

**MINUTES
of the
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2007
5:30 p.m.**

The Council members in attendance were as follows: Susan Mitchell, Brian Rublein, Jim Holtman, Bill Wetherton, Dan Heiskell, and Roger Durham. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Attorney John McGarvey; Treasurer Jim Johnson; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; Director of Public Works Erwin Booth; and guests John Beyke and Nathan Bader with FMSM, Laura Heiskell, and Clyde Ensor.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Mitchell read the first reading of an ordinance amending sections 152.15 and 152.17 of the code of ordinances to allow for the appointment of non-voting members to the Historic District Commission. McGarvey explained that Council member Wetherton has been a valuable member of the AHPC and would like to remain a participant. As there may come times when the two positions he holds may create a conflict of interest, the ordinance was amended to allow the appointment of up to three non-voting members. McGarvey added that he had gotten the approval of this change from Frank Gilbert, the advisor from the National Historic Preservation Commission.

John Beyke with FMSM was introduced to discuss the two bids received for the Bellewood Bridge replacement project. Before the two companies prepared their bids, they were instructed by FMSM to break them down according to category. The two bidders were consistent in each category except in prep and maintenance work, with RAM coming in at \$17,000.00 and Abel Construction quoting \$112,000.00. Beyke explained that the visual conformity of the original bridge and the replacement sought after by the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission made up about \$47,000.00 of the cost. Holtman made the motion to accept the lower bid presented by RAM Engineering, which was seconded by Durham and unanimously approved by Council. Beyke stated that the project would begin immediately after the contract was signed. He stated that within 70 days the road would be open again for traffic and 80 days after that the project would be completed.

Before the second reading of an ordinance that imposes a moratorium on certain residential building permits to allow time for a study of floor area ratios and impervious surface areas, the Mayor asked McGarvey if the section on impervious surfaces could be amended to adjust for private access easements and streets on easements rather than rights-of-way. McGarvey replied that this could be done, and that the second reading of the ordinance would then take place at the regular February meeting of City Council.

The meeting went into executive session at 5:58 p.m. Council came out of executive session at 6:14 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk