

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

Minutes for Regular Meeting of November 17, 1998

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting convened at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Fay Von Gemmingen in the Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Bob Bell, Ted Carlson, George Wuerch, Melinda Taylor, Charles Wohlforth, Fay Von Gemmingen, Cheryl Clementson, Kevin Meyer, Pat Abney, Dan Kendall, Joe Murdy.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge was led by Mr. Kendall.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- A. Regular Meeting - July 21, 1998
- B. Special Meeting - August 4, 1998

Mr. Murdy moved, seconded by Mr. Kendall, and it passed without objection, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 1998, and the Special Meeting of August 4, 1998.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mystrom announced the Memorial Service for Chuck Albrecht, on the following Thursday, at the Egan Center.

Mayor Mystrom distributed a booklet called "Love Our Kids." He explained it was developed in the Mayor's Office as a result of meetings regarding child abuse. Mayor Mystrom said the booklet was received well throughout the state

6. ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:

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

Chair Von Gemmingen read the addendum items, 7.C.11, 10.E and 12.D.2.

Question was called on the motion to incorporate the addendum items and it passed without objection.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A. BID AWARDS: None

B. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION:

- 1. Ordinance No. AO 98-156, an ordinance adopting and appropriating funds for the 1999 Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System Operating Budget, Office of Management and Budget, public hearing 12-8-98 and 12-15-98.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1032-98.
- 2. Ordinance No. AO 98-179, an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$40,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of tax anticipation notes of the Municipality; fixing certain details of said notes; pledging the receipts from ad valorem property taxes to be levied during 1999 and the full faith and credit of the Municipality to the payment thereof; authorizing the Chief Fiscal Officer or the Acting Chief Fiscal Officer to negotiate and execute a contract for the purchase and sale of said notes; and related matters, Finance, public hearing 12-8-98.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1049-98.
- 3. Ordinance No. AO 98-180, an ordinance amending the zoning map and providing for the rezoning from T (Transition) to PLI (Public Lands and Institutions) for the Soccer and Baseball Subdivision, Tract B, generally located on the north side of West Klatt Road and

- east of Tower Road (Bayshore-Klatt Community Council) (Planning and Zoning Commission Case 98-110), Community Planning and Development, public hearing 12-15-98.
- a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1033-98.
4. **Ordinance No. AO 98-181**, an ordinance enacting a new Section 4.05.037 to the Anchorage Municipal Code relating to **qualifications of persons appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Platting Board, the Urban Design Commission, and the Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals**, Assemblymembers Wohlforth and Abney, public hearing 12-8-98.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1047-98.
 5. **Ordinance No. AO 98-182**, an ordinance enacting a new Section 4.05.033 to the Anchorage Municipal Code **requiring a public hearing on appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Platting Board, the Urban Design Commission, and the Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals**, Assemblymembers Wohlforth and Abney, public hearing 12-8-98.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1048-98.
 6. **Ordinance No. AO 98-183**, an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, **authorizing and providing for the borrowing from the State of Alaska, Drinking Water Fund of an amount not to exceed \$4,750,000 for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of the Anchorage Loop Water Transmission Main Phase VI Project** in the Municipality, and providing for related matters, Water and Wastewater Utility, public hearing 12-8-98.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1050-98.
 7. **Resolution No. AR 98-360**, a resolution **approving the Eagle River Water Transmission Main extension** and providing for assessment of benefited properties at time of service connection, Water and Wastewater Utility, public hearing 12-8-98.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1051-98.
 8. **Resolution No. AR 98-352**, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$200,000 from the Areawide General (0101) Fund Balance to the Office of the Municipal Attorney to **secure additional contract legal services for the sale of the Anchorage Telephone Utility**, Legal Department, public hearing 11-24-98.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1034-98.
 9. **Resolution No. AR 98-353**, a resolution of the Assembly **adopting an amendment to the AMATS 1997 Long-Range Transportation Plan clarifying major investment study procedures**, Community Planning & Development, public hearing 12-8-98.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1035-98.
 10. **Resolution No. AR 98-361**, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$498,144 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and \$32,000 as match from the CY1999 Community Planning and Development Operating Budget to the Federal Categorical Grants Fund (0241) for **transportation planning (AMATS) in the Anchorage area**, Community Planning and Development, public hearing 12-8-98.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1052-98.
 - b. Information Memorandum No. AIM 138-98.

C. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

1. **Resolution No. AR 98-354**, a resolution authorizing the **granting of a tax refund to William A. McKeever as a result of manifest clerical error on Real Property Account No. 016-041-21, Finance**.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1036-98.
2. **Resolution No. AR 98-355**, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$58,720 from the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, Division of Emergency Services (ADES) to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) to **support Anchorage Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) activities**, Office of Emergency Management.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1037-98.
3. **Resolution No. AR 98-356**, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$18,498 from the Alaska State Council on the Arts, \$37,000 from the Anchorage Museum Association, \$13,002 from the Anchorage Museum Foundation, \$8,000 from Anticipated Miscellaneous Revenues and \$18,950 as a contribution from the CY98 Museum Operating Budget to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) for **season support at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, Cultural and Recreational Services**.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1038-98.
4. **Resolution No. AR 98-357**, a resolution authorizing the **disposal of a municipal interest within Lot 2, Olday Subdivision** located in the vicinity of Spenard Road and Iris Drive, Water and Wastewater Utility.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1039-98.
5. **Resolution No. AR 98-358**, a resolution authorizing the **disposal of a municipal interest within Lot 16, Block 28, Alyeska Basin Subdivision, Unit No. VII**, located in Girdwood on Echo Drive, Water and Wastewater Utility.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1040-98.
6. **Resolution No. AR 98-362**, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$24,000 from the Anchorage School District to the Areawide General Capital Improvement Program Fund (0401) as a contribution towards **construction of the third Trunked Radio System Simulcast Site**, Anchorage Fire Department.

- a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1053-98.
7. Resolution No. AR 98-363, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage granting **Marc Marlow a five-year real property tax exemption and a five-year tax deferral consecutive to the exemption for deteriorated property**, subject to conditions precedent, Finance.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1073-98.

Mr. Wohlforth asked this item be considered on the Regular Agenda. See 8.D.

8. Resolution No. AR 98-359, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **applauding the Municipal Website Coordination Team for its work in developing the Municipal Website**, and congratulating the Team for being honored with awards in recognition of "Superior" website development, Assemblymembers Meyer, Abney, Bell, Carlson, Clementson, Kendall, Murdy, Taylor, Von Gemmingen, Wohlforth, and Wuerch.

Mr. Meyer asked this item be considered on the Regular Agenda. See 8.D.

9. Resolution No. AR 98-364, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **authorizing that the balance of the interest free loan to the Imaginarium be redirected as a grant to this non-profit science discovery center**, Assemblymember Von Gemmingen.
10. Resolution No. AR 98-365, a resolution **establishing guidelines and criteria to be used in developing the 1999 Legislative Program**, Executive Manager.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1075-98.

Mr. Wuerch announced a Legislative Committee meeting the following Tuesday.

11. Resolution No. AR 98-367, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly appropriating \$75,000 from Areawide General Fund Balance (0101) to NonDepartmental to provide a grant to Imaginarium, Inc., Assemblymembers Von Gemmingen, Abney, Bell, Clementson, Murdy, Taylor, and Wuerch. **(addendum)**
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1077-98.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1054-98, **Women's Commission appointment** (Michele Miller), Mayor's Office.
2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1022-98, **Sweet Basil Cafe - New Restaurant/Eating Place Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Permit** (Downtown/Fairview Community Council), Clerk's Office.
3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1029-98, **China Express - Transfer of Ownership of a Restaurant/Eating Place Liquor License and Restaurant Designation Permit** (Downtown Community Council), Clerk's Office.
4. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1030-98, **Spirits of Alaska #3 - Transfer of Location of a Package Store Liquor License** (Campbell Park/Taku-Campbell Community Councils), Clerk's Office.

Ms. Clementson asked this item be considered on the Regular Agenda. See 8.E.

5. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1031-98, **Steve's Sports Bar & Grill - New Duplicate Beverage Dispensary Liquor License** (Fairview/Rogers Park/Spenard Community Councils), Clerk's Office.
6. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1042-98, amendment #2 of the associated contract #LP2127, **telecommunication equipment full maintenance agreement between ATU Telecommunications and Anchorage Police Department**.
7. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1043-98, **Port Land Development Project - Lot 4A, PO No. 80311, Change Order No. 1, Port of Anchorage**.
8. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1044-98, amendment No. 5 to the contract with the Law Offices of James E. Gorton and Associates for **indigent defense services** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Wohlforth asked this item be considered on the Regular Agenda. See 8.E.

9. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1045-98, change order No. 2 to purchase order 72683 with KJS Associates, Inc. for providing a **Transportation Model Update** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Community Planning and Development/ Purchasing.
10. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1046-98, recommendation of award to the Law Offices of James E. Gorton & Associates for providing **indigent defense counsel** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management and Budget (RFP 46-98), Purchasing.
11. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1055-98, proprietary purchase with Owens and Turner for providing **legal services in support of labor negotiations** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Employee Relations Department/ Purchasing.
12. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1056-98, change order No. 2 to purchase order 74639 with Perkins Coie for **legal services related to public safety activities** involving the Anchorage Police Department Employee's Association (APDEA) and the International Association of

- Firefighters (IAFF) for the Municipality of Anchorage, Employee Relations Department/Purchasing.
13. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1057-98, change order No. 1 to purchase order 80828 with Turbocare for replacement parts and repair services for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light and Power/Purchasing.
 14. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1058-98, recommendation of award to DOWL Engineers and USKH, Inc. for providing professional design and engineering services for various road and drainage projects to the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Public Works (RFP 38-98), Purchasing.
 15. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1059-98, change order No. 3 to purchase order 61908 with AXXIS Company for providing vehicle washing services to the Municipality of Anchorage, Water and Wastewater Utility/ Purchasing.
 16. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1060-98, change order No. 1 to construction contract with MMC Construction Inc. for Oceanview Bluff Park, Cultural and Recreational Services.
 17. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1061-98, approval of change order No. 1 to 1997-1999 contract with Davison & Davison, Inc. to provide legal services in the area of Workers' Compensation, Finance.

Ms. Clementson asked this item be considered on the Regular Agenda. See 8.E.

18. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1062-98, approval of change order No. 1 to 1997-1999 contact with Delisio, Moran, Geraghty & Zobel, P.C. to provide legal services in the area of Workers' Compensation, Finance.

Ms. Clementson asked this item be considered on the Regular Agenda. See 8.E.

19. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1063-98, change order No. 1 to purchase order 80307 with Tam Construction, Inc. for the 1998 Merrill Field Runway Lighting Project for the Municipality of Anchorage, Merrill Field Airport.
20. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1064-98, change order No. 1 to purchase order 80316 with Wilder Construction Company for the 1998 Merrill Field Taxiway Bravo (Phase I) Project for the Municipality of Anchorage, Merrill Field Airport.
21. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1065-98, contract amendment No. 6 - Wilder Construction Company, Inc. for the 8th Avenue Rehabilitation - "L" Street to Cordova Street, DPW 96-05; "K" Street Rehabilitation - 7th Avenue to 9th Avenue, DPW 96-10; and "H" Street Rehabilitation - 3rd Avenue to 9th Avenue, DPW 96-09, Public Works.
22. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1066-98, amendment No. 2 to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services agreement with GeoNorth, Inc., Water and Wastewater Utility.
23. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1068-98, amendment No. 2 to the 1998 grant to NorthEast Community Center Inc. for operating expenses, an increase of \$20,000 for a total grant not to exceed \$132,950, Cultural and Recreational Services.
24. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1069-98, recommendation of award to ECI/Hyer, Inc. for providing architectural/engineering services for the design of the 6th Avenue replacement jail for the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Property and Facility Management (RFP 43-98), Purchasing.

Ms. Clementson asked this item be considered on the Regular Agenda. See 8.E.

25. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1070-98, approval of a Prisoner Care Agreement with the State for operating the replacement jail and terminating the 6th Ave. Jail Prisoner Care Agreement, Legal Department.
26. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1071-98, approval of a construction agreement between the State of Alaska and the Municipality for construction of a replacement jail/inebriate drop-off center, Property and Facility Management.
27. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1072-98, change order No. 1 to purchase order 82494 with Bankston & McCollum for legal services related to site acquisition and contract negotiation matters for construction of the new downtown jail facility for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Attorney's Office/Purchasing.
28. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1041-98, Request to file late as an Appellee - Board of Adjustment Appeal S-10236 - East Addition Anchorage Townsite, Municipal Clerk.
29. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1067-98, Klondike Kate's Bare Trap Saloon conditional use - rescheduling of revocation hearing, Municipal Clerk.

E. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

1. Appeal S-10284, Nixa Subdivision has been scheduled for hearing before the Board of Adjustment, December 15, 1998, Clerk's Off.
2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 135-98, 3rd Quarter Bar Violation Report, Anchorage Police Department.
3. Information Memorandum No. AIM 136-98, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility construction contract change orders for Sunny Slopes West Water R&R, Eklutna Lower Portal Road Crossings, Dale Street Water R&R, Whitney @ Post Road Water Upgrade,

Reservoir #2 Painting + Chlorine, and Girdwood WWTF Improvements - PH. I, Water and Wastewater Utility.

4. Information Memorandum No. AIM 139-98, Internal Audit Report 98-14 - Non-Standard Payroll Procedures, Internal Audit.

Mr. Wuerch asked this item be considered on the Regular Agenda. See 8.F.

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

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

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

Mayor Mystrom announced Michelle Miller's appointment as a new member of the Women's Commission.

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. TIME CRITICAL ITEMS: None
B. BID AWARDS: None
C. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION: None

D. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

- i. Resolution No. AR 98-363, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage **granting Marc Marlow a five-year real property tax exemption and a five-year tax deferral consecutive to the exemption for deteriorated property, subject to conditions precedent, Finance.**
a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1073-98.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to approve AR 98-363.
seconded by Ms. Taylor,

Mr. Wohlforth recognized the efforts of Mr. Marlow, the developer, and Soren Orley, Chief Fiscal Officer, in processing the application for the MacKay Building. He said the application meets the intent of the Assembly with reasonable conditions. One condition was to begin renovation of the building quickly and follow the plans outlined in the feasibility study for high-quality apartments.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Deputy Municipal Attorney Greene gave the amendments agreed to by Mr. Marlow. The first proposed amendment was in section 1, line 3, to delete the number "99%," before the words "a five-year deferral." At section 1, line 2, after Mr. Marlow's name insert: "Mark Marlow or a business entity which he controls and is the majority owner." The third proposed amendment was to insert in the sentence at the first bullet, after section 1 paragraph, the same language as the second amendment.

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

to amend AR 98-363 at section 1, line 3, by deleting the number "99%" to read "by a five-year deferral..." and insert the words "Mark Marlow or a business entity which he controls and is the majority owner" at section 1, line 2, after Mr. Marlow's name; and insert the same text after Mr. Marlow's name at the end of the first bullet underneath section 1.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Mr. Greene said the reason the award was not to Blight Busters', Inc., was because of the applicant's financing. He said there was nothing wrong with this procedure. It is important that Mr. Marlow remain the owner of the property and control the organization.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Mr. Marlow explained that the exemption and deferral cover more area than just the MacKay building. The adjacent areas to the east and west will be owned by a different entity.

In response to Mr. Bell, Mr. Greene agreed that other amendments were warranted. The word "partial" in the first "whereas" of the second line should be deleted, and delete the second 99% in the third "whereas."

Mr. Bell moved,
seconded by Mr. Carlson,
and it passed without
objection,

to remove the word "partial" in the first "whereas" of the second line, and delete the second 99% in the third "whereas."

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 98-363 as amended and it passed:

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

2. Resolution No. AR 98-359, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **applauding the Municipal Website Coordination Team for its work in developing the Municipal**

Website, and congratulating the Team for being honored with awards in recognition of "Superior" website development, Assemblymembers Meyer, Abney, Bell, Carlson, Clementson, Kendall, Murdy, Taylor, Von Gemmingen, Wohlforth, and Wuerch.

Mr. Meyer moved, to approve AR 98-359.
seconded by Mr. Murdy,
and it passed without
objection,

In response to Mr. Meyer, Mr. Wuerch read the resolution and presented it to the Website team. Malcolm Roberts, Special Assistant to the Mayor, introduced the team members.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1030-98, Spirits of Alaska #3 - Transfer of Location of a Package Store Liquor License (Campbell Park/Taku-Campbell Community Councils), Clerk's Office.

Ms. Clementson moved, to approve AM 1030-98.
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

Ms. Clementson moved, to postpone action on AM 1030-98
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth, until November 24, 1998.
and it passed without
objection,

2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1044-98, amendment No. 5 to the contract with the Law Offices of James E. Gorton and Associates for indigent defense services for the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to approve AM 1044-98.
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

In response to Ms. Clementson, Ben Granade of the Office of Management and Budget explained the reason for the amendment; he said the increase in defendants was due to closure of Anger Management Clinics and increased police presence.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Granade explained that the maximum exposure would be \$100 per case for 3,525 cases. The contract has never had more than 10% of the cases where expenses were charged against the case. He felt the Municipality's reasonable anticipated costs would be around seven hundred thousand dollars.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 1044-98 and it passed without objection.

3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1061-98, approval of change order No. 1 to 1997-1999 contract with Davison & Davison, Inc. to provide legal services in the area of Workers' Compensation, Finance.

Ms. Clementson moved, to approve AM 1061-98.
seconded by Ms. Taylor,

Ms. Clementson moved, to amend AM 1061-98 by changing on line 3 and line 11
seconded by Ms. Taylor, the number of the Change Order from No. 1 to No. 2.
and it passed without
objection,

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 1061-98 as amended and it passed without objection.

4. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1062-98, approval of change order No. 1 to 1997-1999 contact with Delisio, Moran, Geraghty & Zobel, P.C. to provide legal services in the area of Workers' Compensation, Finance.

Ms. Clementson moved, to approve AM 1062-98.
seconded by Mr. Murdy,

Ms. Wohlforth moved, to amend AM 1062-98 by changing on lines 3 and 11
seconded by Mr. Murdy, the number of the Change Order from No. 1 to No. 2.
and it passed without
objection,

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 1062-98 as amended and it passed without objection.

5. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1069-98, recommendation of award to ECI/Hyer, Inc. for providing architectural/engineering services for the design of the 6th Avenue

replacement jail for the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Property and Facility Management (RFP 43-98), Purchasing.

Ms. Clementson moved, to postpone action on AM 1069-98 until after action on
seconded by Mr. Murdy, item 12.C., AR 98-351.
and it passed without
objection,

F. INFORMATION and REPORTS:

1. Information Memorandum No. AIM 139-98, Internal Audit Report 98-14 - Non-Standard Payroll Procedures, Internal Audit.

Mr. Wuerch moved, to accept AIM 139-98.
seconded by Ms. Taylor,

In response to Mr. Wuerch, Municipal Manager Vakalis agreed to re-examine payroll policies to avoid auditing non-standard procedures with the new payroll system.

Question was called on the motion to accept AIM 139-98 and it passed without objection.

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

A. **NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION: Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1015-98, amendment No. 1 to professional services contract with HDR Alaska, Inc. for south extension of the Coastal Trail - Kincaid Park to Potter Weigh Station, Cultural and Recreational Services. (FAILED 11-3-98; NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN BY MS. CLEMENTSON 11-3-98)**

Mr. Bell moved, to reconsider AM 1015-98.
seconded by Ms. Abney,

Mr. Bell recommended reconsideration with the intention to postpone until December 8.

Question was called on the motion to reconsider AM 1015-98 and it passed:

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

Mr. Bell commented there has been quite a bit of controversy on this issue. He expressed his concerns regarding the process followed. He was hopeful to develop a more cooperative process in order to accomplish the project. Consequently, he wanted to postpone to December 8 after a meeting on November 30, at the Spenard Recreation Center.

Mr. Bell moved, to postpone action on AM 1015-98 until
seconded by Mr. Wuerch, December 8, 1998.

Mr. Wohlforth spoke to his serious reservations about postponing because it puts the contractor in an untenable position. He hoped that everyone would learn about meetings on this issue, regardless of their trail preference. Since two representatives who opposed the coastal route spoke to the Assembly at a previous meeting, he asked Nancy Pease to come forward to speak in favor of the coastal route.

NANCY PEASE, Rabbit Creek Community Council Board member, reported that the trail would pass through that community council area; members favorably supported continuing the HDR study. The Rabbit Creek Community Council wants to participate in the process. She related her attendance at a meeting held the prior evening that did not include other key interest groups. She explained why she felt that that forum was unfair

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Ms. Pease agreed that her community council was willing to be involved, if it could be a moderated forum. She agreed that meetings should be run by a neutral facilitator to allow equal time to all views. She recognized the people in the audience who supported her position.

In response to Mr. Bell, Ms. Pease indicated that the Rabbit Creek Community Council has not chosen a route and does not plan to do so until alternatives are fully studied. She said the Trails and Greenways Coalition had not chosen a route.

In response to Ms. Taylor, Ms. Pease indicated that Rogers Park Community Council passed a resolution in support of the continuation of the study.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mark Dalton, representing the project firm of HDR, said that he did not feel there is any question as to whether HDR can remain unbiased. However, he was concerned about the delay. Although phase I was to conclude in April 1998, he said three additional weeks would not affect the outcome of his work to be fully neutral and the process would keep going.

Mr. Dalton agreed that under the Federal process, technically, he could go ahead with the work without looking at the coastal route any more. However, he would have to acknowledge that position and go through the whole process to identify the full range of alternatives. The project is defined to include review of a coastal route.

In response to Mr. Bell, Mr. Dalton agreed there is a need to rebuild some confidence in the process and people who are conducting the process.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Mr. Bell confirmed the intent is to have only one meeting between now and December 8, on November 30. He said that nobody wants to stop the process and he has not received one single opinion on stopping the process.

Ms. Clementson indicated that she heard several people who want to stop the process now. They have threatened to sue the Municipality or Department of Transportation.

Mayor Mystrom commented that the Administration is in support of going forward with the study. He agreed both sides should be represented at the next meeting, if the memorandum is postponed.

Question was called on Mr. Bell's motion to postpone AM 1015-98 until December 8 and it passed:

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

- B. Ordinance No. AO 98-171, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Sections 9.04.010, 9.32.070 and 9.30.030 to prohibit vehicles other than municipal buses from standing, stopping or parking in Municipal Transit bus stop zone, Public Transportation Department.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 970-98.
(POSTPONED FROM 11-3-98)

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AO 98-171.
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

Mr. Murdy moved, to postpone AO 98-171 for one month to January 5,
seconded by Mr. Carlson, 1999, and refer to the Public Safety Committee for
and it passed without review.
objection,

Mr. Murdy commented that he has serious problems with this ordinance.

Chair Von Gemmingen said a substitute version is to be studied.

10. APPEARANCE REQUESTS:

- A. Leo Von Scheben, to discuss transients and trespassers on USKH, Inc. property.
1. Information Memorandum No. AIM 134-98, C&L Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Alaska Liquor Store #1 located at 2607 "A" Street, Clerk's Office.

LEO VON SCHEBEN, Chief Executive Officer of USKH, presented hand outs. His company, USKH, is located at 2515 A Street and has been in business for 25 years. The company has had a real problem with street people and inebriates. He wanted to emphasize how his employees and clients feel "fearful for their safety." He referred to color photos he distributed. He explained some of the things they have done to try to prevent people from trespassing. Nothing has worked.

He and his employees feel strongly that nothing will work as long as the Alaska Liquor Store remains in business. He requested that the Alaska Liquor Store's license not be renewed. Mr. Von Scheben described in detail some of the things that have occurred on company property. He reported that the problem has been going on since 1994-1995.

In response to Mr. Carlson, Mr. Von Scheben explained where the street people and inebriates come from. They walk up C Street from downtown to his property, gather around in a group in his parking lot and go around the fence to the liquor store. He said that homeless people followed the route routinely.

Mr. Wuerch wanted to first consult with the Municipal Attorney before asking Mr. Von Scheben any questions. He mentioned this liquor store has been a problem for the last several years. Sanctions have been placed on the store permit. Mr. Wuerch was disappointed to hear that sanctions are not being adhered to and the problem is worse.

Chair Von Gemmingen pointed out that the license conditions were in the Assembly packet, along with an ABC notice to the licensee to sell by June or July 1999.

In response to Mr. Bell, Mr. Von Scheben said he knew about the restrictions on the license. Mr. Bell commented that the problem is the need to prove that small bottles found on Mr. Von Scheben's property actually came from the Alaska Liquor Store.

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

to introduce an unnumbered resolution: "A resolution to set Public Hearing on the Question of the Continued Operation of the License for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages held by C & L Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a 'Alaska Liquor Store #1' located at 2607 "A" Street, Anchorage, Alaska," to be held on January 5, 1999.

(Clerk's Note: This resolution, AR 98-368, was considered on November 24, 1998.)

Ms. Clementson cautioned the public not to contact Assembly members, but to send any written concerns to the Clerk's Office for the public record.

B. Charles D. McGee, regarding Census 2000 Presentation.

CHARLES MCGEE, with the United States Census Bureau, gave the Members an update on what the Bureau is doing in preparation of Census 2000. Census Day is April 1, 2000. The Anchorage Planning Department has been extremely helpful in dealing with the Bureau's Geography Department, in Seattle, to update census maps and address listings. The Mayor's Office hosted a meeting of the Anchorage Bridge Building Committee in August and taped a public service announcement encouraging residents to complete census forms.

Next January the Bureau will begin recruiting enumerators to complete "block canvassing" in the Municipality of Anchorage. Mr. McGee explained the hiring process. The Bureau expects to hire approximately 1,500 Alaskans during peak activity. In mid-March 2000, census forms will be mailed to every household unit in the Municipality of Anchorage, except Girdwood. The forms will be personally delivered to every apartment or house in Girdwood. He explained the non-response follow-up procedure. The Bureau's Anchorage office is in the Federal Building Annex.

In response to Mr. Wuerch, Mr. McGee explained that the outcome of the national debate on enumeration vs. sampling has not been decided yet and the Bureau does not expect an answer until early fall of 1999. After 90% of the mail-out responses are physically counted, the last 10% will be statistically analyzed.

C. Kendra Tabor, regarding police force for the elderly and disabled.

Ms. Tabor did not appear.

D. David Wallace, regarding residential parking permits at 9th & Barrow and the soils testing requirement.

DAVID WALLACE asked the Mayor to direct the city engineers to provide additional parking for tenants at the Adelaide Building at the corner of 9th and Barrow. Since the Municipality approved the building permit for the apartment, he felt it was the responsibility of the Municipality to accommodate parking. Mr. Wallace offered several parking solutions which would not interfere with snowplowing. He said no response was received from the Parking Authority to a request made over a year ago. The city is still working on a parking survey.

Mr. Wohlforth said that he had the same frustration as Mr. Wallace regarding parking for that building, since he has been working on the problem for a long time.

In response to Ms. Abney, Mr. Wallace related the effect of bad soil on outhouse permits in the Hillside area. He felt there should be a streamlined permit procedure for people who want a small cabin or small house for seasonal use for one to two occupants.

E. Tricia Lillibridge, RN and CEN, regarding costs of alcohol misuse to the community.

TRICIA LILLIBRIDGE, an emergency nurse at a local hospital, referred to Resolution 98-265, regarding cost estimates to the community from alcohol-related problems, and the proposed alcohol license point system. She is a 25-year resident and has been an emergency nurse for 18 years in Anchorage. She has seen the hidden costs involved with care of alcohol-related injuries, the real costs in terms of pain and suffering people experience from alcohol abuse, and the individuals who come to the emergency room suffering from related injuries.

Ms. Lillibridge referred to the Healthy Indicator Report, November 1998, which is an index published by the Municipality. She wanted to call the report to the members' attention since it is an accurate document, with data, reflecting problems from alcohol injuries. Ms. Lillibridge reported that she is the founder of the Anchorage Safe Community Coalition, which started four years ago and because of such injuries.

Mr. Wohlforth explained that the point system ordinance was undergoing changes and would be forthcoming.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Mayor Mystrom explained the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) organized related costs from different departments. That report should be available soon.

In response to Ms. Clementson, George Vakalis confirmed that OMB will work with the Health Department on compiling data.

Mayor Mystrom commented on an additional element to this project that he felt was very important. He wanted the Assembly to be aware that any employee with a commercial driver's license is required to be tested. The police have

voluntarily complied to random testing; the fire department has not. The City prevailed in court on a challenge; however, the fire department appealed and the City is awaiting that outcome.

Ms. Lillibridge concluded by thanking the Mayor for getting a related movie on the community channel. She said many people are watching it. Ms. Lillibridge reminded everyone that the best defense against a drunk driver is to wear a seatbelt. She mentioned that police will be ticketing unbelted drivers next week during a Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign.

The Assembly recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

11. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Ordinance No. AO 98-51, an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapters 11.10 - 11.40 governing the authority of the Anchorage Transportation Commission; changing the regulation of taxicabs, limousines, and vehicles for hire; **changing the regulation of chauffeurs operating taxicabs, limousines, and vehicles for hire; and changing the regulation of dispatch services**, Legal Department.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 505-98.
(CONTINUED FROM 9-1-98)

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one.

Ms. Abney moved, to continue the public hearing on
seconded by Mr. Murdy, AO 98-51 until December 15.
and it passed without
objection,

12. **NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Resolution No. AR 98-349, a resolution appropriating \$55,376 current year special assessment and interest collections and \$318,074 prior year special assessment and interest collections within the Special Assessment Bond Redemption Fund (0899) for 1998 **Special Assessment Bond Debt Service**, Finance.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1014-98.

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one, and she closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 98-349.
seconded by Ms. Taylor,

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 98-349 and it passed.

AYES: Bell, Carlson, Wuerch, Taylor, Von Gemmingen, Abney, Kendall, Murdy.
NAYS: None.

(Clerk's Note: Mr. Wohlforth, Ms. Clementson, and Mr. Meyer were out of the room at the time of the vote.)

- B. Ordinance No. AO 98-177, an ordinance approving an agreement to issue municipal revenue bonds and enter into a ground lease of municipal lands with the State of Alaska for the purpose of facilitating the **financing, construction and operation of a new Municipal Jail Facility**, Legal Department.
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1024-98.
 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 133-98, Property and Facility Management.
 3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1074-98.

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one, and she closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 98-177.
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

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

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

- C. Resolution No. AR 98-351, a resolution of the Anchorage Assembly appropriating \$56,000,000 from the sale of revenue bonds to the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Capital Improvement Program Fund (0451), authorizing a temporary internal loan from the construction cash pool in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to the Anchorage Metropolitan Police Service Area Capital Improvement Program Fund (0451), and amending the revised 1998 General Government Capital Improvement Budget and 1998-2003 Capital Improvement Program for **costs related to the design and construction of a replacement jail**, Office of Management and

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1025-98.
2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 133-98.

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one, and she closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 98-351.
seconded by Mr. Meyer,

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

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

The Assembly then returned to item 8.E.5, AM 1069-98.

Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1069-98, recommendation of award to ECI/Hyer, Inc. for providing architectural/engineering services for the design of the 6th Avenue replacement jail for the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Property and Facility Management (RFP 43-98), Purchasing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AM 1069-98.
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

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

- D. Ordinance No. AO 98-149, an ordinance amending AMC 21.40.190 B-4 (Rural Business District) by addition of 21.40.190.B.2.ddd, **Commercial Recreation as a permitted principal use** (All Community Councils), Assemblymembers Wuerch and Bell.
1. Information Memorandum No. AIM 140-98, Community Planning and Development.
 2. Ordinance No. AO 98-149(S), an ordinance amending AMC 21.40.190 B-4 (Rural Business District) by addition of 21.40.190.B.2.ddd, **Commercial Recreation as a permitted principal use** (All Community Councils), Assemblymembers Wuerch and Bell, addendum.

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak.

JOE STIMSON, with Stimson Consulting and representing Castle-on-O'Malley, agreed with the amendment.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Stimson confirmed he had seen the substitute "S" version and had no problem with either the original or the substitute.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Stimson explained the definition of commercial recreation. Land Use Enforcement is using the definition for commercial recreation which cannot be competitive. That is how officials are separating motor sports and the go-cart question. The amendment is to allow commercial recreation as a principal use.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Stimson explained what his client wants. Presently, there is a miniature golf course in the "Castle". Land Use Enforcement said it is not permitted, even though the miniature golf course has been there for years. The amendment would legalize a land use that has been operating for a number of years. If all B-4 properties were changed to B-3, they would be in compliance.

In response to Ms. Abney, Mr. Stimson was unaware of the definition of commercial recreation used in Girdwood. His clients have been operating under the Land Use Enforcement interpretation that if it is non-competitive it is commercial recreation, such as go-carts. He felt that if equipment is rented it would be the same as go-carts.

Ms. Abney commented that three community councils have concerns and asked for a postponement for an opportunity to learn more about the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Bell pointed out the few B-4 properties in the Municipality of Anchorage. He was not concerned about snowmachines at Totem Theatre or at the Carr's Store on Huffman and Old Seward. Castle-on-O'Malley wants to build a toboggan run. Mr. Bell referred to Resolution 98-149, fifth page, listing the Standard Industry Classification Manual for Commercial Recreation Types of Uses. The substitute version eliminates motorized sports, not motorized competition, but sports. So a rental snowmachine would be a motorized sport and not be allowed under this classification.

In response to Chair Von Gemmingen, Mr. Stimson said his clients are working on glitches regarding operation of a miniature golf course. He related that when the business applied for a permit for a toboggan run, Land Use Enforcement said commercial recreation was not permitted. They also said that miniature golf, currently operating in the Castle-on-O'Malley, is not permitted. Mr. Stimson said the ordinance is needed for both the toboggan run and to legalize the miniature golf course. The toboggan run will be operated out of doors. The owners of the "Castle" own most of the surrounding property; so screaming by participants should not affect neighbors.

Chair Von Gemmingen asked if anyone else would like to speak. There was no one, and she closed the public hearing.

Ms. Wuerch moved, to adopt AO 98-149(S).
seconded by Ms. Taylor,

Ms. Abney moved, to postpone AO 98-149(S) for one week, to November
seconded by Ms. Wohlforth, 24, 1998.

Mr. Bell and Mr. Wuerch spoke against postponement.

Ms. Abney felt those community councils wishing to see more information on this issue should be given the opportunity before action is taken.

Question was called on the motion to postpone AO 98-149(S) for one week and it failed:

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

Question was called on the main motion to adopt AO 98-149(S) and it passed:

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

- E. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. AO 98-155, an ordinance adopting and appropriating funds for the Municipality's 1999 Anchorage Telephone Utility Operating and Capital Budgets, Anchorage Telephone Utility. (ADOPTION IS SCHEDULED FOR 11-24-98.)**
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 991-98.

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one, and she closed the public hearing. She announced action would be taken on this item at the next meeting.

- F. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution No. AR 98-337, a resolution adopting the 1999-2004 Anchorage Telephone Utility Capital Improvement Program, Anchorage Telephone Utility.**
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 992-98.

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one, and she closed the public hearing. She announced action would be taken on this item at the next meeting.

- G. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. AO 98-154, an ordinance adopting and appropriating funds for the 1999 Public Utilities Operating and Capital Budgets for the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management & Budget.**
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 956-98.
 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 137-98.

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one, and she closed the public hearing. She announced action would be taken on this item at the next meeting.

- H. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution No. AR 98-286, a resolution adopting the 1999-2004 Public Utilities Capital Improvement Program, Office of Management and Budget.**
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 964-98.
 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 137-98.

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no one, and she closed the public hearing. She announced the Assembly would take action on this item at its next meeting.

- I. **SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. AO 98-166, an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage adopting and appropriating funds for the 1999 General Government Operating Budget for the Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management and Budget.**
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 957-98.

Chair Von Gemmingen opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak.

DR. MIKE LEVY, Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services for the Anchorage Fire Department, spoke about medic issues. He supported additional transport ambulances in the community. Dr. Levy said a principle issue is the lack of computerized dispatch in the system. It has been planned for some time, but not yet in operation. It would not only be a recordkeeping tool but also a life-saving one to dispatch emergency units more rapidly and save lives.

Dr. Levy explained another critical patient-care issue is a significant problem with restocking supplies. Since patient supplies are restocked on a trade-out basis with local hospitals, there is a mixture of different supplies on ambulances. Medics brought forward the supply issue that is tied to ambulance billing. Billing is done more efficiently in the private sector. Also, the department has inadequate staffing to allow real-time continuous quality improvement in the field. With only one medic and one EMT currently on ambulances, the quality improvement time is no longer available as in the past when there were two medics in the ambulances.

In response to Mr. Bell, Dr. Levy explained statistics between response time and survivability. He said collection of outstanding ambulance charges is low. He thought it was around 50%; he explained the department has received information on a number of programs used by large municipalities outside which do significantly better, in the 70% range with lower overhead. Billing of ambulance services is complicated by the many third-party agencies involved. Off-the-shelf software and customized programs are available for billing emergency services. However, expertise is still required to run software.

In response to Ms. Abney, Municipal Manager Vakalis said the administration is looking at the possibility of bonding for personnel for fire stations. He expected to have an answer by deliberation. Administrative staff were looking at the whole thing to include the concept of two additional ambulances and what is the best mix to fund it.

In response to Ms. Abney, Dr. Levy explained the manual dispatch process the fire department uses currently. He also explained how staff overtime is used to figure out what actual response times are; the average time for cardiac patients, from the time the call is received to time of dispatch, is something over a minute. He elaborated on the present dispatch system response times.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Dr. Levy said two ambulances is the highest priority and will save the most lives. The critical situation is when there are trauma patients. He is concerned that if the department cannot get ambulances to a big-time trauma person fast enough, there will be a tragedy. Dr. Levy agreed contracting out may not be a good option, because the ambulances need to be staffed by highly trained people.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Dr. Levy commented on the suggestion of going farther with the Advance Life Support (ALS) contract. The south side of Anchorage already has ALS engines. The only thing to do now with the south side is to station rigs at places where they are not stationed currently. Dr. Levy stressed the importance of and need for additional transport capability.

Mr. Wohlforth and Dr. Levy continued a discussion regarding ambulance staffing. It was determined a total of 16 new employees are needed.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Manager Vakalis confirmed that it typically takes six months to a year to obtain a new ambulance. He also reminded the body they have to inspect the ambulance at least twice during the process. Mr. Vakalis said the department has some reserve ambulances.

MARIE MAJEWSKE, president of the NorthEast Community Center Board, spoke in support of the NorthEast Community Center 1999 budget. She explained the center needed the full amount, including Ms. Taylor's proposed amendment. She gave statistics of clients using the center in 1998 and described various center projects, i.e., Kids Kitchen, meetings, educational seminars, and social gatherings.

MARSHA DAVIS, member of the NorthEast Community Center Board, spoke in favor of the NorthEast Community Center 1999 budget by stating it is truly an investment. She explained how the center has enhanced and impacted that area of town. Ms. Davis said the board has been cleaning up the center and getting ready for another year; she personally noticed children's footprints to the center illustrating their eagerness for the center to open again after a closure for maintenance. She asked the Assembly to think of the children when considering the 1999 budget.

TRICIA ALLAN, member of the Advisory Counsel for the National Senior Service Corporation, Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion Programs, referred to a letter addressed to the Assembly. She asked the Assembly for additional funding for senior transportation so that volunteers can get to workplaces. Seniors also need transportation to the grocery store. Currently, rides to the grocery store are considered sociable and, as a consequence, are unavailable now. She said that trips to the grocery store are essential activities. She reported that senior citizens donate over one hundred thousand hours annually to the community. Ms. Allan recognized the group of seniors in the audience showing their support of better transportation for seniors.

In response to Mr. Bell, Donna Clements, Director of Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions, explained how the Anchorage system works. Ms. Clements confirmed that even though the Anchorage system co-operates with most of the citywide transportation services, it is still not enough. She explained that additional funding will provide more rides for seniors by using all of the citywide transportation resources.

In response to Mr. Bell, Bob Kniefel, Director of Public Transportation for the Municipality, confirmed that \$1.6 million per year is the total funding for both seniors and disabled transportation. Mr. Kniefel explained the new coordinator approach begun last December, which combines both the senior and disabled trips together. He described the range of approaches used in detail. He reported that, of the 150,000 trips per year; 65,000 are for seniors and 80,000 are for ADA clients. He commented on the consideration of using volunteer drivers as an alternative.

In response to Mr. Bell, Ms. Billy Lewis commented on the timing of when folks want to get to and leave the Senior Center. She referred to some of the problems when folks are dropped off at the Senior Center early in the morning before the center is open and the bus returns before the folks are ready to leave. Ms. Lewis said the terms "standby" and "not a designated trip" are apparently misunderstood. Even though there could be three or four buses at the center at one time, they are going to different parts of town. There may be only one or two people on a bus at a time, which causes frustration for those folks who wait a long time for a ride. She confirmed her group has been in contact with Mr. Kniefel about timing problems.

Ms. Clements said the majority of funding for senior transportation comes from the Alaska Commission on Aging. She explained the priority of those services. Because of the priority reasons, no social rides are available. People do not try to ride the system because there are no rides available. She felt it was a serious problem to isolate senior citizens.

In response to Mr. Meyer, Ms. Clements did not know the dollar amount needed and felt that amount would have to come from the people who run the system. Ms. Clements felt that 50% of the needs are being met at this time for Anchorage seniors.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Ms. Clements said 80% comes from federal funding and 20% comes from the community.

In response to Ms. Abney, Ms. Clements explained how the federal funding is limited. Ms. Clements said the group has applied for new grants for rural expansion and for foster grandparents in schools. But these grants are for stipends with little left over for running programs. She tries to encourage seniors to donate their fair share. She mentioned that the Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions programs are not allowed to ask seniors to contribute. Generally, organizations need to find a way to get seniors to contribute more. Ms. Clements stressed it is imperative that the Assembly look at this in the long haul because there will be many more seniors. Transportation is one of the most serious problems today for seniors.

ELIZABETH POSSEE, a senior at Family Partnership Charter School and the Chief Judge at the Anchorage Youth Court, thanked the Mayor for his support in including the Juvenile Offender Program (JOP) in his budget. She also thanked the Assembly for its support. She explained how the Assembly's support helps. Ms. Possee commented on the fact that over 89% of defendants in the program do not re-offend, which is much better than in the regular juvenile justice system. She read statistical differences that the Municipal support made. She said that defendants paid victims \$21,751 in a three-year period with Municipal support.

STUART BANNAN, Vice President of the Student Bar of the Anchorage Youth Court, read an essay written by one of the defendants, a 16-year-old male, who went through the Youth Court program.

PATRICK MCLEOD, a judge at the Anchorage Youth Court and a member of the Executive Board, read an essay written by a 17-year-old male participant.

Mr. Meyer applauded the Anchorage Youth Court speakers for their time and efforts in this program. He commented on how impressive the mock trial was that the Anchorage Youth Court put on at McLaughlin Youth Center.

In response to Mr. Meyer, Ms. Possee reported what type of cases are processed in Youth Court. The majority of the cases are for second to third degree theft. Other cases are burglaries; the highest being Class B felonies. The usual offenders commit theft or bring drugs into school, which is a Class C felony.

Mr. McLeod commented the Youth Court does get Class C felonies for smoking marijuana in school. He warned anyone in the audience who may be thinking about smoking marijuana in school that it is a felony and they will be arrested.

Mr. Murdy commented that he is very proud of the Anchorage Youth Court and has served on the court board since inception. He acknowledged how hard the kids work to do good, professional jobs.

MATT NEIL, from Volunteers of America Youth Restitution Program, reported on that work in conjunction with the Youth Court. Mr. Neil explained what his office does throughout Anchorage with restitution money. He thanked the Mayor and the Assembly for their support. For example, youth in the program worked on the golf course grounds which helped build their skills. He said that his organization is expanding services to the State Probation Youth. Because the program is so successful, it is being extended to former probation youth. This helps with more accountability, more supervision, and separates young first-time offenders from more serious offenders. The program is being replicated nationally.

In response to Mr. Meyer, Mr. Stuart Brannan, co-chair of the Steering Committee of the National Youth Court Conference, announced a conference is planned for May 13-15 in Anchorage. He expects about 500 participants; Senator Stevens is the national chair.

In response to Mr. Meyer, Ms. Sharon Leon, Youth Court Director, reported that people are planning to attend from Maine, New Jersey, Florida, Colorado, and points in between; she is expecting a good attendance.

DR. PATRICK CUNNINGHAM, Community Dispute Resolution Center Founder and Board member, read a statement on behalf of the executive director who was unable to attend. The statement thanked members for continued support of the "Make a Difference Program" and the Resolution Center. Along with other agencies, the center is striving to reduce the number of juvenile crimes.

JOHN STRACHAN, representing Friends of the Library, spoke in support of the proposed increased budget for the library. He introduced several members of the board. He explained the breakdown of the budget increase for materials and new staff members. He reported that the friends contributed \$38,000 last year and \$40,000 this year to purchase books for the library. He felt the library reflects the personality of the community.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Strachan said he does not think it is possible for Anchorage to obtain the national standard for the collection only through donations and volunteers.

ALDEN TODD, Friends of the Library Board member and Advisory Board member, pointed out that Anchorage is the fastest growing, big metropolis since the Second World War. The library needs to catch up to its population and he urged people to adopt the idea that Anchorage strive to be above the national average. He encouraged acquisition of up-to-date technical books as well as classics and definitive biographies.

Chair Von Gemmingen, suggested that a dollar donation per resident would help.

FRANCINE L. TAYLOR, Executive Director for the Alaska Moving Image Preservation Association, thanked the Assembly for including the association in the 1998 budget. She listed on-going projects of the association as the "Politics of the Past" fund raiser; receipt of the large Gregory Carr collection, and Juneau KTOO's wish to give 1,500 public affairs video cassettes. Since she expects to receive more tapes and political collections, the association needs to increase storing capacity. Many public institutions in charge of preserving materials hope to design a statewide program to save endangered materials. Ms. Taylor said there obviously is a compelling need for the work her organization is doing. She requested \$50,000 in the 1999 budget. Since these services are being used on a statewide basis, she believes that the burden of funding should be shared by the State.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Ms. Taylor gave a brief background of how the organization began and where it is headed. She said the association has over 10,000 collections now. When the association started, she recognized that it would have to be a partnership of public and private dollars. The association is trying to find a base.

In response to Chair Von Gemmingen, Ms. Taylor reported on the possibility of sharing space at the Loussac Library or museum.

BRUCE PHELPS, Loussac Library Advisory Board member, stood in for the chair, Blythe Campbell. He agreed with the comments made by the Friends of the library folks. He also supported increasing the 1999 budget by \$297,000 to expand the book collection. He reported that the holdings per capita is low for Anchorage compared to the national average.

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Phelps felt the library was well used by the community. He said there are not enough specialty collections i.e. computer books or other technical areas. The collection budget has not kept up with the increased Anchorage population.

CELINA MCQUIRE, NorthEast Community Center Board member, commented that it was important to mention that the center has grown because it has responded to the needs of the community. The first year she was on the board, she spent an average of 30 hours a week there. She said Youth Court offenders served their community service time at the center. She complimented the director and staff for their service to and time at the center.

In response to Ms. Taylor, Ms. McQuire said the majority of children who go to the center come at 3:00 and stay until the center closes. Many eat at Kid's Kitchen. It gives children a safe place to be.

LANETTE HUMES, a 19-year Anchorage cab driver, commented on paratransit operations in the city. It used to be called the Munilift. She was impressed with the test given her when she was hired as a part-time dispatcher and part-time driver. She said the mechanics were very qualified and made the vans safe. She was in support of increasing that budget.

Chair Von Gemmingen asked if anyone else wished to speak. There was no one, and she closed the public hearing. She announced the Assembly would take action on the budget on November 24, 1998.

13. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/ASSEMBLY APPEALS:

In response to Mr. Kendall, Deputy Clerk Vickie Cantrell reported on attorneys hired by the Assembly for Board of Adjustment appeals and the appeals scheduled.

14. SPECIAL ORDERS: None.

15. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:

Mr. Wuerch reminded the body of the Legislative Committee Meeting, the following Tuesday. He commented on two priority issues of the audit committee: 1) discussion of accelerating the outside auditor's focus to make sure to support the necessary audit provisions on closing the sale of ATU; 2) to coordinate the outside audit in sync with the implementation of the PFISHER projects since this is next to the last year of the current outside audit contract. Mr. Wuerch stressed the importance of a seamless transition so that, at no time, the Municipality will be left without outside audit coverage.

Mr. Bell requested information on the medics' billing system and collection rate.

Chair Von Gemmingen read a letter from the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks, addressed to Assembly member Joe Murdy, congratulating him as the recipient of the 1998 Alaska Municipal League Award for outstanding contribution to local government.

In response to Chair Von Gemmingen, Mr. Murdy commented on the National League of Cities LMR Committee (Land, Mobile, Radio Network) for emergency services. Senator Stevens is committed to find funding for this program.

Ms. Abney announced that the ad hoc committee on taxis and vehicles for hire would meet the following Tuesday. She anticipated finishing the safety part of the commission's recommendations, and hoped to bring it forward on December 15.

- 16. UNFINISHED AGENDA: None.
- 17. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.
- 18. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: None
- 19. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Lejane Ferguson
Municipal Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: March 2, 1999

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