

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL**

July 11, 2011
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Cece Hagan, Dan Heiskell, Susan Mitchell, Neil Ramsey, and Bill Wetherton. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk Alice McKinley, Treasurer Renee Major, Chief of Police Chris Winders, and Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler. Guests were Diane McAllister, and Eric Taylor.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the June 14, 2011, Regular Meeting of City Council were presented. Wetherton motioned to approve the minutes with one correction. The two members appointed to review the sign variance petition submitted by Anchorage Presbyterian Church were Wetherton and Mitchell, not Wetherton and Hagan. Hagan seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's June Check Register and the Preliminary Fiscal Year End Financial Report were presented for review. Major stated that a couple outstanding items are still to be included in expenses for fiscal year 2011 (work completed but not yet billed). Hagan asked about the refund to Pitt & Frank Attorneys. Major said it was a duplicate tax payment on a closing they handled. Hewitt noted that expenses appeared to be stable, with just a small bump in the insurance line.

POLICE REPORT

Winders stated APD met with a felon convicted and sentenced to 15 years for a large number of break-ins in the east end. He admitted to five in Anchorage, including one on Old Harrods Creek Road that netted several firearms. Winders noted that the convict also said he specifically avoided homes with surveillance or burglar alarm signs.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes from the Commission's June 21 and special June 27, 2011, meetings were presented to City Council. Wetherton said some HPC members were concerned about St. Luke's request to replace the sanctuary's slate roof with composite slate material. The difficulties stem from the church's National Register status. Commission members agreed to visit the Baptist Seminary on Lexington Road to view their faux slate roof. The "Inspire" composite slate was approved at the special meeting. A discussion of the Commission's goals and objectives is scheduled for the July meeting.

FORESTRY BOARD

The minutes from the Forestry Board's June 6, 2011 meeting were submitted for review. McAllister had nothing to add, and there were no questions from City Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of the 2011-2012 Budget Ordinance. Mitchell moved to accept; Wetherton seconded. A vote was taken and Hagan, Heiskell, Mitchell and Wetherton approved the ordinance (Ramsey was not present at that time). There were no dissenting votes.

Sign Variance for Anchorage Presbyterian Church. Historic Preservation approved a much smaller sign than the one originally presented for consideration. Wetherton and Mitchell both recommended that City Council approve the requested variance based on HPC's decision. Ramsey motioned to approve; Mitchell seconded. Ramsey said that last month several Council members expressed concern that this would set precedence and that the other churches might also expect additional signage. He noted that each variance would still need to come before City Council, and that every request would be decided on a case-by-case basis. With no further discussion, a vote was taken and the variance was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Investment Account Resolutions. Three resolutions were presented for Council's review. Together they authorize the City Treasurer to invest City funds in a government security (bond) account, plus the interest checking and money market savings accounts of record.

- Resolution 1 – Investment Bonds Account 13D10459, Wetherton motioned to accept; Ramsey seconded.
- Resolution 2 – Interest Checking Account 13D90282, Wetherton motioned to accept; Ramsey seconded.
- Resolution 3 – Money Market Savings Account 13D10460, Mitchell motioned to accept; Ramsey seconded.

Hewitt stated that the investment strategy was reviewed and approved two years ago. The City currently has \$2.6 million invested in government bonds. Ramsey asked to meet with Major to look at short-term Treasury Bills. With no further discussion, a vote was taken and the three resolutions unanimously passed.

Major noted that in accordance with the approved budget, an additional \$100,000 will be applied to debt reduction, lowering the City's balance on Wagner House to \$866,000.

With no further business to discuss, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt
Mayor

Alice McKinley
City Clerk