

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY
Regular Meeting of January 7, 1997

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was convened at 5:04 p.m. by Chairman Mark Begich in the Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Charles Wohlforth, Bob Bell, Dan Kendall, George Wuerch, Mark Begich, Kevin Meyer, Fay Von Gemmingen, Cheryl Clementson, Ted Carlson, Joe Murdy.
Absent: Pat Abney (excused.)

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge was led by Ms. Clementson.

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

5. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mystrom announced the Arctic Winter Games Committee had repaid \$100,000 received from the Municipality to help fund the games. He commended Assemblymembers Kendall and Carlson, and officials with the Games for a successful venture. Secondly, the Mayor noted an open house was held for hillside residents to get acquainted with police officers patrolling the New Police Service Area. The event was very successful with a large number of residents attending. He related some stories by residents who had already benefitted from the expanded enforcement, including one person who had previously opposed expanding the service area. Lastly, Mayor Mystrom distributed crime statistics for 1996. He was very pleased to note dramatic decreases in most areas. The only area of increase was Driving While Intoxicated arrests, but traffic fatalities, which often result from intoxicated drivers have decreased. He said he was committed to making these decreases a trend. He thanked the Assembly for their support to increase the Police Department budget and their support of various beautification programs. He reiterated his belief that cleaning up the city and making it more attractive have contributed to the decrease in crime.

6. **ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:**

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to amend the agenda to include
seconded by Mr. Wuerch, the addendum items.

Chairman Begich read the addendum items.

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

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

A. **BID AWARDS:**

- 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 17-97, recommendation of award to Snow White Cleaners for providing **uniform cleaning services** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Police Department (ITB 96-118), Purchasing.

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

- 2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 18-97, recommendation of award to S.R. Swett & Sons Construction for the **Zodiak Intertie Project** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (ITB 96-C65), Purchasing.
- 3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 28-97, recommendation of award to Rockford Corporation for the **Girdwood Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements - Phase I** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Water and Wastewater Utility (ITB 96-C81), Purchasing.

Municipal Manager Larry Crawford asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. See 8.B.

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

1. Ordinance No. AO 97-1, an ordinance amending the zoning map and providing for the rezoning from R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) Zone to R-4/SL (Multiple-Family Residential District with Special Limitations) for **O.H. Fast Subdivision #1, Lot 1**, generally located at the southeast corner of Tudor Road and New Seward Highway on the east side of Juneau Street, south of Tudor Road (Campbell Park Community Council) (Planning and Zoning Commission Case 96-155), Community Planning and Development.
public hearing 2-11-97.
a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 6-97.
2. Ordinance No. AO 97-2, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapters 23.05 and 23.30 to **adopt by reference the 1996 National Electrical Code** covering electrical installations, construction, repair, maintenance and service connections in the building industry and making local amendments thereto, Public Works. public hearing 1-28-97.
a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 19-97.
3. Resolution No. AR 97-2, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly approving an **appointment to a five-year seat on the Anchorage Telephone Utility (ATU) Board of Directors**, Assemblymember Begich. public hearing 1-14-97.
4. Ordinance No. AO 97-3, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 12.20 as enacted by Anchorage Ordinance 96-103 to **re-enact the prior exemptions for specified bed and breakfast businesses**, Assemblymembers Kendall, Abney, Begich, Bell, Carlson, Wohlforth, and Wuerch. public hearing 1-28-97. **(addendum)**
a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 36-97.
5. Resolution No. AR 97-6, a resolution adopting the **1997 Legislative Program** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Manager's Office. ~~public hearing 1-14-97.~~ **(addendum)**
a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 39-97.

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

C. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Resolution No. AR 97-3, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage providing for the acceptance and appropriation of a grant totaling \$29,508 from the State of Alaska, Department of Education to the State Categorical Grants Fund (0231) for the **Major Urban Resource Library (MURL) program**, Cultural and Recreational Services Library.
a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 7-97.
2. Resolution No. AR 97-4, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$15,000 from Providence Medical Hospital and \$15,000 from Alaska Native Medical Center and \$15,000 from University of Alaska/Anchorage as private match contributions to the Federal Categorical Grants Fund (0241) for **transportation planning (AMATS)** in the Anchorage area, Community Planning and Development.
a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 21-97.

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

3. Resolution No. AR 97-5, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage appropriating the sum of \$85,950 to the Areawide General Fund from State Revenues to Municipalities for health facilities and hospitals for the **1996 distribution to Providence Hospital**, Office of Management and Budget.
a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 22-97.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 8-97, **Health and Human Services Commission appointment** (Atkinson), Mayor's Office.
2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 9-97, **Parking Authority Board of Directors appointments** (Shoup, Louise), Mayor's Office.
3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 2-97, **Gesine's At Four Corners** - Transfer of Ownership of a Restaurant/Eating Place Liquor License and Restaurant Designation (Sand Lake Community Council), Clerk's Office.
4. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 3-97, 1997-1998 Liquor License Renewal: **Oaken Keg #52** - 1340 Gambell Street (Package Store), Clerk's Office.

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

5. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 4-97, **Su's Restaurant** - New Restaurant/Eating Place Liquor License and Restaurant Designation (Sand Lake/Spenard/Taku-Campbell/Turnagain Community Councils), Clerk's Office.
6. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 10-97, **1997-1998 Liquor License Renewals**: Bird House Bar (**NO PREMISES**), Cabin Tavern, Carousel Lounge, Egan Convention Center, Gwennie's, Inlet Tower Suites, The Office Lounge, Rock-U, The Sawmill Club, Sea Galley (Beverage Dispensary); American Legion Post #28, Kulis ANG NCO Club (Club); Bird House Bar (**NO PREMISES**) (Package Store); Sullivan Arena (Recreational Site); Golden Pond, Ichiban Restaurant, Jamico's Pizzeria, Tempura Kitchen, Twin Dragon (Restaurant/Eating Place), Clerk's Office.

7. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 20-97, **Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant** - Transfer of Ownership of a Beverage Dispensary Liquor License (Downtown/South Addition Community Councils), Clerk's Office.
8. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 5-97, AO 96-136; rezoning from R-2M to B-3/SL, **Lot 110A, Campbell Creek Greenbelt Addition No. 14**, Legal Department.
9. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 11-97, Findings and Conclusions - **Appeal S-9898, Elliott Park Subdivision**, Community Planning and Development.

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

10. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 12-97, approval to enter into **grant agreements with the Association for Retarded Citizens of Anchorage, Boys and Girls Clubs of Alaska, Alaska Dance Theatre, Anchorage Concert Association, Anchorage Opera, and Anchorage Symphony Orchestra**, Cultural and Recreational Services.

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

11. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 13-97, amendment No. 2 to the professional services contract with Unwin Scheben Korynta Huettle, Inc. for the **Tony Knowles Coastal Trail Rehabilitation Project**, Cultural and Recreational Services.
12. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 14-97, approval of change order No. 3 to 1991-1993 **contract with Trena Heikes, Attorney** (workers' compensation litigation), Finance.
13. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 15-97, **Northeast Community Center lease**, Property and Facility Management.
14. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 16-97, change order No. 1 to JDI Enterprises for **fleet washing services** for Solid Waste Services.
15. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 23-97, approval to expend 1997 funds for the operations and management agreement with the **Alaska Center for the Performing Arts**, Property and Facility Management.
16. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 24-97, approval of 1997 funding and to amend the professional services agreement with the **Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau (A.C.V.B.)**, Property and Facility Management.
17. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 25-97, approval to expend 1997 funds for the annual operating deficit of the **William A. Egan Civic and Convention Center**, Property and Facility Management.
18. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 26-97, proprietary purchase of **Newbridge upgrade equipment** from Newbridge Networks, Inc. for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light and Power/Purchasing.
19. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 27-97, proprietary purchase of **official election ballot stock** from Sequoia Pacific Systems Corporation for the Municipality of Anchorage, Clerk's Office/Purchasing.
20. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 29-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 62588 with Barakat & Chamberlin, Inc. for providing professional consultant services for the acquisition of the **Beluga Gas Field** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light and Power/Purchasing.

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

21. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 30-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 62587 with Bristol Environmental Services Corporation for providing professional consultant services for the **Beluga Gas Field** acquisition for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light and Power/Purchasing.

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

22. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 31-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 61493 with KPMG Pete Marwick for providing professional accounting services supporting the **Belgua River Gas Field** acquisition for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light and Power/Purchasing.

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

23. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 34-97, **Police and Fire Retirement Board re-appointment** (Bauman), Mayor's Office. **(addendum)**
24. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 35-97, change order No. 2 to purchase order 63230 with Alcan Electrical & Engineering for furnishing **electrical service crews** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Water and Wastewater Utility/Purchasing. **(addendum)**

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

25. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 38-97, **Police and Fire Retiree Medical Funding Program Board of Trustees appointments** (Provencio, Robbins), Mayor's Office. **(addendum)**

E. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

- 1. Information Memorandum No. AIM 1-97, **1996 Heritage Land Bank (HLB) Inventory**, Heritage Land Bank.

Mr. Bell asked this item be considered on the regular agenda. Due to lack of time, action on the item was continued until January 14, 1997.

- 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 3-97, Governor's **proposed FY 98 Operating Budget**, Office of Management and Budget.

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

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

The newly-appointed board and commission members introduced themselves to the Assembly.

8. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

A. TIME CRITICAL ITEMS: None.

B. BID AWARDS:

- 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 17-97, recommendation of award to Snow White Cleaners for providing **uniform cleaning services** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Police Department (ITB 96-118), Purchasing.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to approve AM 17-97.
 seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Purchasing Officer Ted Chenier confirmed only one bid was received. The bid was from Snow White Cleaners, the recipient of the award last year. He did not investigate why other companies did not bid on the contract. Mr. Chenier explained the unit price for cleaning had increased \$.75 for shirts and \$.50 for pants. The number of cleanings to be performed had increased, as well as the number of items in the bid.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 17-97 and it passed without objection.

- 2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 28-97, recommendation of award to Rockford Corporation for the **Girdwood Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements - Phase I** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Water and Wastewater Utility (ITB 96-C81), Purchasing.

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AM 28-97.
 seconded by Mr. Carlson,

Purchasing Officer Ted Chenier requested the Assembly table this item. He explained there was action pending in the Superior Court regarding this issue. He said this item would return to the Assembly at a later date.

Mr. Kendall moved, to table AM 28-97.
 seconded by Ms. Clementson,
 and it passed without
 objection,

C. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION:

- 1. Resolution No. AR 97-6, a resolution adopting the **1997 Legislative Program** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Manager's Office. ~~public hearing 1-14-97.~~ **(addendum)**
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 39-97.

Mr. Wuerch, Mr. Meyer and Ms. Von Gemmingen joined in introducing this resolution.

Mr. Wuerch moved, to introduce AR 97-6 for action
 seconded by Mr. Meyer, on January 14, 1997, and to
 and it passed without schedule a work session on the
 objection, topic
 for the same day.

Municipal Manager Larry Crawford explained a public hearing was not necessary for this item.

D. RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Resolution No. AR 97-4, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$15,000 from Providence Medical Hospital and \$15,000 from Alaska Native Medical Center and \$15,000 from University of Alaska/Anchorage as private match contributions to the Federal Categorical Grants Fund (0241) for **transportation planning (AMATS)** in the Anchorage area, Community Planning and Development.
 - a. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 21-97.
- Mr. Meyer moved, to approve AR 97-4.
 seconded by Ms. Clementson,

Mr. Meyer said he hoped the traffic plan would be completed and implemented prior to the opening of the new Native Hospital in June 1997.

Lance Wilber of Community Planning and Development felt it was unlikely that the plan would be complete prior to the hospital opening. He explained the study would address traffic issues beyond the hospital, including the University, Providence Hospital and the Tudor Centre.

Municipal Manager Larry Crawford said he would investigate and report on whether any traffic plan was done to address increased traffic from the new Native Hospital.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-4 and it passed without objection.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 3-97, 1997-1998 Liquor License Renewal: **Oaken Keg #52** - 1340 Gambell Street (Package Store), Clerk's Office.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to approve AM 3-97.
 seconded by Mr. Murdy,

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to postpone action on AM 3-97
 seconded by Mr. Meyer, until January 14, 1997, and
 and it passed without invite representatives of the
 objection,
 applicant to attend the meeting.
2. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 11-97, Findings and Conclusions - **Appeal S-9898, Elliott Park Subdivision**, Community Planning and Development.

Ms. Clementson moved, to approve AM 11-97.
 seconded by Mr. Murdy,

Ms. Clementson criticized the length of time it took for the findings to come before the body, noting the document was under two pages. She pointed out the Assembly heard the appeal as the Board of Adjustment three months ago. She encouraged Community Planning and Development (CPD) staff to produce findings within thirty days of Assembly actions on appeals.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 11-97 and it passed without objection.

3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 12-97, approval to enter into **grant agreements with the Association for Retarded Citizens of Anchorage, Boys and Girls Clubs of Alaska, Alaska Dance Theatre, Anchorage Concert Association, Anchorage Opera, and Anchorage Symphony Orchestra**, Cultural and Recreational Services.

Ms. Clementson moved, to approve AM 12-97.
 seconded by Mr. Murdy,

Ms. Clementson reviewed previous discussions on non-profit grant funding. She distributed a list of all groups receiving 1996 Municipal funding. She expressed concern that the Assembly is notified only of groups receiving funding over \$30,000. She wanted the Assembly to have input on grants under \$30,000, specifically for Out North Theatre. She asked the Assembly delay action on the Out North Theatre grant pending examination of the situation with their rental of Grandview Gardens Cultural Center and the total amount of Municipal subsidy to the group.

- Ms. Clementson moved, to direct the Internal Auditor
 seconded by Mr. Wuerch, to
 examine grants to Out North Theatre, including their
 rental of Grandview Gardens Cultural Center, to
 determine the total amount of Municipal subsidy.

Mr. Wohlforth said he could support the motion if it were to investigate all non-profit groups that receive low rental rates. He objected to targeting one particular organization.

Ms. Clementson said her goal was to receive a clarification of Municipal policy on this issue, and adequate accounting of Municipal contributions to groups that receive grants in addition to below-market rental rates.

Mr. Wuerch moved, to amend the motion to include
 and it was accepted as examination of all non-profit
 a friendly amendment, organizations
 that receive grant funding as well as the benefit of
 reduced market rate rents or equipment usage from
 the Municipality.

Ms. Clementson pointed out Out North Theatre and Grandview Center, Inc. are the same entity, but might not fit the criteria of the motion. She was concerned the Internal Auditor would have no way of knowing that Out North and Grandview Center are affiliated.

Mr. Wohlforth felt a review of organizations receiving grants should include review of all support the organizations receive. He pointed out a situation similar to that of Out North Theatre/Grandview Center was all resident companies of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. Also, he felt the proposed audit would be a large and lengthy project, which might have an impact on the groups in the proposed memorandum, if their grants are delayed pending audit completion.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to postpone action on AM 12-97
 seconded by Mr. Murdy, until January
 14, 1997 pending the administration's evaluation of the
 impact of the audit.

Chairman Begich ruled that all motions except the motion to approve were out of order and should be deferred until after action on the main motion. His ruling was challenged and did not stand.

Mr. Wuerch recommended the memorandum be approved tonight. He felt the issue was whether the Assembly should have review authority over organizations which receive less than \$30,000 of monetary support from the Municipality, but receive other benefits which, if added to the monetary value would raise their total subsidy over the \$30,000 threshold.

Ms. Clementson moved, to amend the motion to postpone
 seconded by Mr. Wuerch, to
 include a request that the administration provide a list
 of all organizations that receive grants.

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

Mr. Murdy moved, to amend the motion to postpone
 seconded by Mr. Wohlforth, action on AM 12-97 pending the administration's evaluation of the
 impact of the audit, and submittal of an Informational
 Memorandum listing organizations which receive
 grants under \$30,000.

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

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

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

(Clerk's Note: See minutes of January 14, 1997 for further action on Ms. Clementson's motion regarding an Internal audit.)

At 6:00 p.m. the Assembly changed the orders of the day to consider item 10, Appearance Requests.

Douglas C. Perkins, President, Bayshore-Klatt Community Council, regarding recreational facilities in southwest Anchorage. **(addendum)**

Mr. Perkins said he had heard of a plan to use funds from bond propositions approved by the voters in 1991 and 1995 for a recreation facility near the intersection of Tudor Road and Bragaw Street. He supported parks, trails and recreation facilities, however he opposed using funds approved by voters for a specific area on another area. Mr. Perkins noted in the 1991 and 1995 elections, voters approved bonds for recreation facilities on a seventy-acre site in the area of the O'Malley Road and Minnesota Drive intersection. He felt using these funds for another site would disenfranchise the voters. He added that there were too few recreation facilities located in south Anchorage

Resolution No. AR 97-7, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly reaffirming its support for Assembly Resolution 96-186 and re-emphasizing the need to develop **sports and recreation facilities within South Anchorage**, Assemblymembers Bell, Abney, Begich, Carlson, Clementson, Kendall, Murdy, Von Gemmingen, and Meyer. **(LAID ON THE TABLE)**

Mr. Bell distributed copies of this resolution.

Mr. Bell moved, to approve AR 97-7.
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

Ms. Von Gemmingen moved, to amend AR 97-7 to change
seconded by Ms. Clementson, references to "south Anchorage
and it passed without Assembly district" to "south
objection, of
Dimond Boulevard and Abbott Road."

Mayor Mystrom explained he had been working for three or four months on plans to increase recreational facilities in Anchorage. He said he disagreed with Mr. Bell on possible solutions. He hoped Assembly members would review the administration's proposal and take into consideration the financial consequences of recommendations in the resolution. He reminded members that they generally dislike acting on documents that are laid on the table with little or no notice. He encouraged the Assembly to postpone action for two weeks to allow him time to discuss his proposal with members.

Ms. Von Gemmingen moved, to postpone action on AR 97-7
seconded by Mr. Meyer, until January
28, 1997.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to amend the motion to include
seconded by Mr. Wuerch, scheduling of a work session to
and it passed without discuss this topic on January
objection, 28,
1997.

There was further discussion of appropriate utilization of the bond funds, and discussion of the weight and authority of resolutions.

Mr. Wuerch moved, to amend the motion to request
and it was accepted as the administration to submit on
a friendly amendment, January 28 a
status report on response to AR 96-186.

Ms. Von Gemmingen requested submittal of any and all information that was available to the public regarding the two bond propositions in 1991 and 1995.

Question was called on the motion to postpone action on AR 97-7 as amended and it passed:

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

The Assembly then returned to its regular order.

4. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 29-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 62588 with Barakat & Chamberlin, Inc. for providing professional consultant services for the acquisition of the **Beluga Gas Field** for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light and Power/Purchasing.
5. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 30-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 62587 with Bristol Environmental Services Corporation for providing professional consultant services for the **Beluga Gas Field** acquisition for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light and Power/Purchasing.
6. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 31-97, change order No. 1 to purchase order 61493 with KPMG Pete Marwick for providing professional accounting services supporting the **Belgua River Gas Field** acquisition for the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Light and Power/Purchasing.

Mr. Wuerch moved, to approve AM 29-97, AM 30-97
seconded by Mr. Carlson, and
AM 31-97.

Mr. Wuerch expressed concern about continuing these service contracts, and asked for an estimate of how much longer these contracts would be continued.

In response, Municipal Light and Power (ML&P) General Manager Tom Stahr explained the value of continuing the existing contracts. He discussed contract services needed for various future phases of the project. He said some of the costs represented by these contract extensions were planned; some were not anticipated.

In response to Mr. Kendall, Mr. Stahr said the proposed contract extensions would be funded, if approved, by revisions to the 1997 budget. He noted the gas field operations funding was not included in the 1997 budget initially.

In response to Mr. Meyer, Mr. Stahr explained there was intent to hire a contractor to oversee field operations, rather than to add a position to ML&P staff.

In response to Ms. Clementson, Mr. Stahr said there were no immediate plans to increase user fees. He pointed out documents have been filed with the Alaska Public Utilities Commission requesting rates be held at current levels until 2006.

Mr. Kendall requested an overview of the impact of the gas field purchase, and how the field operation will interface with ML&P's operation.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 29-97, AM 30-97 and AM 31-97 and it passed with Mr. Murdy objecting.

- 7. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 35-97, change order No. 2 to purchase order 63230 with Alcan Electrical & Engineering for furnishing **electrical service crews** to the Municipality of Anchorage, Water and Wastewater Utility/Purchasing. (**addendum**)

Ms. Von Gemmingen moved, to approve AM 35-97.
 seconded by Ms. Clementson,

In response to Ms. Von Gemmingen, Water and Wastewater (AWWU) General Manager Mark Premo explained the eighty-five percent vacancy in the utility. He said it was an issue of supply and demand. The majority of work normally required by the utility is industrial, and there are a limited number of qualified electricians in the community. These electricians are also members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and typically take jobs on remote locations in Alaska to supplement their income. Mr. Premo said the pay rate for the positions have been reviewed recently; two increases have been authorized in the last eighteen months. He confirmed that many AWWU employees resign to take employment with local private companies. Then the employees are hired by AWWU at a higher rate as contract labor. He added these employees are not always familiar with Municipal facilities, thus there is a period of learning on various assignments. Mr. Premo felt the vacancy rate would improve. He noted this vacancy phenomenon seems to be cyclical; he said AWWU had similar experiences in the late 1970's and mid-1980's.

Chairman Begich asked for an historical analysis of the cost of in-house personnel versus contract labor.

Question was called on the motion to approve AM 35-97 and it passed without objection.

F. INFORMATION AND REPORTS: None.

The Assembly then changed the orders of the day to consider item 18, Executive Sessions.

Personnel matters.

Mr. Murdy moved, to recess into executive session
seconded by to
 discuss a personnel issue,
 Ms. Von Gemmingen,
 which is confidential under Anchorage
 Municipal Code and Alaska Statutes.

In response to Chairman Begich, Municipal Attorney Mary Hughes recommended the executive session not be attended by the person in question at this time.

Mr. Wohlforth felt it was due process to include the subject of the discussions.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to amend the motion to invite
seconded by Mr. Bell, the subject of
 the discussions and their counsel to attend the
 executive session.

Ms. Hughes felt the due process issue was moot, because the Assembly was scheduled to decide process issues only at this point. She said presence of the subject was acceptable, but this might impede her ability to advise the Assembly.

Chairman Begich suggested convening the executive session with the subject present, to receive information from both sides, and then request the subject to leave the session if the Assembly requires legal advice. There was no objection.

Question was called on the motion to recess into executive session and it passed without objection. There was no further action taken on the motion to amend the main motion.

The meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Murdy moved, to declare the tapes of the
 seconded by Mr. Wuerch,
 executive session remain
 and it passed without confidential, never to be
 objection,
 released, and to direct the Chairman to
 correspond with the parties indicating the Assembly's
 response.

Mr. Wuerch moved, to change the orders of the day
 seconded by Mr. Meyer, to consider
 items 12.A. through
 and it failed with 12.E.

Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Murdy
 and Ms. Clementson
 objecting,

Ms. Clementson moved, to change the orders of the day
 seconded by Mr. Wuerch, to consider item 12.A.
 and it passed without
 objection,

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

- A. Ordinance No. AO 96-95(S), an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 2.25 by adding a new Section 2.25.020 to **limit multi-member Assembly election districts to two-member districts** and to require and provide procedures for random re-assignment of any single-member election district to a different geographical area of the Municipality with each reapportionment of the Assembly, Assemblymember Wohlforth.
 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 747-96.
 (FAILED 8-6-96; NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN BY MS. VON GEMMINGEN 8-7-96; RECONSIDERED 8-13-96; POSTPONED FROM 8-13-96; CARRIED OVER FROM 9-24-96; POSTPONED FROM 10-1-96)

This item was continued until January 14, 1997

10. **APPEARANCE REQUESTS:**

- A. **Douglas C. Perkins**, President, Bayshore-Klatt Community Council, regarding recreational facilities in southwest Anchorage. (**addendum**)

Mr. Perkins appeared earlier in the meeting.

11. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Ordinance No. AO 96-134(S-1), an ordinance **amending Title 17 governing Animal Control** to prescribe the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Chief Animal Control Officer; to provide for notices, service of process and administrative and enforcement procedures; to establish violations and penalties, appeals and appeal procedures, and animal control enforcement; to authorize regulations, animal and animal facility inspections and licensing of animals and animal facilities and businesses; to regulate and control the care, confinement, sanitation and sale of animals, animal disturbances, the operation of animal facilities and businesses, quartering of sled dogs, animal impoundment, adoption, quarantine and destruction of animals, and rabies and to identify, specify, classify and/or regulate or prohibit cruelty to animals, use of tranquilizer guns, animal fighting and trapping, animal/vehicle accidents, potentially dangerous animals and wolf hybrids, Health and Human Services.
 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1075-96.
 2. Ordinance No. AO 96-134(S-2), an ordinance amending Title 17 governing Animal Control to prescribe the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Chief Animal Control Officer; to provide for notices, service of process and administrative and enforcement procedures; to establish violations and penalties, appeals and appeal procedures, and animal control enforcement; to authorize regulations, animal and animal facility inspections and licensing of animals and animal facilities and businesses; to regulate and control the care, confinement, sanitation and sale of animals, animal disturbances, the operation of animal facilities and businesses, quartering of sled dogs, animal impoundment, adoption, quarantine and destruction of animals, and rabies and to identify, specify, classify and/or regulate or prohibit cruelty to animals, use of tranquilizer guns, animal fighting and trapping, animal/vehicle accidents, potentially dangerous animals and wolf hybrids, Health and Human Services.
 3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 32-97.
 4. Ordinance No. AO 96-134(S-3), an ordinance amending Title 17 governing Animal Control to prescribe the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Chief Animal Control Officer; to provide for notices, service of process and administrative and enforcement procedures; to establish violations and penalties, appeals and appeal procedures, and animal control enforcement; to authorize regulations, animal and animal facility inspections and licensing of

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(addendum)

- 5. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 37-97. (addendum)
(CONTINUED FROM 12-17-96)

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

12. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Resolution No. AR 96-350, a resolution of the Municipality of Anchorage accepting and appropriating \$511,358 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and \$32,437 as match from the CY1997 Departmental (DCPD) Operating Budget to the Federal Categorical Grants Fund (0241) for **transportation planning (AMATS)** in the Anchorage area, Community Planning and Development.
 - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1106-96.
 - 2. Information Memorandum No. AIM 2-97.

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

Mr. Murdy moved, to approve AR 96-350.
seconded by Ms. Clementson,

Mr. Wohlforth recommended that the Assembly institute a policy which would require future appropriations in this area to be accompanied by a list of all projects and identification of the amount of Municipal funds designated for each project.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 96-350 and it passed:

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

Mr. Murdy moved, to change the orders of the day
seconded by Mr. Wuerch, to consider item 12.B.
and it passed with
Ms. Clementson objecting,

- B. Ordinance No. AO 96-161, an ordinance **authorizing a sale to the Western Alaska Council of the Boy Scouts of America of a 29.46-acre HLB Parcel 1-003 on Edmonds Lake in Chugiak**, known as Lot 2 of Section 36, T16N, R1W, Seward Meridian, Heritage Land Bank.
 - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1060-96.

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

Mr. Murdy moved, to adopt AO 96-161.
seconded by Mr. Wuerch,

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

Mr. Wuerch moved, to change the orders of the day
seconded by Mr. Murdy, to consider item 12.E.
and it passed with Ms.
Clementson and Mr. Bell
objecting,

- C. Resolution No. AR 96-345, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **approving the Heritage Land Bank policies** to govern the management of Heritage Land Bank land and the Heritage Land Bank fund, Heritage Land Bank.
 - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1093-96.
- D. Resolution No. AR 96-346, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly approving the **1997 Heritage Land Bank Work Program**, Heritage Land Bank.
 - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1094-96.

Items 12.C. and 12.D. were considered later in the meeting. See item 16, Unfinished Agenda.

- E. Resolution No. AR 97-1, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly approving a conditional use for sales of alcoholic beverages (Package Store) located on Sperstad Subdivision, Block "A", Lot 7, generally located on the south side of West International Airport Road and west of Arctic Boulevard (Bridget Thompson, d.b.a. **Spirits of Alaska**) (Case 97-007), Community Planning and Development.
 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1-97.

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

Mr. Wuerch moved, to approve AR 97-1.
seconded by Ms. Von Gemmingen,

Mr. Murdy declared his company had the remodeling contract for the new location. He asked that he be allowed to abstain.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, the question "does Mr. Murdy
seconded by Ms. Clementson, have a substantial financial interest in the matter before the
Assembly?"

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

In response to Ms. Clementson, Don Alspach of Community Planning and Development reviewed the comments received regarding this application.

Ms. Clementson clarified if the proposed conditional use permit is approved for the new location, a conditional use permit will remain in force for the old location.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 97-1 and it passed:

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

- F. Ordinance No. AO 96-159, an ordinance **requiring the Municipal Clerk to place on proposition ballots, including those submitted by voter initiative and referendum, a true, impartial and concise summary of the proposition** and to provide for notice of the full text of propositions (amends AMC 28.40 by adding AMC 28.40.040 and amends AMC 28.20.040.C.), Assemblymember Wohlforth.
 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1053-96.
 2. Ordinance No. AO 96-159(S), an ordinance requiring the Municipal Clerk to place on proposition ballots, including those submitted by voter initiative and referendum, a true, impartial and concise summary of the proposition and to provide for notice of the full text of propositions, Assemblymember Wohlforth.
 3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 33-97.
- G. Ordinance No. AO 96-165, an ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly submitting to the qualified voters of the Municipality at its next Regular Election on April 15, 1997, a ballot proposition to amend the Anchorage Home Rule Charter Section 4.02(A) to **increase the term of an assemblymember in a single member district to three years** in the event that the Anchorage Municipal Code is amended to establish single member districts, Assemblymember Meyer.
 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1091-96.

Items 12.F. and 12.G. were continued until January 14, 1997.

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

14. **SPECIAL ORDERS:**

A special order, AR 97-7, was considered earlier in the meeting.

15. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:** None.

16. **UNFINISHED AGENDA:**

- A. Ordinance No. AO 96-134(S-1), an ordinance **amending Title 17 governing Animal Control** to prescribe the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Chief Animal Control Officer; to provide for notices, service of process and administrative and enforcement procedures; to establish violations and penalties, appeals and appeal procedures, and animal control enforcement; to authorize regulations, animal and animal facility inspections and licensing of animals and animal facilities and businesses; to regulate and control the care, confinement, sanitation and sale of animals, animal disturbances, the operation of animal facilities and businesses, quartering of sled dogs, animal

impoundment, adoption, quarantine and destruction of animals, and rabies and to identify, specify, classify and/or regulate or prohibit cruelty to animals, use of tranquilizer guns, animal fighting and trapping, animal/vehicle accidents, potentially dangerous animals and wolf hybrids, Health and Human Services.

1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1075-96.
2. Ordinance No. AO 96-134(S-2), an ordinance amending Title 17 governing Animal Control to prescribe the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Chief Animal Control Officer; to provide for notices, service of process and administrative and enforcement procedures; to establish violations and penalties, appeals and appeal procedures, and animal control enforcement; to authorize regulations, animal and animal facility inspections and licensing of animals and animal facilities and businesses; to regulate and control the care, confinement, sanitation and sale of animals, animal disturbances, the operation of animal facilities and businesses, quartering of sled dogs, animal impoundment, adoption, quarantine and destruction of animals, and rabies and to identify, specify, classify and/or regulate or prohibit cruelty to animals, use of tranquilizer guns, animal fighting and trapping, animal/vehicle accidents, potentially dangerous animals and wolf hybrids, Health and Human Services.
3. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 32-97.
4. Ordinance No. AO 96-134(S-3), an ordinance amending Title 17 governing Animal Control to prescribe the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Chief Animal Control Officer; to provide for notices, service of process and administrative and enforcement procedures; to establish violations and penalties, appeals and appeal procedures, and animal control enforcement; to authorize regulations, animal and animal facility inspections and licensing of animals and animal facilities and businesses; to regulate and control the care, confinement, sanitation and sale of animals, animal disturbances, the operation of animal facilities and businesses, quartering of sled dogs, animal impoundment, adoption, quarantine and destruction of animals, and rabies and to identify, specify, classify and/or regulate or prohibit cruelty to animals, use of tranquilizer guns, animal fighting and trapping, animal/vehicle accidents, potentially dangerous animals and wolf hybrids, Assemblymember Abney.
(addendum)
5. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 37-97. (addendum)
(CONTINUED FROM 12-17-96)

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

MICHELLE JARROW, speaking as an individual, spoke in support of the S-2 version of the ordinance. Although it was not perfect, she felt it was the best of the proposals, and better than the current law. She specifically supported a proposal to require 48-hour notification to animal rescue groups.

LEXIE HILL, president of Chugiak Dog Musers, said the group generally supports the S-3 version. She said this version remedied some points in the S-2 version which were not supported. She reviewed these points and recommended corresponding amendments if the S-2 version is adopted.

CLAYTON TEW explained his dog was recently euthanized by Animal Control. He felt the process and fees involved were unfair. He added he felt the Animal Control contractor was not performing adequately.

BARBARA WEINIG, a long-time dog fancier, felt the definitions of "breeder" was too broad. She commented the section regarding behavior in the S-3 version needed clarification. She added there should be provisions excepting a dog attacking another dog if it is defending its owner's life.

TERRY TOMSIC noted many commitments were made to include various points in the ordinance, but they did not appear in the various versions before the Assembly. He supported the S-3 version.

CHERYL MOUNTIE, president of the Obedience Training Club of Chugiak, said the group supports the S-3 version of the ordinance. She outlined the problems in the S-2 version, including provisions addressing confinement of dogs in heat.

GREG GEITZ, a veterinarian, asked that humane care and treatment of animals be adequately addressed in the ordinance. He objected to allowing owners to euthanize their own animals. He felt it would create too much potential for abuse.

JEAN WYLIE of the Alaska Humane Society, spoke in support of the S-2 version, with amendments to be provided by Carol Jensen. She voiced support for an appeals board which would provide for re-argument of cases.

VALARIE JOHNSTON testified in favor of the S-2 version. She criticized the delay in getting changes to Title 17 before the Assembly. She supported previous comments in favor of an appeals board which would hear cases rather than only examine the record. Also, she felt owners should be allowed to walk a dog in heat on a leash.

ROB MEYER, chairman of the Animal Control Advisory Board, urged the Assembly adopt the S-2 version. He responded to comments made earlier and clarified how the S-2 version related.

ETHEL CHRISTIANSEN, director of the Alaska Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, voiced support for the S-2 version of the ordinance.

CAROL JENSEN, representing the Alaska Humane Society, outlined recommended changes to the definitions of euthanasia, humane care and treatment, and warrantless searches. She supported the S-2 version if her recommended amendments are incorporated.

TERRY BURRELL concurred with Ms. Jensen's comments. However, she felt the S-3 version was superior because it was easier to understand.

GAIL MCDANIEL, a recreational dog musher, encouraged the use of "containment" in the ordinance. She also recommended that more information be included regarding procedure for the Ombudsman. She felt the contractor should be encouraged to be more user-friendly to accused pets and owners as well as victims. She supported the S-2 version with these minor changes.

CONNIE SANDERS testified in support of the S-2 version. In response to Dr. Geitz' earlier comment, she felt the ordinance contained adequate provisions for humane care and treatment of animals.

VAL ARON reviewed the history of development of this ordinance and the various versions. She felt input from some groups was disregarded in certain versions. She said the S-3 version was an attempt to make the complicated document easy to understand, rather than undermine previous versions. She outlined portions of S-3 that she recommended be reflected in the S-2 version.

CLAIRE STEFFENS said she preferred the S-3 version. She said she could support adoption of S-2 if the Assembly promised, in good faith, to entertain further changes in a separate ordinance to resolve certain points. She objected to the five levels of behavior classification. She outlined other recommended changes to the law.

RICHARD JOHNSTON thanked all those who worked on the ordinance. He did not support any versions. However, he felt the issue should be resolved. Therefore, he supported adoption of S-2, including amendments suggested by Carol Jensen.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Mr. Wuerch moved, to adopt AO 96-134(S-2).
seconded by Mr. Kendall,

Mr. Wuerch moved, to amend AO 96-134(S-2) on page 19,
seconded by Mr. Kendall, line 42 to strike the word "barking"
and insert the word "noise"; on page
and it passed without objection, 21,
line 35 to strike the words "for and" and insert the
word "or"; on page 37, line 25 to strike the words
"proper" and insert the word "humane"; on page 49,
line 15 to strike the words "potentially dangerous"; on
page 51, line 42 to strike the words "a dog" and insert
the words "an animal"; and on page 52, line 5 to
strike the words "a dog" and insert the words "an
animal."

Mr. Wuerch spoke in support of the ordinance.

Mr. Bell supported re-introduction of this ordinance to allow further changes to be made.

There was a discussion of when the ordinance should be reviewed.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to amend AO 96-134(S-2) on page 3,
seconded by Ms. Clementson, line 2 to read: "...prevent violations
and it passed without of this Title. Specific types of
objection,
control are defined as follows:"

Mr. Murdy moved, to amend AO 96-134(S-2) on page
seconded by Mr. Meyer, 16, line 17 to read: "...and
and it passed without order. Final administrative
objection,
decision making authority cannot be delegated
to the contractor."

Mr. Murdy moved, to amend AO 96-134(S-2) on page 18,
seconded by Mr. Kendall, line 10 to delete the last sentence reading "There shall be no oral
argument..."

AYES: Murdy.

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

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

55, to add a new Section 61 to
read: "One year after the effective

to amend AO 96-134(S-2) on page
objection, date
of this ordinance, the Health and Human Services
Director, in conjunction with the Chief Animal Control
Officer, the Animal Control Advisory Board, the
contractor, and interested animal groups, shall review
this ordinance and report in writing to the Assembly
as to: 1. The effectiveness of the ordinance; 2. Any
problems with administering and enforcing the
ordinance; and 3. Any needed changes to the
ordinance." and renumber the following section
accordingly.

In response to Ms. Von Gemmingen, Assistant Municipal Attorney Bill Greene recommended excluding reference to warrantless searches.

Question was called on the motion to adopt AO 96-134(S-2) as amended and it passed:

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

Mr. Wohlforth moved,
seconded by Mr. Murdy,
and it passed without

to suspend the rules to hear
public testimony on items 12.C.
and 12.D, AR 96-345 and

objection, AR
96-346.

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

to combine the public hearings
for AR 96-345 and AR 96-346.

- B. Resolution No. AR 96-345, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly **approving the Heritage Land Bank policies** to govern the management of Heritage Land Bank land and the Heritage Land Bank fund, Heritage Land Bank.
 - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1093-96.
- C. Resolution No. AR 96-346, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly approving the **1997 Heritage Land Bank Work Program**, Heritage Land Bank.
 - 1. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 1094-96.

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

BARBARA WEINIG, president of the Rabbit Creek Community Council, said the Council was concerned about a plan to do a land use analysis of all Heritage Land Bank (HLB) parcels in the Council area. She felt such an analysis would take more than the proposed one year time frame. She recommended this analysis should be delayed pending development of a new Anchorage Comprehensive Plan.

CATHY GLEASON opposed combination of the public hearings for these items. She was pleased about items in the Work Plan addressing the Coastal Trail. She recommended creation of a task force to work with Parks and Recreation to identify a comprehensive greenbelt/buffer plan for the Coastal Trail. She suggested the HLB policy document include cross references to appropriate ordinances.

KRISTIN SEAMAN, of the Alaska office of the Alaska Wildlife Federation, referred to a letter sent to the Assembly. The letter included comments from her office as well as the Alaska Center for the Environment and the Anchorage Waterways Council. Because there is not enough information available on the wetlands mitigation project at Klatt Bog, she recommended the project be halted pending adequate details. She noted studies of wetlands mitigation banks in other parts of the country have a success rate of less than fifty percent. If the Klatt project fails, it will be a significant legal and financial burden to the Municipality. She asked the Assembly to require the HLB to develop a more specific wetlands mitigation bank proposal, and return to the Assembly for public review and comment. Also, Ms. Seaman offered the expertise of the Federation to HLB staff during consideration of the proposed mitigation bank.

MALCOLM FORD, representing the Alaska Center for the Environment, discussed the fact that one of Anchorage's greatest assets was missing from this process. He felt rushing comprehensive plans increased the potential for disaster. Mr. Ford supported Ms. Gleason's comments regarding the Coastal Trail. He recommended all interested parties be included in developing a specific plan for the Trail.

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

Mr. Wuerch moved,
seconded by Mr. Kendall,

to approve AR 96-345.

Mr. Kendall praised the work plan. He thanked HLB staff and the public for work on this document.

In response to Ms. Clementson, HLB Director Gary Gustafson said the Klatt Bog wetland mitigation bank was a project for the future. There would be an adequate public process surrounding the project. The Municipality has not yet acquired ownership of the land from the State of Alaska.

In response to Mr. Wuerch, Mr. Gustafson discussed policy regarding contact of groups and individuals that request notification of HLB activities.

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 96-345 and it passed:

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

Mr. Wuerch moved, to approve AR 96-346.
seconded by Mr. Wohlforth,

In response to Mr. Wohlforth, Mr. Gustafson confirmed he planned to involve interested parties and organizations when developing a corridor/buffer plan for the Coastal Trail. Mr. Gustafson added he intended to consult with the Hollywood Vista Task Force when considering placement of a permanent snow storage site adjacent to the Hollywood Vista parcel, as well as when considering any potential sales of the parcel.

Mr. Wohlforth moved, to amend AR 96-346 on page 6
seconded by Mr. Murdy, of the HLB Work Plan, to add a
and it passed without sentence to item #2, Government
objection, Hill
Snow Disposal Site, to read: "...(Appendix B.) HLB
will consider the affect of permanent use as a snow
dump on the value of the Hollywood Vista parcel, and
consult with the Hollywood Vista Advisory Task
Force."

Question was called on the motion to approve AR 96-346 as amended and it passed:

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

17. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None.

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

A. Personnel matters.

This executive session was held earlier in the meeting.

19. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

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