

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

Minutes for Special Meeting of May 4, 1998

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was convened at 5:10 p.m. by Chairman Mark Begich in the Mayor's Conference Room, 632 West Sixth Avenue, 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. **OLD BUSINESS AND UNFINISHED ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

- A. Resolution No. AR 98-102(S-1), a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage providing for a **revision of the 1998 General Government Operating Budget**, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 456-98.
 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 60-98, 1998 First Quarter Budget Revision - Assembly Proposed \$44,000 grant to ALPAR, Office of Management and Budget. **(LAID ON THE TABLE)**
 3. Resolution No. AR 98-102(S-1) **Amended**, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage providing for a revision of the 1998 General Government Operating Budget, Office of Management and Budget. **(LAID ON THE TABLE)**
 4. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 469-98.
(AMENDED 4-28-98; CARRIED OVER FROM 4-28-98)

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

Ms. Abney spoke in support of her motion to increase the budget by \$15,000 to provide shuttle service to People Mover routes for Klatt Elementary and Polaris K-12 schools.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Public Transit Department (PTD) Director Bob Kniefel said each year surveys are performed to determine areas with needs for service. There are other areas with higher priority than the Klatt Elementary area. About eighteen elementary schools are not served by bus service; all but one secondary schools are served.

In response to Mr. Carlson, Mr. Kniefel said Polaris School on Dowling is between two north/south routes; service to the school would cost too much time for riders. He said he has heard concerns about safety of children pedestrians. PTD staff is working with the State Department of Transportation on the Dowling Road upgrade, which will include sidewalks.

Mr. Meyer pointed out when the Polaris school was considered, parents were aware that the school was in an industrial area and was not served by buses. Parents made it clear they wanted the school despite these difficulties.

Ms. Clementson concurred with Mr. Meyer.

Mr. Carlson felt safety of children was a priority, and worth developing a shuttle service until sidewalks on Dowling are constructed.

Mr. Wohlforth and Mr. Bell spoke in support of the motion.

Mr. Wuerch suggested a user study be performed before adding new routes.

Chairman Begich suggested \$10,000 be used to conduct a survey of residents and students in the Polaris and Klatt Elementary areas, before the end of the school year, and a report issued to the Assembly in June 1998.

Mayor Mystrom agreed.

Ms. Abney withdrew her motion.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Cultural and Recreational Services Director Connie Jones discussed new information on transporting children to the Kids' Kitchen program while the Mountain View Recreation Center is being built. She said an additional van was needed for the food program during the summer, but would still be needed after the Recreation Center is complete, for additional at-risk programs around the city. The van would transport at-risk children to sites which provide various support programs.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
seconded by Ms. Abney,

to amend AR 98-102(S-1) to add \$28,000 to the Cultural and Recreational Services Department for a van for transportation for at-risk youth programs.

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

Mr. Wuerch moved,
 seconded by Ms. Abney,

to amend AR 98-102(S-1) to add \$43,000 to the Cultural and Recreational Services Department to increase contribution to ALPAR for adult supervision of street cleanup.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Kathy Boggs-Gray of Allvest, Inc. addressed the Assembly. She said the State funds community work service coordinator and supervisor positions. She described the work service program. Ms. Boggs-Gray explained a new relationship with the Downtown Business Improvement District. The District administration funds supervisors for about thirty offenders cleaning in the BID area.

There was a discussion of the ALPAR operation and the various groups and programs they coordinate for cleanup activities.

Mayor Mystrom felt it would be more open if the grant was made directly to Allvest, rather than being routed through ALPAR.

Mr. Wuerch suggested the amendment be approved, to provide services immediately. Next year, the administration could investigate a better way to provide continuing service.

Mr. Bell questioned why the item should not be put out to bid.

Mr. Wuerch pointed out ALPAR has expertise in coordination of cleanup activities.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
 seconded by Mr. Bell,

to amend the amendment to add language that the funds would be awarded by competitive bid, and the winning bidder will be required to coordinate with ALPAR.

Mr. Meyer questioned the length of the bid review process, and whether that time would extend past the time when cleanup is possible.

Purchasing Officer Ted Chenier replied about one month would be required to issue and complete a bid.

In response to Mr. Wuerch, Ms. Boggs-Gray said if supervisors are Allvest staff, they must work about one month before supervising offenders. If offenders are provided to another agency to provide supervision, the agency must be approved by the State Department of Corrections and provide their own insurance.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Municipal Manager Larry Crawford said a grant was awarded in the same manner to ALPAR last year for cleanup activities.

Mr. Murdy disclosed a potential conflict of interest, because his corporation performs work for Allvest, Inc.

Mr. Meyer moved,
 seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

the question "does Mr. Murdy have a substantial financial interest in the matter before the Assembly?"

In response to Mr. Wuerch, Mr. Murdy said he did not feel approval of the funding would affect his income, his future business viability or his corporation.

Question was called on whether Mr. Murdy has a substantial financial interest and it failed:

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

Mr. Bell moved,
 seconded by Mr. Wohlforth,

the question "does Mr. Begich have a substantial financial interest in the matter before the Assembly?"

In response to Mr. Wuerch, Chairman Begich said he did not feel approval of the funding would affect his income, his future business viability or his company's income.

Question was called on whether Mr. Begich has a substantial financial interest and it failed:

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

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

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

Mr. Bell moved,
 seconded by Mr. Kendall,

to amend the amendment to award the funds to Allvest.

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

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

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

Mr. Wuerch moved, seconded by Ms. Abney, and it passed without objection,	to amend AR 98-102(S-1) to add \$5,000 to the Office of the Mayor for a grant to Anchorage Special Olympics for uniforms for the competitors.
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Question was called on the motion to approve AR 98-102(S-1) as amended and it passed:

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

Mr. Wohlforth moved, seconded by Ms. Clementson,	immediate reconsideration.
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AYES: None.
NAYS: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

- B. Resolution No. AR 98-104(S), a resolution of the Anchorage Assembly appropriating a total of \$7,060,000 from General Government Operating Fund Balances to corresponding General Government Capital Improvement Funds to provide a **Public Safety/Tax Reduction Program** which funds public safety projects and reduces the future impact on property taxpayers, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 396-98.
(CARRIED OVER FROM 4-14-98 AND 4-28-98)

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

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 98-104(S) and it passed:

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

(Clerk's Note: A motion to reconsider this action failed later in the meeting.)

- C. Resolution No. AR 98-105(S), a resolution amending the **revised 1998 General Government Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) and the 1998-2003 General Government Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 431-98.
(CARRIED OVER FROM 4-28-98)

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

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 98-105(S) and it passed:

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

(Clerk's Note: A motion to reconsider this action failed later in the meeting.)

- D. Resolution No. AR 98-123, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$300,000 as a contribution from the Department of Property and Facility Management Operating Budget through the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Fund (0151) to the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Capital Improvement Fund (0451) for **replacement Jail Site Selection (Phase II)**, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 368-98.
(CARRIED OVER FROM 4-14-98 AND 4-28-98)

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

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 98-123 and it passed:

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

Mr. Wohlforth moved, seconded by Mr. Meyer,	to reconsider action on items 3.B, 3.C. and 3.D, AR 98-104(S), AR 98-105(S) and AR 98-123.
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AYES: Clementson.
NAYS: Wohlforth, Bell, Abney, Kendall, Wuerch, Begich, Meyer, Von Gemmingen, Clementson, Carlson, Murdy.

- E. Ordinance No. AO 98-65(S-2), an ordinance **setting the rate of tax levy and levying taxes** for the Municipality of Anchorage Areawide General Purposes including municipal schools and all service areas of the Municipality for the Municipal Tax Year 1998, Office of Management and Budget.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 434-98.
 2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 470-98.

(CARRIED OVER FROM 4-28-98)

Chairman Begich gave the history of the ordinance and noted a motion to adopt was on the floor.

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
seconded by Mr. Bell,

to amend AO 98-65(S-2) in Section 3 to read:
"Areawide General a tax of 2.07 mills." in Section 24 to read:
"Anchorage Roads & Drainage Service Area a tax of 3.52
mills." in Section 34 to read: "Anchorage Parks & Rec Service
Area a tax of .85 mills." and in Section 37 to read: "...as
follows: General Government \$141,698,855 Anchorage School
District 110,574,217/\$252,283,072..."

In response to Mr. Meyer, Mayor Mystrom said property taxes will increase slightly this year. Although the mill rate will decrease, property assessments increased about .7 percent. There is \$4.7 million set aside for tax reduction, but that amount is being reserved for next year because of the pending Anchorage Telephone Utility sale. Also, State revenue sharing is presumed to decrease about five percent.

Municipal Manager Larry Crawford noted the proposed amendment would set the tax rate at about \$5 million below the tax cap.

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

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 98-65(S-2) as amended and it passed:

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

Mr. Murdy moved,
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth,

immediate reconsideration.

AYES: None.

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

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: August 18, 1998

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