident on Jupiter Drive, supported the land change if, and only if, the proposed plat with variances is approved by the Platting Board. He was a member of the ad hoc committee. He said the current plat, if developed, would cause a safety hazard in the neighborhood because the streets are not improved.

PIXIE SEEBY, a resident of Zodiac Manor Subdivision, said she was in support of the land trade on the condition Horizon Park Estates plat with variances is approved. She discussed the benefits of Zodiac Manor including landscaping and lighting, and hoped any new development in the adjacent parcel would maintain these benefits.

Mr. Bell moved, to extend the meeting until
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,
completion of testimony and action on this
item.

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

DAVE HARRINGTON, a member of the Zodiac Manor Subdivision ad hoc committee, reiterated support for the land exchange contingent on approval of Heritage Park Estates plat including variances. He stated he felt denying public testimony on the Heritage Park Estates plat was illegal.

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

Mr. Bell moved, to adopt AO 97-141.
seconded by Ms. Abney,

Mr. Bell spoke in support of the land exchange. He noted the deal would benefit many people, including those suffering from a serious lack of recreational facilities in south Anchorage.

Mr. Meyer moved, to amend AO 97-141 on page 4,
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,
Section 1, to add a new subparagraph (i) to
read: "Not later than one year following the closing
of the exchange, including the transfer of the
properties and approval of the plat, Mr. Marlow
shall provide the Municipality \$170,000 for a signal
light at the intersection of Abbott and Abbott Loop
Roads."

Mr. Meyer spoke in support of the amendment.

Ms. Clementson felt the motion was out of sequence. The required traffic impact analysis should be done first, then the recommendation for a signal would be part of the subdivision agreement.

In response to Mr. Bell, Mr. Greene was unsure if the motion was appropriate in the context of the land exchange action before the body.

Mr. Bell felt the proposal was unfair to the developer and future residents of the proposed subdivision. He pointed out other developments along the road would not have to contribute money to pay for the signal light.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Marlow agreed the signal issue was a problem. However, he felt it would be unreasonable to require him to finance the signal, and would set a bad precedent. He said he would not agree to the deal under those conditions.

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

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

Ms. Abney spoke in support of the ordinance. She noted a study was performed, prior to the land exchange concept, to determine a location for a south Anchorage sports facilities. The study concluded the Klatt property would be the best location. Ms. Abney also felt the ex parte law, if correctly interpreted by the Municipal Attorney, should be revised. She felt it restricted Assembly members' ability to represent their constituents.

Mayor Mystrom spoke in support. He felt additional sports facilities were sorely needed in Anchorage, especially for children. He thanked HLB Director Gary Gustafson, the HLB Commission and Cultural and Recreational Services staff for thousands of hours of hard work to bring the project to this point. He also commended Mr. Marlow and Mr. Bell for their efforts.

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

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

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 97-141 and it passed:

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

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

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

Mr. Meyer was excused and left the meeting.

M. Mr. Wohlforth moved, to reconsider action on item
seconded by Mr. Murdy, 16.H, AO
97-123.

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

(Clerk's Note: Mr. Meyer had left the meeting and Mr. Carlson was out of the room at the time of the vote.)

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to extend the meeting to complete
seconded by Ms. Abney, the agenda.
and it passed with Mr.
Murdy objecting,

N. Ms. Clementson moved, to reconsider action on the motion
seconded by Mr. Wuerch, to postpone action on item 8.E.1,
and it passed without AM 965-97, until December 9, 1997.
objection,

Ms. Clementson moved, to postpone action on AM 965-97
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,
indefinitely.

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

(Clerk's Note: Mr. Meyer had left the meeting at the time of the vote. This motion failed; see minutes of November 25, 1997 for further action.)

O. Ms. Von Gemmingen requested the owners of the Carousel Lounge and the South Seas Lounge be invited to appear before the Assembly to discuss their liquor licenses.

P. Resolution No. AR 97-290, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly opposing **halibut limitations placed on the guided sportfishing charter industry**, Assemblymember Abney.

Ms. Abney introduced AR 97-290 and requested action tonight. She said the issue was important to tourism in Alaska.

Mr. Wohlforth felt he did not have enough information to vote on this item.

Ms. Abney moved,
seconded by Mr. Kendall,
and it passed without
objection,

to postpone action on AR 97-290
until December 16, 1997.

17. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: None.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: January 6, 1998

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