

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

May 09, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Connie O'Connell, Neil Ramsey, Bill Wetherton, and Brian Rublein. Mayor Tommy Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were City Administrative Officer Reneé Major, City Attorney John McGarvey, Police Chief Dean Hayes, Deputy Treasurer Sara Ritchie, Director Public Works Erwin Booth, and Clerk/Receptionist Angie Chick.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:04 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the April 11, 2016, regular meeting of City Council were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Cook motioned to accept the minutes as presented, and O'Connell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The April 2016 Check Register and Financial Report were presented. There were no comments or questions.

**POLICE REPORT**

The April Police Activity Report was presented. Hayes said the shot guns purchased several months ago were put to use in the field two weeks ago and the field training has been completed. The police department is applying for a grant to purchase Glock 34 9mm handguns. Hayes reported no issues over Derby weekend. Cook asked about a citation warning for a commercial tractor trailer on Glenbrook Road. Lt. Mark Hoskins replied that he spoke to the Kroger Distribution Center to discourage semi-trucks from using that road. Cook asked that Major write a letter to the Kroger Distribution Center asking that drivers be notified of our traffic and weight limit restrictions.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes from the April 19, 2016 meeting were shared with Council. Building of the Evergreen Real Estate restaurant at the corner of Evergreen Road and Station Road will start within two months. The restaurant is expected to be open by Derby 2017. An article will be published in *The Anchor Age* newsletter once construction begins.

**FORESTRY BOARD**

Forestry Board Minutes from the April 04, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Lucy Spickard thanked O'Connell for including them in the Wagner Park design process.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Variance Request 11801 Woodland Road** – Brandon Buttorff the builder under contract represented the potential owners. This lot has three road frontages, each with a 75’ setback. Average setbacks on Evergreen Road and Woodland Road vary drastically from 76’ to 102’. A 75’ setback pushes the building site over the hill, near the creek. Moving the site toward Evergreen Road creates a larger backyard, more space between the neighbors, and moves the home away from a heavily wooded area. Buttorff replied to a question by Ramsey by stating the garage will open toward the rear neighbor. Mr. Tyler, a neighbor, stated he is more interested in the look of the house. Tyler Ford, a neighbor, reviewed the plans at City Hall prior to the meeting and did not object. Mrs. Ford attended the City Council meeting. McGarvey stated the City of Anchorage sends their opinion on variances to Metro Board of Zoning and Adjustments, and that a variance is appropriate for unusual situations, which is apparent in this case. Neighbors are concerned about damage by construction vehicles to the shared driveway (Squires Lane). Major informed them that the builders bond includes road damage. Concerns about a driveway off of Evergreen Road near two curves were voiced. Hewitt suggested the driveway should connect to Squires Lane. It was agreed that Cook, Hagen, and Ramsey will meet with Buttorff to finalize the variance decision on the Council’s behalf. All agreed.

**Appointment of Susan Mitchell as AHPC Secretary** – Ramsey motioned to appoint Susan Mitchell as AHPC Secretary. Wetherton seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**HPC Proclamation: proclaim May as HPC month** – Wetherton motioned to proclaim May 2016 as HPC month. Cook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Bids on culvert extension at Woodland Road and Evergreen Road** – MAC is estimated to be the least expensive. The MAC bid had not been received at the time of the City Council meeting. Ramsey asked if this project includes a walking path. Booth stated that the asphalt walking path is a separate project. City Council approved giving Hewitt authorization to approve the culvert extension or pedestrian bridge, as a suggested alternative, once all bids are received.

**Waive \$20.00 sign permit fees** – The current City Sign Ordinance includes a \$20.00 review fee for sign permits. City Council agreed to waive the fee for processing sign permit applications. McGarvey stated that a revised ordinance was needed, and that he will prepare the ordinance so that the first reading of the ordinance will occur at the June 2016 City Council meeting.

**Update of tax rate public hearing** – Major reported that pursuant to the requirements of House Bill 44 a public hearing for the current tax rate was required. For the record, no one attended the meeting on April 28th, and no comments were received.

**FY2017 Budget Ordinance** – Hagan conducted the first reading of the 2017 Budget Ordinance. Ramsey commented that it is a 2% increase from the previous year. O’Connell asked for the breakdown of the \$475,000 for streets and drainage and the \$38,000 for extraordinary projects. Major said the streets and drainage expense includes several City walking paths and pedestrian bridges, and the extraordinary expenses are legal fees.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**AT&T lease update/T-Mobile** – Major said Roy Johnson, with AT&T, confirmed that Verizon submitted an application to place equipment on the cell tower at the 180’ location. McGarvey stated that the AT&T agreement with the City is pending, and that he has not received yet the lease addendum attachments. Major reported that the City has not received the overdue rent payment from T-Mobile.

**CSX Update** – Cook met with CSX officials at Glenbrook and Ridge Road crossings. CSX has removed all metal debris from the area. The City will contact CSX for maps of the crossings. The maps will be used to determine the location for the cross walks and any improvements to the area.

At 6:59 p.m. Wetherton made a motion that Council move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation; seconded by Ramsey. All approved. City Council returned from executive session at 7:15 p.m. No action was taken. The City Council meeting resumed in regular session.

Hewitt asked the Council for comments concerning the current situation of resident, John Schnatter, flying his helicopter and landing on and taking off from his farm property and personal residence. Discussion followed. Hewitt stated that he recently met with Jay Foley of Evergreen Real Estate to convey resident’s concerns and understand Schnatter’s intentions of formally contacting the City. Hewitt stated that Foley offered to coordinate a public meeting with Anchorage residents within the coming weeks. Hewitt stated that after their meeting, the City would consider coordinating and hosting an additional two public meetings with concerned residents. Mayor Hewitt agreed to send a response letter by the end of the week via Email to any and all residents who contacted the City. Various proposals restricting helicopter flying in the City were discussed. Ramsey recommended the City restrict taking off and landing to once per week and moving the helipad/helistop to a more central location on the farm land. No action was taken.

Hagen motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by O’Connell. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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W. Thomas Hewitt  
Mayor

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Reneé M. Major  
City Clerk