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**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY**

**Assembly Chambers, Z. J. Loussac Library**  
**3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska**

**Minutes for Regular Meeting of November 25, 2008**

*(Clerk's Note: Due to technical difficulties the first 10 minutes of the Assembly Meeting video was not recorded. Please refer to the Meeting Minutes for details of that missing section.)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Assembly Meeting of November 25, 2008 was convened by Chair Claman at 5:00 p.m. in Assembly Chambers, Room 108 of the Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street in Anchorage, Alaska.

**2. ROLL CALL** A Quorum was achieved with Assemblymembers present.

PRESENT: William Starr, Mike Gutierrez, Elvi Gray-Jackson, Chris Birch, Matt Claman, Sheila Selkregg, Harriet Drummond, Debbie Ossiander, Patrick Flynn, Jennifer Johnston and Dan Coffey *(participating telephonically for noted portions of the meeting).*  
ABSENT: None.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Assembly Vice Chair Selkregg led the pledge.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** There were none.

**5. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Mark Begich distributed a written report to Assemblymembers.

**6. ASSEMBLY CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Claman reported there had been a Joint Meeting with the Anchorage School Board on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chair Claman offered his apologies to Assemblymembers for adjourning the worksession on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:15 p.m., without allowing members an opportunity to extend the meeting to make additional comments.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Ossiander stated there would be no Title 21 Committee Meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Committee would meet on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Planning Department Conference Room to finish amendments to Chapter 3.

Dr. Selkregg reported that ENSTAR had reported to the Assembly on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> on their concerns about an adequate gas supply for the winter. With the remote possibility of a gas shortage, there needed to be serious consideration of how to deal with a disaster, with concerns of people in hospitals and people on life support systems.

Mr. Birch reported the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Committee met last week and would be making recommendations for revisions to the tax cap. Chief Fiscal Officer Sharon Weddleton had participated in that effort. There was concern with regard to property tax increases.

Ms. Gray-Jackson thanked her colleagues for following the Budget process. She reported the Budget and Finance Committee had addressed outstanding amendments and had approved available funds for Project Access, Camp Fire USA, the Library and the Arts Foundation, which would be discussed by the Assembly that evening. The Budget Advisory Commission would report to the Assembly that evening.

Mr. Starr reported there would be an Audit Committee Meeting in City Hall on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to hear findings from Municipal Auditor Peter Raiskums on his *(labor contract)* investigation.

Mr. Birch stated that several months ago he had requested financial impacts of the labor contracts. Municipal Manager Michael Abbott responded the Audit Committee had discussed the matter, but there was no agreement that it would be addressed. The Administration would wait for a response from the Committee and the Auditor and would report once the information was available. Mr. Birch stated that it was unconscionable that the Administration would negotiate changes to labor contracts without an assessment of the impact to the budget and to taxpayers.

**8. ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

1 Chair Claman called for a motion and read the Addendum items. He called for additional items and AR 2008-311 was  
2 added as Agenda number 9.B.4. There were no additional Addendum items and he called for a vote to incorporate the  
3 Addendum items.

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5 Dr. Selkregg moved, to approve the inclusion of the Addendum items  
6 Ms. Johnston seconded, into the Consent Agenda.  
7 and this motion was passed.

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9 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
10 NAYS: None.  
11 (Clerk's Note: Mr. Coffey was temporarily not connected.)

12 Chair Claman called for a motion on the Consent Agenda.

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15 Ms. Ossiander moved, to approve the Consent Agenda.  
16 Ms. Johnston seconded,

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18 Chair Claman called for Assemblymembers to request that items be pulled for discussion on the Regular Agenda.

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20 **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

21 **9.A. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION - PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS** There were none.

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23 **9.B. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION - OTHER**

24 9.B.1. Resolution No. AR 2008-283, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating the sum of  
25 \$7,525 from the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities and \$4,479 as a  
26 contribution from the 2008 Anchorage Police Operating Budget, Anchorage Metropolitan Police  
27 Service Area Fund (151) to the State Categorical Grants Fund (231) Anchorage Police Department,  
28 for this **Crash Data Retrieval System Technician Training Program**.

29 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 794-2008.

30 9.B.2. Resolution No. AR 2008-284, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating the sum of  
31 \$10,245 from the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities and \$4,585 as a  
32 contribution from the 2008 Anchorage Police Operating Budget, Anchorage Metropolitan Police  
33 Service Area Fund (151) to the State Categorical Grants Fund (231) Anchorage Police Department,  
34 for this **Crash Data Retrieval System Train the Trainer and Conference Program** grant.

35 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 795-2008.

36 9.B.3. Resolution No. AR 2008-285, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$3,262 from  
37 the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and appropriating \$2,440 as  
38 a contribution from the Office of Economic and Community Development, Historic Preservation Fund  
39 (740), to the Office of Economic and Community Development, State Categorical Grants Fund (231) to  
40 send Anchorage's Historic Preservation Officer to the **National Historic Preservation Commissions**  
41 **Forum** in New Orleans.

42 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 796-2008.

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44 Mr. Birch requested this item be pulled for review on the Regular Agenda. (See item 10.B.3)

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46 9.B.4. Resolution No. AR 2008-311, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly stating its temporary  
47 non-objection to transfer of location of a No-Premises Package Store Liquor License owned by current  
48 ABC approved licensee, **TCCH, Inc.**, to the location of 1901 West Dimond Boulevard, currently owned  
49 and operated by licensee **TCCH, Inc.** as Dimond Liquors; Assemblymember Coffey. (**Laid on the**  
50 **Table**)

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52 Mr. Coffey moved, to introduce and incorporate AR 2008-311 into the Consent  
53 Ms. Johnston seconded, Agenda.  
54 Ms. Ossiander was the concurring third.

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56 9.B.5. [9.F-10] Resolution No. AR 2008-292, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, approving  
57 the **Hiland Water Intertie Phase 3B Improvements** and providing for assessment of benefited  
58 properties at time of service connection, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. [P.H. 1-6-09.]  
59 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 805-2008.

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61 (Clerk's Note: AR 2008-292, item 9.F, 10, was reassigned as Agenda number 9.B.5. The Administration requested  
62 this item be pulled for review on the Regular Agenda. See item 10.B.5)

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64 **9.C. BID AWARDS** There were none.

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66 **9.D. NEW BUSINESS**

67 9.D.1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 792-2008, **Rumrunners Old Town Bar & Grill #4841**-Application for  
68 a New Beverage Dispensary Duplicate Liquor License (Downtown Community Council), Clerk's Office.

69 9.D.2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 793-2008, Contract Amendment No. 4 to Palmerco Construction,  
70 inc., for the construction of the **Northern Lights Boulevard Sound Barrier, New Seward Highway**  
71 **to Lake Otis Parkway**, Project No. 04-03 (\$14,980), Project Management & Engineering.

72 9.D.3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 807-2008, Sole Source Purchase from TurboCare, Inc. to furnish a  
73 **refurbished turbine rotor and compressor diaphragms** for Turbine Unit Number 5 to the  
74 Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) (\$3,471,000), Purchasing. (**Addendum**)

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76 Dr. Selkregg requested this item be pulled for review on the Regular Agenda. (See item 10.D.3)

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78 **9.E. INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

- 1 9.E.1. Information Memorandum No. AIM 93-2008, **2008 Third Quarter Summary Report of AWWU**  
2 **Awards.**  
3 9.E.2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 94-2008, **Sole Source Procurement Report** for the month of  
4 October 2008, Purchasing.  
5 9.E.3. Information Memorandum No. AIM 95-2008, **Budget Advisory Commission Report** to the Assembly  
6 on the 2009 Proposed Budget Update, Office of Management & Budget. (*Addendum*)  
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8 Ms. Gray-Jackson requested this item be pulled for review on the Regular Agenda. (*See item 10.E.3*)  
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- 10 **9.F. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION**  
11 9.F.1. Ordinance No. AO 2008-125, an ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **changing the**  
12 **names of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Service Area and the Anchorage Parks and**  
13 **Recreation Commission** for clarification and directing the Municipal Code Revisor to make code  
14 revisions to incorporate the name changes, Assemblymember Ossiander. P.H. 12-16-08.  
15 9.F.2. Ordinance No. AO 2008-126, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 9.28.026C.  
16 to authorize **electronically signed police reports** for post-seizure probable cause hearings handled  
17 by the Administrative Hearing Office, Department of Law. P.H. 12-16-08.  
18 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 797-2008.  
19 9.F.3. Ordinance No. AO 2008-127, an ordinance of the Anchorage Assembly amending the zoning map and  
20 providing for the rezoning of approximately 4.24 acres, from T (Transition) to R-O SL (Residential-  
21 Office) with special Limitations for **Glenn Heights Subdivision, Tract A-1**; generally located northeast  
22 of Boundary Avenue and northwest of Peck Avenue (Northeast Community Council) (Planning Case  
23 2008-125), Planning Department. P.H. 1-6-09.  
24 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 798-2008.  
25 9.F.4. Resolution No. AR 2008-286, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting a Federal Transit  
26 Administration grant funded by a transfer from Federal Highway Administration and appropriating  
27 \$727,760 to the Public Transportation Capital Fund (485) as funding for **Phase 1 construction of**  
28 **transit improvements** including passenger boarding pads, amenities, sidewalks and crosswalks in  
29 the University-Medical (U-Med) District, Public Transportation Department. P.H. 12-16-08.  
30 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 799-2008.  
31 9.F.5. Resolution No. AR 2008-287, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, accepting and  
32 appropriating three (3) State of Alaska Clean Water Fund loan offers in the aggregate amount of  
33 \$3,795,000 for financing a portion of the costs of the **C-5-A King Rovenna Sewer Upgrade, C-5-1**  
34 **(North Campbell Lake) Sewer Trunk, and Asplund Disinfection Study and Upgrade Projects**,  
35 Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. P.H. 12-16-08.  
36 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 800-2008.  
37 9.F.6. Resolution No. AR 2008-288, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, accepting and  
38 appropriating an Alaska Drinking Water Fund loan offer in the amount of \$1,000,000 for financing a  
39 portion of the costs of the **Hiland Road Water Intertie Project**, Anchorage Water and Wastewater  
40 Utility. P.H. 12-16-08.  
41 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 801-2008.  
42 9.F.7. Resolution No. AR 2008-289, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, confirming and  
43 levying assessments for the water special improvements within **Levy Upon Connection (LUC) Roll**  
44 **08-W-3**, setting date of payment and providing for penalties and interest in the event of delinquency,  
45 Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. P.H. 1-6-09.  
46 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 802-2008.  
47 9.F.8. Resolution No. AR 2008-290, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, approving a water  
48 main extension identified as the **Sand Lake Area Water Extension** and providing for assessment of  
49 benefited properties at time of service connection, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. P.H. 1-6-  
50 09.  
51 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 803-2008.  
52 9.F.9. Resolution No. AR 2008-291, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, approving a  
53 sanitary sewer main extension identified as the **Sand Lake Area (Sanitary) Sewer Extension** and  
54 providing for assessment of benefited properties at time of service connection, Anchorage Water and  
55 Wastewater Utility. P.H. 1-6-09.  
56 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 804-2008.  
57 [9.F.10] 9.B.5 Resolution No. AR 2008-292, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, approving  
58 the **Hiland Water Intertie Phase 3B Improvements** and providing for assessment of benefited  
59 properties at time of service connection, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. [P.H. 1-6-09]  
60 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 805-2008.  
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62 Deputy Municipal Manager Heather Handyside stated that Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) had  
63 secured all public affidavits of non-objection to the project and there was no longer a requirement for Public Hearing.  
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65 Dr. Selkregg moved, *to renumber AR 2008-292 as Agenda item 9.B.5.*  
66 Ms. Ossiander seconded,  
67 and there was no objection.  
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69 Ms. Handyside requested this item be pulled for review on the Regular Agenda. (*See item 10.B.5*)  
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- 71 9.F.11. Resolution No. AR 2008-293, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$93,708 to  
72 the Federal Grants Fund (241) as a grant from U.S. Department of Transportation Section 5317 New  
73 Freedom Grant Program and \$5,428 of Transit Revenues to the Areawide General Fund (101) and  
74 contribution of this amount and the amount of \$23,427 to the Federal Grants Fund (241) to assist in  
75 the funding of **Coordinated Transportation Services** beyond ADA requirements within the  
76 Municipality of Anchorage, Public Transportation Department. [P.H. 12-16-08]  
77 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 806-2008. (*Addendum*)  
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1 Chair Claman called for a vote on the remainder of the Consent Agenda.

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3 and this motion, as amended, was passed.

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5 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn, Johnston and

6 NAYS: None.

7 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.

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9 The amended Consent Agenda was approved and Chair Claman led the body into discussion of the pulled items.

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11 **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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13 **10. REGULAR AGENDA**

14 **10.A. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION - PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS** There were none.

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16 **10.B. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION - OTHER**

17 10.B.3. Resolution No. AR 2008-285, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$3,262 from  
18 the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and appropriating \$2,440 as  
19 a contribution from the Office of Economic and Community Development, Historic Preservation Fund  
20 (740), to the Office of Economic and Community Development, State Categorical Grants Fund (231) to  
21 send Anchorage's Historic Preservation Officer to the **National Historic Preservation Commissions**  
22 **Forum** in New Orleans.

23 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 796-2008.

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25 Mr. Starr moved, to approve AR 2008-285.

26 Mr. Gutierrez seconded,

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28 Mr. Birch stated the Assembly had addressed this matter a year ago. This pertained to funding for a conference that  
29 had occurred in 2007.

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31 To Ms. Ossiander, Office of Economy and Community Development Director Mary Jane Michael responded the  
32 Historic Preservation Commission required that the officer be trained in the area of historic preservation.

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34 and the motion passed, 8-2.

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36 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Flynn and Johnston.

37 NAYS: Birch and Ossiander.

38 *(Clerk's Note: Mr. Coffey was temporarily not connected.)*

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40 10.B.5.~~(9.F.10)~~ Resolution No. AR 2008-292, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, approving  
41 the **Hiland Water Intertie Phase 3B Improvements** and providing for assessment of benefited  
42 properties at time of service connection, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU). [~~P.H. 1-6-~~  
43 ~~09~~] (*AR 2008-292, item 9.F.10 was reassigned as Agenda number 9.B.5.*)

44 a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 805-2008.

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46 Mr. Gutierrez moved, to approve AR 2008-292.

47 Ms. Gray-Jackson seconded,

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49 To Mr. Starr, AWWU Engineer Kurt Vause explained this was the Hiland Intertie Project. The water line to the  
50 Anchorage School District (ASD) construction on Yosemite Drive was a different project and would occur at a later  
51 time and involved a separate water main and sewer extension on ASD property.

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53 and this was approved without objection, 10-0.

54 *(Clerk's Note: Mr. Coffey was temporarily not connected.)*

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56 **10.C. BID AWARDS** There were none.

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58 **10.D. NEW BUSINESS**

59 10.D.3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 807-2008, Sole Source Purchase from TurboCare, Inc. to furnish a  
60 **refurbished turbine rotor and compressor diaphragms** for Turbine Unit Number 5 to the  
61 Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light & Power (ML&P) (\$3,471,000), Purchasing. (**Addendum**)

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63 Dr. Selkregg moved, to approve AM 807-2008.

64 Ms. Johnston seconded,

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66 To Dr. Selkregg, Municipal Light & Power General Manager Jim Posey responded that maintenance to Turbine Unit  
67 Number 5 was necessary until the new generation unit was built to replace the 35 year-old units.

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69 and the motion passed, 10-0.

70 *(Clerk's Note: Mr. Coffey was temporarily not connected.)*

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72 **10.E. INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

73 10.E.3. Information Memorandum No. AIM 95-2008, **Budget Advisory Commission Report** to the Assembly  
74 on the 2009 Proposed Budget Update, Office of Management & Budget. (**Addendum**)

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76 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, to accept AIM 95-2008.

77 Ms. Ossiander seconded,

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1 Ms. Gray-Jackson introduced Budget Advisory Commission (BAC) members, including Chair Jason Bergerson, Vice  
2 Chair Heather Ireland, Dan Dickenson and Tony Cange and thanked them for their hard work. Chair Bergerson  
3 presented the BAC's report and recommendations. Vice Chair Ireland reported the BAC had reviewed the 2009  
4 Proposed Updated Bi-ennial General Operating Budget and had determined the proposed Budget of \$435,302,640  
5 (\$432,892,617) was appropriate and could meet the most critical needs of the community within the limitations of funds  
6 available. The BAC had unanimously approved a resolution in support of the Budget. Commissioner Dickenson  
7 reported the BAC had determined there were still improvements needed in the process and he reported the  
8 Commission's four recommendations.

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10 Mr. Birch stated these were extraordinary economic times with declining oil prices and a potential shortfall of State  
11 Revenue Sharing, on which the city was dependent. Vice Chair Ireland responded the BAC had addressed those  
12 impacts and there may be a time when it would be necessary to prioritize limited funding. Mr. Birch stated that  
13 because of the national economy, there were concerns about locking into five-year labor contracts. He thanked the  
14 BAC for their contributions and requested their guidance and recommendations to reduce the financial burden to  
15 taxpayers.

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17 Ms. Gray-Jackson stated that she would continue working with the BAC on the upcoming 2010-2011 Budget.

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19 Mr. Starr stated that the state retirement contributions were a set action by the Legislature. The Assembly needed to  
20 consider the possibility of no state contribution. Commissioner Dickenson responded the BAC shared the same  
21 concern.

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23 Mr. Flynn questioned how many commissioners would continue to be involved in the process in 2009. *(Clerk's Note:*  
24 *All commissioners present raised their hands.)* Mr. Flynn thanked them for their service.

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26 To Dr. Selkregg, Vice Chair Ireland responded that the Commission would continue their review on items such as  
27 sales tax and other revenue generating options. Dr. Selkregg requested the BAC make recommendations if the State  
28 did not contribute Revenue Sharing. Vice Chair Ireland responded the BAC would continue to be involved in the  
29 process to determine those matters as they developed.

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31 Ms. Drummond thanked the BAC for their hard work. She stated there would be an opportunity to readdress the  
32 Budget during the transition process of a new mayor. It would be a prime opportunity to look at the Budget prior to  
33 September. She supported additional public process.

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35 Ms. Ossiander stated she supported a more open public process. Chair Bergerson stated there was a great  
36 opportunity to increase public involvement and to prioritize community projects by using the Federation of Community  
37 Councils and having more public forums with Project Management and Engineering and the Office of Management  
38 and Budget. Ms. Ossiander thanked the BAC for their service.

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40 On behalf of the entire Assembly, Chair Claman thanked the BAC for all their hard work.

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42 and the motion passed without objection.  
43 *(Clerk's Note: Mr. Coffey was temporarily not connected.)*

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45 **10.F. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION**  
46 *(Clerk's Note: 9.F.10, item AR 2008-292, was reassigned as Agenda number 9.B.5.)*

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48 **11. OLD BUSINESS AND UNFINISHED ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- 49 11.A. Ordinance No. AO 2008-102(S), an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage adopting and  
50 appropriating funds for the **2009 (Updated) General Government Operating Budget** for the  
51 Municipality of Anchorage, Office of Management & Budget.  
52 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 614-2008(A).  
53 *(Public Hearing Closed 11-18-08; AO 2008-102(S) was Moved; Action was Carried Over To 11-25-08)*

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55 Chair Claman read the ordinance title and reported there was a motion to approve on the floor from November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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57 Ms. Gray-Jackson *had* moved, to approve AO 2008-102(S).  
58 Mr. Gutierrez *had* seconded,

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60 Chair Claman stated a motion on the floor to approve Starr Amendment #5 had been continued from November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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62 Mr. Starr *had* moved, to approve Starr Amendment #5, amending AO 2008-102(S)  
63 Mr. Coffey *had* seconded, *by reducing* Budgets of Various Departments; [CSA reduction  
64 of costs based on departmental spending (\$250,000)].

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66 Mr. Starr stated the Cooperative Services Authority (CSA) would be addressed later in the meeting.

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68 and the motion was withdrawn without objection.

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70 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, to approve Budget and Finance Committee Amendment  
71 Mr. Gutierrez seconded, amending AO 2008-102(S), Page 6, Lines 108-112, *by*  
72 *changing* to read:

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74 • H&HS; Increase funding to Project Access - this amount  
75 will bring the total amount to \$75,000; Fund 101; (Direct  
76 cost [~~\$40,000~~] \$50,000);  
77 • H&HS; Provide funding for a grant to the Mabel T.  
Caverly Senior Center to be used for the Dental Work,

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- Hearing Aids, Eye Glasses and Prescriptions (DEAP) Program; Fund 101. (Direct cost [~~\$25,000~~] \$20,000);
- OECD; Provide funding for a grant to Camp Fire USA to assist with the After School Program at Tyson Elementary; Fund 101; (Direct cost [~~\$25,000~~] \$50,000);
- OECD; Provide funding for a Library Community Plan. The goal of the plan is to guide the Anchorage Public Library and partner groups in its work, responding to community needs, and provide organizational stability. The Anchorage Library Foundation has committed; Fund 101; (Direct cost [~~\$60,000~~] \$40,000);
- OECD; Provide funding for a grant to the Alaska Arts and Cultural Foundation to provide for discounts to youth to attend cultural events. It is anticipated that the MOA's contribution would be matched by 100%; Fund 101. (Direct cost [~~\$50,000~~] \$40,000).

Ms. Gray-Jackson read her amendments and described each, line item numbers 108 to 112 on Page 6.

To Ms. Ossiander, Ms. Gray-Jackson responded that the appropriations still totaled \$200,000 and did not address the Anchorage Police Department (APD).

Dr. Selkregg stated she would support the amendments. The budget was tight this year.

Ms. Ossiander stated that she wanted to prioritize, to allow funds for the APD officer hire schedule, the new planning position and the Performing Arts Center. She needed to find \$100,000.

Ms. Ossiander moved,	to reduce the Gray-Jackson Amendment by 50%,
Mr. Starr seconded,	<del>[\$200,000]</del> <u>\$100,000</u> .

Chair Claman stated that if the amendment passed, it would be determined how to allocate the reduction.

Mr. Starr stated this would lessen the burden to property taxpayers and was heading in the right direction. There were other remaining needs that needed to be addressed. He would support the amendment.

and this motion failed, 4-7.

AYES: Starr, Birch, Ossiander and Coffey.  
 NAYS: Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Flynn and Johnston.

and the main motion passed, 7-4.

AYES: Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Flynn and Johnston.  
 NAYS: Starr, Birch, Ossiander and Coffey.

(Clerk's Note: Chair Claman moved the body to take up Agenda item 12, Public Appearance Requests, time certain at 6:00 p.m.)

Ms. Ossiander moved,	to approve Ossiander Amendments #1, 2 and 3 amending
Mr. Coffey seconded,	AO 2008-102(S) by deleting 3 Parks and Recreation
	positions:
	• Anchorage Parks & Recreation - Deny Request - TAX
	CAP INCREASE - Recreation Planner; (Grade
	12/L71/Reg/FT); Fund 161 [ <del>\$77,243</del> ];
	• Anchorage Parks & Recreation - Deny Request - TAX
	CAP INCREASE - Arborist to maintain new streetscape
	and park trees; (Grade 11/L71/Reg/FT); Fund 161
	<del>[\$72,000]</del> ;
	• Anchorage Parks & Recreation - Deny Request - TAX
	CAP INCREASE - Park Operation Division Manager
	(Grade 17/Non Rep/Reg/FT); Fund 161 [ <del>\$132,000</del> ].

Ms. Ossiander stated that she had asked for a better understanding of operation and maintenance (O&M) costs that were tied to bonds and were above the tax cap. Some O&M costs did not relate directly to the bonds and the cut included a planner, an arborist and a division manager. She supported increased roadway maintenance.

To Dr. Selkregg, Office of Economic Community Development Director Mary Jane Michael responded that the Parks and Recreation Department was now providing landscaping maintenance to the city's \$100,000,000 worth of road projects. The bonds had authorized money for Parks positions to manage maintenance crews and the positions had been carefully identified. Mayor Begich stated that the road projects had detailed-out how the moneys would be used.

Ms. Ossiander responded that she supported park positions for maintenance identified in the bonds, but there was no mention of bonds or roadway maintenance under the Park Planner job description.

To Ms. Johnston, Mr. Dillon responded the Parks Department had one certified arborist and another one was needed to organize crews to trim, prune and care for the trees. As park access increased, recreational planners were required to organize maintenance and training and to coordinate volunteers. Mr. Dillon responded that community councils used reports cards to report on park conditions.

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2 Ms. Gray-Jackson stated that she supported the Administration's park maintenance. Mayor Begich responded that the  
3 Midtown Park was included with the Park Department's responsibilities.  
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5 Mr. Coffey stated that city parks being overrun with public inebriates needed to be addressed. Mr. Dillon responded  
6 that the Parks Department was working with the community and staff, actively making parks with open-view, clean and  
7 safe sites and forested areas. Chair Claman stated there were two park rangers included. Mayor Begich stated that  
8 rangers were the 'eyes and ears' and managed the open space, but would not have authority of law enforcement.  
9 Numbers of inebriates and substance abusers would continue to grow. Because of the economy, growing numbers of  
10 people moving into the city were living in parks. The city was developing a long term plan and continued to work with  
11 the State, Cook Inlet Tribal Council and other community leaders on those concerns.  
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13 Ms. Ossiander stated that she was not arguing against park maintenance, but trying to address increasing the tax cap.  
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15 and the motion failed, 5-6.  
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17 AYES: Starr, Birch, Ossiander, Johnston and Coffey.

18 NAYS: Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond and Flynn.  
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20 Mr. Coffey moved,

21 Ms. Johnston seconded,

to approve Coffey Amendment #1 amending AO 2008-102(S)  
by deleting the city contribution, to read:

- The Anchorage Police Department; Eliminate Everett Robbins PCN # 3445 position, including car and uniform. This also includes the union revenue related to this position; Fund 151; (\$159,000) (\$30,000) [~~\$129,000~~].

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27 Mr. Coffey stated that a union representative should be paid by the union employees. The taxpayers should not  
28 contribute to this position. He urged support for the amendment.  
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30 Mr. Flynn stated there was merit to Mr. Coffey's concern. Union dues normally paid for a high percentage of costs for  
31 representatives. But, the matter should be addressed with the APDEA contract. He would not support the  
32 amendment.  
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34 To Dr. Selkregg, Mr. Coffey responded that the representative's total compensation was \$159,000 and \$30,000 was  
35 paid for by the union. \$129,999 was the city's contribution. Dr. Selkregg stated that the city was under contract to pay  
36 for 50% and she would not support the amendment.  
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38 Chair Claman stated the APDEA contract had included the city paying 50% (of the union representative's salary), but a  
39 side agreement had changed that to 100%, which was included in the new contract agreement. Mr. Abbott concurred.  
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41 Mr. Starr stated that he supported removing full funding. The senior patrol officer had not been reclassified to act as a  
42 union representative. Removing the PCN# would free up the senior patrol officer position. The Employees Relation  
43 Board was available to employees. The funding was not justified and the position was not needed.  
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45 To Ms. Johnston, Mr. Abbott responded each agreement included provisions for city compensation to allow use of  
46 work time for union employees to do union business. Each contract was different. Ms. Johnston stated that 50%  
47 should be coming from the union. Taking this up with the labor contract would be more limiting, voting it up or down.  
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49 Mr. Birch stated that this had been a side agreement and had occurred without Assembly approval. It was an increase  
50 of cost and a burden to taxpayers and needed to be reviewed by the Assembly. He supported the amendment.  
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52 Ms. Gray-Jackson stated that she supported reducing taxes, but this was a not the place to delete a position that was  
53 included in a binding contract. Deputy Municipal Attorney Rhonda Fehlen Westover responded that, without looking  
54 deeper into the contract and without giving a definitive answer, her general response was that it could not be changed  
55 by Assembly action. Ms. Gray-Jackson stated she would be voting NO.  
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57 Mr. Coffey stated that this was a budget item that would take effect in 2009. They city was paying for an officer to be  
58 on the street. There had been a change to the APDEA contract that resulted in doubling the costs to the taxpayers.  
59 Some were of the opinion that the Mayor had the right and authority to make that change. The Assembly could either  
60 address it now or vote NO on the contract. He urged a YES-vote on the amendment.  
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62 Mr. Starr stated the Assembly appropriated money to departments and the departments were free to do what they  
63 wanted with the money. Taxpayers' dollars should not pay for this position and it was appropriate for the Assembly to  
64 remove it. He urged a YES-vote.  
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66 Ms. Gray-Jackson stated that Ms. Westover had stated that the Assembly could not legally eliminate the position. She  
67 did not want the Municipality faced with a potential lawsuit, which could cost the taxpayers much more.  
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69 Mr. Flynn stated this involved a budget amendment and would not go into affect until December 16<sup>th</sup>.  
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71 Chair Claman stated that the cut would not eliminate the position and would only reduce the APD Budget. His priority  
72 was to get more police officers on the street and he would support the Police Budget, as proposed.  
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74 and this motion failed, 5-6.  
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76 AYES: Starr, Birch, Ossiander, Johnston and Coffey.

77 NAYS: Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond and Flynn.  
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1 Chair Claman called for additional amendments and there were none. He called for discussion on the main motion.  
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3 Mr. Starr stated that he had enjoyed working on the Budget. He commended the staff, particularly the OMB Director  
4 and the Chief Fiscal Officer, for their prompt responses. He would not support a proposed budget of historic high  
5 levels because it was not appropriate during a time of uncertain world economy. There would be reduced revenues  
6 and continued pressure for spending and it was challenging to deal with labor contracts that added additional financial  
7 burden. He had attended an organized community meeting of over 100 citizens who were financially burdened and  
8 were requesting tax reform. He would not increase the burden to taxpayers. He could not consciously support the  
9 proposed Budget and would vote NO.  
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11 Ms. Ossiander thanked Director Wanda Phillips and the OMB staff for the quick responses and sound information.  
12 She opposed fewer police on the street. She was frustrated with the Eagle River Senior Center getting less than the  
13 Anchorage Center. She was most concerned that the total budget was over the tax cap and she had not heard any  
14 comments from members. For those reasons she would be a NO-vote.  
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16 Ms. Johnston stated that it had been a pleasure working with Ms. Phillips and Ms. Weddleton. She thanked them for  
17 following the Assembly's request to review each department and they had found money not needed. She agreed with  
18 Ms. Ossiander's concern about operations and maintenance needing to be addressed. There was no question that it  
19 was a totally new world out there. Alaska had not yet felt the recession, but would. Oil prices were down and State  
20 Revenue Sharing was uncertain, which was a large chunk of the city budget. Conservation would be developed out of  
21 need. Things would continue to change. She would vote NO.  
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23 Mr. Birch stated the Budget was significantly over the limit in these times of economic uncertainty. There was no  
24 consideration of the additional burden to taxpayers. The budget did not include any nominal changes and showed  
25 there was no preparedness for the future. He would vote NO.  
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27 Dr. Selkregg appreciated Ms. Ossiander's and Ms. Johnston's concern about the tax cap. She stated that clear criteria  
28 and priorities were needed for OMB, particularly now with additional bonds. If this model continued it would exceed  
29 the (tax) cap. The next budget would require clear criteria. Outstanding human service needs remained in the  
30 community. There had been changes to the APD. Chief Heun responded that it was important to have positions  
31 immediately available for graduating officers, but the change to hire officers on May 1<sup>st</sup>, with a lag time of one month,  
32 would work. Dr. Selkregg stated she would support the budget. More work was needed to set future budget plans,  
33 strategies and criteria. She would be involved in the First Quarter Budget Review, to address reducing property taxes.  
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35 Mayor Begich thanked the Budget and Finance Committee and the Budget Advisory Commission for their work. This  
36 was a well done budget. The Municipality had been nationally recognized for doing well in the midst of a national  
37 economic crisis. There were more police on the streets and violent crime and gang activity were down. APD used  
38 programs that worked. His goal was securing the city for the long term. Others Outside were investing in our city, in a  
39 time of economic uncertainty. His Budget covered basic core services.  
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41 Ms. Gray-Jackson thanked her colleagues for following the process and working together. She thanked Mayor Begich,  
42 Ms. Phillips and Ms. Weddleton for working with her.  
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44 Chair Claman stated he supported having a better public process in the future. There would be opportunities at the  
45 First Quarter Budget Review to make changes. He was pleased to support the Budget.  
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47 and the main motion, as amended, passed, 6-5.  
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49 AYES: Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond and Flynn.

50 NAYS: Starr, Birch, Ossiander, Johnston and Coffey.  
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52 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved for immediate reconsideration of AO 2008-102(S), as amended. She urged a NO-vote.  
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54 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, *for immediate reconsideration of AO 2008-102(S), as*  
55 Mr. Gutierrez seconded, *amended.*  
56 and the motion failed, 0-11.  
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58 AYES: None.

59 NAYS: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn, Johnston and  
60 Coffey.  
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62 11.B. **Resolution No. AR 2008-212**, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage approving the **2009-2014**  
63 **Municipal Utilities Capital Improvement Program**, Office of Management & Budget.

64 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 622-2008. (*First Public Hearing Held 10-14-08; Second*  
65 *Public Hearing Held 10-28-08; Carried Over From 10-28-08; Public Hearing Closed 11-18-08; Action*  
66 *Was Carried Over From 11-18-08*)  
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68 Chair Claman read the resolution title and reported that Public Hearing was closed. He called for a motion.  
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70 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, *to approve AR 2008-212.*  
71 Mr. Gutierrez seconded,  
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73 To Mr. Flynn, Anchorage Water and Waster Water Utility General Manager Mark Premo responded that Anchorage  
74 Water and Wastewater Utility would continue working with the community and was open to future project changes.  
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76 Mr. Birch stated the Golden View Drive Project would improve the water pressure. Mr. Premo responded this was a  
77 water plan identified in 1994 and was part of the Capital Improvement Plan and now part of the Budget. It involved  
78 four projects that would provide additional water and sewer service to 50 homes.

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and the motion passed, 11-0.

AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn, Johnston and Coffey.  
NAYS: None.

Ms. Gray-Jackson moved for immediate reconsideration of AR 2008-212. She urged a NO-vote.

Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, *for immediate reconsideration of AR 2008-212.*  
Mr. Gutierrez seconded,  
and this motion failed, 0-11.

AYES: None.  
NAYS: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn, Johnston and Coffey.

11.C. Ordinance No. AO 2008-103, an ordinance adopting and appropriating funds for the **Municipal Utilities/Enterprise Activities Operating Budget** for Fiscal Year 2009 Update and the 2009 Municipal Utilities/Enterprise Activities Capital Budget, Office of Management & Budget.  
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 619-2008.  
*(First Public Hearing Held 10-14-08; Second Public Hearing Held 10-28-08; Carried Over From 10-28-08; Public Hearing Closed 11-18-08; Action Was Carried Over From 11-18-08.)*

Chair Claman read the ordinance title and reported that Public Hearing was closed. He called for a motion.

Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, *to approve AO 2008-103.*  
Mr. Gutierrez seconded,

Mr. Birch questioned whether there were additional capital liabilities involved. Municipal Manager Michael Abbott responded that the current Budget assumed that Municipal Light & Power would finance one-third of the joint plant project costs with Chugach Electric Association. Additional obligations would come before the Assembly.

Ms. Ossiander stated there had been many changes, but this was not the time to address them. She would support the Utility Budget now, but she would remain highly interested in the matter in the future.

and the motion passed, 10-0.

AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
NAYS: None.  
*(Clerk's Note: Mr. Coffey was temporarily disconnected.)*

Ms. Gray-Jackson moved for immediate reconsideration of AO 2008-103 and urged a NO-vote.

Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, *for immediate reconsideration of AO 2008-103.*  
Mr. Gutierrez seconded,  
and this motion failed, 0-10.

AYES: None.  
NAYS: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
*(Clerk's Note: Mr. Coffey was temporarily disconnected.)*

11.D. Ordinance No. AO 2008-104, an ordinance adopting and appropriating funds for the 2009 Operating and Capital Budgets for the **Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA)**, Office of Management & Budget.  
1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 620-2008.  
*(First Public Hearing Held 10-14-08; Second Public Hearing Held 10-28-08; Carried Over From 10-28-08; Public Hearing Closed 11-18-08; Action Was Carried Over From 11-18-08.)*

Chair Claman read the ordinance title and reported that Public Hearing was closed. He called for a motion.

*(Clerk's Note: Municipal Clerk Barbara Gruenstein reported that Mr. Coffey was permanently disconnected telephonically and would be referred as an excused absence.)*

Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, *to approve AO 2008-104.*  
Mr. Gutierrez seconded,  
and the motion passed, 10-0.

AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: Coffey, excused.

Ms. Gray-Jackson moved for immediate reconsideration of AO 2008-104 and urged a NO-vote.

Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, *for immediate reconsideration of AO 2008-104.*  
Mr. Gutierrez seconded,  
and this motion failed, 0-10.

1 AYES: None.  
2 NAYS: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
3 ABSENT: Coffey, as an excused absence.  
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- 5 11.E. **Ordinance No. AO 2008-105**, an ordinance adopting the **2009 General Government Capital**  
6 **Improvement Budget**, Office of Management & Budget.  
7 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 621-2008.  
8 2. Ordinance No. AO 2008-105(S), an ordinance adopting the 2009 General Government Capital  
9 Improvement Budget, Office of Management & Budget. (**Laid on the Table**)  
10 (*First Public Hearing Held 10-14-08; Second Public Hearing Held 10-28-08; Carried Over From 10-28-*  
11 *08; Public Hearing Closed 11-18-08; Action Was Carried Over From 11-18-08.*)  
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13 Chair Claman read the ordinance title and reported that Public Hearing was closed. He called for a motion.  
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15 Ms. Gray Jackson moved, to approve AO 2008-105(S).  
16 Mr. Gutierrez seconded,  
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18 Ms. Gray-Jackson stated that the S-version included all Assembly amendments. To Mr. Flynn, Ms. Gray-Jackson  
19 responded that members should check the S-version to make sure all amendments were included.  
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21 Ms. Ossiander moved, to amend AO 2008-105(S) by adding \$120,000 for  
22 Mr. Starr seconded, Operations and Maintenance for electrical improvements to  
23 the Chugiak Senior Citizens Center.  
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25 Ms. Ossiander stated that a member of the State Finance Committee had indicated the Committee was considering a  
26 State grant for outside electrical improvements to the Center.  
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28 and this motion passed, 10-0,  
29 with Mr. Coffey as an excused absence.  
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31 Dr. Selkregg stated that she had proposed improvements to Campbell Airstrip Road, which could be added as a  
32 Legislative Priority. Ms. Gray-Jackson concurred.  
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34 Mr. Starr moved, to amend AO 2008-105(S) by adding \$250,000 for the  
35 Ms. Ossiander seconded, Eagle River Center [and] Emergency Operations Center  
36 and this was later amended. (OECD).  
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38 Mr. Starr stated the project list had not included the appropriation for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the  
39 Valley River Center. Ms. Ossiander stated there would be a joint (*State Grant*) request for an additional \$250,000 for  
40 the Valley River Center, to include the library. Office of Economic and Community Development Director Mary Jane  
41 Michael responded that funds were requested for the EOC equipment and an additional \$250,000 for other needed  
42 things not included in the original capital project request, for a total of \$500,000.  
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44 Ms. Ossiander moved, to amend the Starr Amendment, amending AO 2008-105(S)  
45 Mr. Starr seconded, under CIB Projects, by adding \$250,000 for the Eagle River  
46 Town Center EOC; And, by reducing the OECD State Grant  
47 Request (\$500,000) "\$250,000."  
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49 To Ms. Ossiander, Ms. Michael responded the original proposal was for \$250,000 with a request for matching funds.  
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51 and the motion to amend passed, 10-0.  
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53 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
54 NAYS: None.  
55 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.  
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57 and the main motion, as amended, passed, 10-0.  
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59 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
60 NAYS: None.  
61 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.  
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63 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved for immediate reconsideration of AO 2008-105(S), as amended, and urged a NO-vote.  
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65 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, for immediate reconsideration of AO 2008-105(S),  
66 Mr. Gutierrez seconded, as amended.  
67 and this motion failed, 0-10.  
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69 AYES: None.  
70 NAYS: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
71 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.  
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- 73 11.F. **Resolution No. AR 2008-211**, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage approving the **2009-2014**  
74 **General Government Capital Improvement Program**, Office of Management & Budget.  
75 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 618-2008.  
76 2. Resolution No. AR 2008-211(S), a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage approving the  
77 2009-2014 General Government Capital Improvement Program, Office of Management &  
78 Budget. (*First Public Hearing Held 10-14-08; Second Public Hearing Held 10-28-08; Carried*

1 Over From 10-28-08; Public Hearing Closed 11-18-08; Action Was Carried Over From 11-18-  
2 08) (Laid on the Table)

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4 Chair Claman read the resolution title and reported that Public Hearing was closed. He called for a motion.

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6 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, to approve AR 2008-211(S).  
7 Mr. Gutierrez seconded,

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9 Ms. Gray Jackson stated the General Government Capital Improvement Program S-version included Assembly  
10 amendments.

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12 Dr. Selkregg stated that she would support the resolution. She requested that future budget line items show a  
13 breakdown of funds for a better understanding of spending.

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15 Ms. Gray-Jackson stated that the last two amendments made to the Capital Improvement Budget also needed to be  
16 incorporated into the Capital Improvement Program. OMB Director Wanda Phillips concurred.

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18 Ms. Ossiander moved, to amend AR 2008-211(S) by adding \$120,000 for Operations  
19 Mr. Starr seconded, and Maintenance for electrical improvements for the Eagle  
20 and this motion was passed, River Senior Center; by adding \$250,000 for the Eagle River  
21 with Mr. Coffey as an excused absence. Town Center EOC; And, by reducing the State Grant  
22 Request (OECD) "\$250,000" [\$500,000];  
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24 To Mr. Starr, Municipal Manager Michael Abbott responded that the ten new police cars for new officers would be  
25 funded separately, with funds from the fleet account fund 603, a capital grant, state funds or the forfeiture and seizure  
26 fund. This request did not need to be included with the budget.

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28 and the main motion, as amended, was passed, 10-0.

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30 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
31 NAYS: None.  
32 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.

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34 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved for immediate reconsideration of AR 2008-211(S) and urged a NO-vote.

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36 Ms. Gray-Jackson moved, for immediate reconsideration of AO 2008-211(S), as  
37 Ms. Ossiander seconded, amended.  
38 and this motion failed, 0-10.

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40 AYES: None.  
41 NAYS: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
42 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.

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44 (Clerk's Note: Chair Claman moved the body to take up 13.A.)

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46 **12. APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

47 12.A. **Dee Bowman**, regarding Solid Waste Recycle Trash Program.

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49 MARIA (DEE) BOWMAN testified about her dissatisfaction with the mandatory Solid Waste Services (SWS) Recycling  
50 Program, which included increased costs and prescribed trash cans that were not bear proof, did not seal, were too  
51 heavy to move and had to be left outside. It was unfair that there were residents who did not have to use the new  
52 services. There were other services available that offered more varieties of services. SWS Director Mark Madden  
53 responded that each can was marked with the resident's name and address. Mr. Birch stated there was difficulty  
54 moving the large containers and it incurred more costs to the taxpayer. Ms. Bowman responded that after a snowfall  
55 there were problems moving the cans to the curb. To Dr. Selkregg, she responded that she had distributed photos of  
56 the pickup service to show that there were multiple trips up and down each street to pick up trash and recyclables.  
57 The cans had turned their neighborhood into a dump. Many people would not need a 96-gallon recyclable container.  
58 Dr. Selkregg stated she had received many calls and more discussion was needed to address the problems. Ms.  
59 Bowman stated that the pilot program should have involved more public process. Dr. Selkregg stated that customers  
60 needed to understand that extra fees were included for the care and closure of the landfill. Ms. Bowman responded  
61 that all Anchorage residents should pay for the care and closure costs. To Ms. Johnston, Ms. Bowman responded that  
62 she had previously used a 32-gallon can, which was (large) enough.

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64 12.B. **Greater Anchorage Inc. Anchorage Fur Rendezvous**, to give thanks for support in 2008 and a  
65 briefing of what is in store for 2009.

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67 ERNIE HALL, Board President, and SUSAN DUCK, Executive Director, thanked the Assembly for supporting Fur  
68 Rendezvous (Rondy) and the Winter Festival. Mr. Hall stated that Fur Rondy would be working in conjunction with the  
69 Iditarod to elevate the sprint race to a world championship level and to attract more mushers from around the world.  
70 Events this year would include the Grand Prix and the Running of the Reindeer. Rondy was scheduled for February  
71 27<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>, with the Iditarod start on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ossiander stated that because of Fur Rondy, the Eagle  
72 River Bear Paw Festival now had a Running with the Bears. Mr. Gutierrez stated that Assemblymembers would be  
73 involved. To Mr. Flynn, Ms. Duck responded that all Assemblymembers were invited to participate. To Dr. Selkregg,  
74 Ms. Duck responded that they actively involved young people. Mayor Begich thanked the Fur Rondy Team for their  
75 incredible efforts. On behalf of the entire Assembly, Chair Claman thanked the Fur Rondy Team for their work and  
76 stated that he and Mr. Gutierrez looked forward to chasing reindeer.

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78 12.C. **Iditarod Trail Committee**. No one appeared.

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2 **13. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3 13.A. Ordinance No. AO 2008-107, an ordinance of the Anchorage Assembly amending the zoning map and  
4 providing for the rezoning of approximately 16.54 acres, from R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) to B-3  
5 SL (General Business) with Special Limitations for **Tract A, Block 2, Doubletree Center Subdivision**  
6 **#1**; generally located on the east side of Arctic Boulevard and north of West International Airport Road  
7 (Midtown and Spenard Community Councils) (Planning and Zoning Commission Case 2008-083),  
8 Planning Department.

9 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 672-2008. (*Carried Over from 11-18-08*) (*Postponed to 12-*  
10 *2-08.*)

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12 Chair Claman read the ordinance title and stated it was his intention to postpone this matter until December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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14 Mr. Flynn moved, *to postpone AO 2008-107 Public Hearing to*  
15 Dr. Selkregg seconded, *December 2, 2008.*  
16 and the motion passed, 10-0.

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18 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.

19 NAYS: None.

20 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.

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22 Chair Claman stated that the Spenard Community Council had requested the matter be postponed so they could  
23 discuss it again. Ms. Gray-Jackson stated that Midtown Community Council was also involved and she had  
24 recommended that the two councils discuss the matter. Chair Claman requested that Deputy Municipal Manager  
25 Heather Handyside contact the councils to inform them of the change.

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27 13.B. Ordinance No. AO 2008-114, an ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly repealing  
28 Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 7.80, **Anchorage Cooperative Services Authority**, and  
29 establishing an effective date, Assemblymember Starr. (*Carried Over From 11-18-08*)

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31 Chair Claman read the ordinance title and opened Public Hearing. There was no one to testify. He reported the Public  
32 Hearing would be continued to December 16<sup>th</sup>.

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34 Mr. Starr moved, *to continue AO 2008-114 Public Hearing to*  
35 Ms. Gray-Jackson seconded, *December 16, 2008.*

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37 To Mr. Starr, Municipal Manager Michael Abbott responded the Anchorage Cooperative Services Authority (CSA)  
38 Advisory Board had unanimously supported moving the CSA to the Purchasing Office and the Information Technology  
39 Department, which would be a significant cost saving over time. It would be a smooth transition for the four CSA  
40 employees and it was their goal to make the move before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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42 and the motion passed, 10-0.

43  
44 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.

45 NAYS: None.

46 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.

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48 13.C. Resolution No. AR 2008-254, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$143,636  
49 from the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities; and appropriating \$2,658  
50 as a contribution from the 2008 Anchorage Police Operating Budget, Anchorage Metropolitan Police  
51 Service Area Fund (151) to the State Categorical Grants Fund (231) Anchorage Police Department,  
52 for **Impaired Driving Enforcement**.

53 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 723-2008. (*Carried Over From 11-18-08*)

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55 Chair Claman read the resolution title and opened Public Hearing. There was no one to testify and he closed Public  
56 Hearing and called for a motion.

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58 Mr. Flynn moved, *to approve AR 2008-254.*  
59 Ms. Ossiander seconded,

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61 To Mr. Starr, Municipal Manager Michael Abbott responded that both straight time and overtime were used to manage  
62 the Police Budget. Mr. Starr stated that it would make more sense to be allocated as straight time. Hours continually  
63 listed as overtime would inadvertently increase the budget.

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65 and the motion passed, 10-0.

66  
67 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.

68 NAYS: None.

69 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.

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71 13.D. Resolution No. AR 2008-258, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating \$165,500 as  
72 a contribution from the Areawide General Fund (101) Heritage Land Bank/Real Estate Services  
73 Department's 2008 Operating Budget to the Areawide Capital Fund (401) Heritage Land Bank  
74 Department/Real Estate Services Division for **City Hall maintenance and improvements (\$90,500)**  
75 **and tenant improvements (\$75,000)**.

76 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 727-2008. (*Carried Over From 11-18-08*)

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1 Chair Claman read the resolution title and opened Public Hearing. There was no one to testify and he closed Public  
2 Hearing and called for a motion.

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4 Mr. Flynn moved, to approve AR 2008-258.  
5 Mr. Starr seconded,  
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7 To Dr. Selkregg, Office of Economic and Community Development Director Mary Jane Michael responded that under  
8 the lease agreement the city was responsible for all maintenance and improvements to City Hall. Dr. Selkregg  
9 requested a worksession on all city leases, to discuss details of the lease agreements. Chair Claman stated the  
10 Budget and Finance Committee could take up the matter, prior to scheduling an Assembly worksession.  
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12 To Mr. Birch, Chief Fiscal Officer Sharon Weddleton responded the Heritage Land Bank (HLB) funding source involved  
13 accrued funds from sales of municipal properties.  
14

15 Mr. Starr stated that the city could voluntarily increase the fund. Ms. Michael responded funds would be used for  
16 scheduled annual maintenance and improvements to leased properties. The city had recently received a list from the  
17 owner of upgrades that needed to be addressed.  
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19 Dr. Selkregg stated that usually the landlord took care of leased property maintenance and repairs. This agreement  
20 was backwards. Ms. Michael responded there were 19 years remaining on the City Hall lease, which included a  
21 purchase option. The city had determined that it was not cost effective to purchase the building at this time. The  
22 purchase option remained open and the city would continue to review the matter.  
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24 and the motion passed, 10-0.

25  
26 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.

27 NAYS: None.

28 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.  
29

#### 30 14. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

31 14.A. Ordinance No. AO 2008-115, an ordinance of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, authorizing and  
32 providing for the borrowing from the State of Alaska Drinking Water Fund an aggregate amount Not To  
33 Exceed \$6,600,000 for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of various **AWWU 2008 Capital**  
34 **Improvement Budget (CIB) Water Improvements Projects** and providing for related matters,  
35 Anchorage Water and Wastewater.

36 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 729-2008.  
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38 Chair Claman read the ordinance title and opened Public Hearing. There was no one to testify and he closed Public  
39 Hearing and called for a motion.

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41 Mr. Flynn moved, to approve AO 2008-115.  
42 Mr. Gutierrez seconded,  
43 and the motion passed, 10-0.  
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45 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.

46 NAYS: None.

47 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.  
48

49 14.B. Ordinance No. AO 2008-117, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Section 26.30.040  
50 to **revise standards for interconnection with the Municipal Light and Power Utility**, ensure  
51 consistency with state and federal interconnection requirements, and clarify the prohibition on resale of  
52 electricity, Municipal Light & Power.

53 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 731-2008.  
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55 Chair Claman read the ordinance title and opened Public Hearing. There was no one to testify and he closed Public  
56 Hearing and called for a motion.

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58 Mr. Flynn moved, to approve AO 2008-117.  
59 Mr. Gutierrez seconded,  
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61 Mr. Flynn stated that two words applied, "Net metering."  
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63 and the motion passed, 10-0.  
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65 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.

66 NAYS: None.

67 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.  
68

69 14.C. Ordinance No. AO 2008-116, an ordinance submitting to the qualified voters residing in Upper  
70 O'Malley Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) and Alpine Terrace Subdivision, excluding Block 1, Lots  
71 8, 9 and 10 and Block 2, Lots 4 & 5, Alpine Terrace Subdivision, at the Regular Municipal Election on  
72 April 7, 2009, a ballot proposition to **annex the Alpine Terrace Subdivision properties** to the Upper  
73 O'Malley LRSA and to amend Anchorage Municipal Code Section 27.30.700, effective retroactive to  
74 January 1, 2009, Maintenance and Operations Department.

75 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 730-2008.  
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77 Chair Claman read the ordinance title and opened Public Hearing.  
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1 PETE NELSON, a resident of and speaking for Alpine Terrace Subdivision, urged approval of the application (for a  
2 ballot proposition) to join two subdivisions in the limited rural road service area (LRSA).  
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4 There was no additional public testimony and Chair Claman closed Public Hearing and called for a motion.  
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6 Dr. Selkregg moved, to approve AO 2008-116.  
7 Mr. Birch seconded,  
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9 To Mr. Starr, Ms. Nelson responded the current contractor understood the agreement and had examined the roads  
10 that would be added. Residents of Alpine Terrace had met with the Upper O'Malley LRSA group.  
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12 Mr. Birch stated that he would support the agreement. The Eagle River consolidated road service area agreement  
13 was a good example of this working well.  
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15 Ms. Johnston stated this involved her LRSA which had excellent service, and she welcomed Ms. Nelson and the  
16 Alpine Terrace Subdivision to the neighborhood.  
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18 and the motion passed, 10-0.  
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20 AYES: Starr, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson, Birch, Claman, Selkregg, Drummond, Ossiander, Flynn and Johnston.  
21 NAYS: None.  
22 ABSENT: Coffey, excused.  
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24 15. SPECIAL ORDERS There were none.  
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26 16. UNFINISHED AGENDA There was none.  
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28 17. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION  
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30 JED WHITTAKER testified that this was a unique time, when the Assembly Chair would become the Acting Mayor. He  
31 assumed that Mr. Claman would be Acting Mayor, which meant residents in his West Anchorage District would be  
32 deprived of a voting Assemblymember. This was a loophole in existing law and he recommended the Assembly get a  
33 legal opinion. A Charter Amendment or an ordinance could allow an interim appointment to the Assembly in rare  
34 instances. Mr. Flynn responded that Ms. Drummond would still be representing people in his district. Ms. Ossiander  
35 stated that she was told that an Assemblymember would not be appointed. There would be a hole in the body for a  
36 certain period of time and there were questions that needed to be answered. Mr. Whittaker stated it would take an  
37 election. Ms. Drummond stated that Assembly Counsel Julia Tucker had addressed the matter and it appeared to  
38 require a Charter Amendment.  
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40 18. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS There were none.  
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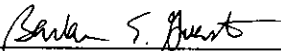
42 19. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS There were none.  
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44 20. ADJOURNMENT  
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46 Chair Claman adjourned the Regular Assembly Meeting at 9:35 p.m.  
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~~MATT CLAMAN~~, Assembly Chair  
HARRIET DRUMMOND

57 ATTEST:

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64 BARBARA GRUENSTEIN, Municipal Clerk  
65 Date Minutes Approved: February 3, 2009.  
66 MC/BG  
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69 Clerk's Office, 632 West 6th Avenue, Suite 250, Anchorage, Alaska, (907)343-4505)  
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