

**Minutes  
of the  
Anchorage City Council Meeting**

**June 9, 2008  
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Bill Wetherton, Susan Mitchell, Brian Rublein, and Roger Durham. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; Public Works Director Erwin Booth; City Attorney John McGarvey; Police Chief Chris Winders; Out-going Treasurer Jim Johnson; In-coming Treasurer Renee Major; and guests Paul Bergmann, Diane McAllister, and Betty Jo Gaba.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the May 12, 2008, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Durham, and Council voted unanimously to approve. The minutes from the May 27, 2008, Special Meeting of City Council were presented. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Rublein, and Council voted unanimously to approve.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The City's check register and financial report for May 2008 were presented. Johnson reported that the City has received approximately \$1.5 million in property taxes.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Winders presented the May 2008 police report. A few months ago he reported a string of vehicle thefts on Cave Spring Place and Lucas Lane. Recently Metro police apprehended a suspect on related charges and Anchorage PD will interrogate regarding the thefts in our City.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The minutes from the May 2008 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

City Attorney McGarvey is awaiting word from the Office of Insurance Services and will present at the next Council meeting an ordinance to change the insurance tax rate.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The second readings of three ordinances related to the transferring and receiving of property with the City of Middletown and the closing of Johnson Avenue will take place at a later date.

The residence at 1405 Elm Road is home to four condos and is located within the sewer project area. Because one sewer line will serve all four condos, the design engineers determined that a larger connection than offered other properties would be needed to handle the flow. The owners of the condos did not feel it was reasonable to assess each owner the amount of a stand-alone home. A resolution was made by Mitchell, and seconded by Durham, to make the assessment fee for 1405 Elm Road \$29,475.00. This amount will be divided by the four owners and each can decide independently what payment option they will choose to take.

Mitchell introduced an emergency ordinance imposing a moratorium on certain residential zoning compliance certificates within the City to allow a study of revisions to the floor area ratio for residential development. The Mayor stated the need to set up residents' meeting to receive input from the community regarding the issue. This ordinance will be effective until October 9, 2008. Durham requested that within these four months the FAR ordinance be finalized. Rublein seconded the motion, and Council unanimously passed it. As it is an emergency ordinance, it does not require a second reading.

Diane McAllister, representing the Forestry Board, was introduced. Council members Rublein and Durham have received complaints from residents regarding the removal of hazardous trees in City easements. They would like to funnel the concerns to the Forestry Board in the future. Diane stated that in the spring the Forestry Board will offer an informational meeting to residents that educate them on the warning signs of declining trees and encourages them to plant trees to replace older trees in decline.

Mayor Hewitt presented a form for those Anchorage residents who wish to use Wagner Park for special occasions. Thus far, the City has had few complaints on functions held at the park. The form will be used throughout the summer, reviewed, then used to create an ordinance.

Council went in to executive session at 6:31 p.m. and came out at 6:41 p.m. to close the meeting.

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W. Thomas Hewitt,  
Mayor

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Nan Schlindwein,  
City Clerk