

**Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council
Special Meeting**

**October 2, 2007
6:00 PM**

The Council members in attendance were: Roger Durham, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, and Dan Heiskell. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley; City Clerk Nan Schlindwein; City Attorney John McGarvey; Treasurer Jim Johnson; Director of Public Works Erwin Booth; Police Chief Chris Winders; and guests Rick Hill, Ann Marchal, and Leslie Newkirk with Village Solutions, Stephen Kottkamp, Jay Foley, Legislative Assistant with Louisville Metro Council District 19 Stephen Ott, Louisville Metro Councilman Hal Heiner, Lee Lorch, Eric Weigel, Eric Taylor, Kristen Wilson, Judy George, Tom DeLong, and others.

Mayor Hewitt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the September 10, 2007, Regular Meeting of the City Council were presented. Heiskell motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Rublein, and the Council voted unanimously to approve. The minutes from the September 21, 2007, Special Meeting of the City Council were presented. Rublein motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Durham, and the Council voted unanimously to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City's check register and financial report for September 2007 were presented. The Mayor reported that the current year's expenses/revenues track closely with the past few years. Rublein asked about the \$41,000.00 income from Cingular. Johnson replied that it was the settlement for them to buy out of their lease on the tower.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Winders presented the September 2007 police report. The police department recently received a \$15,000.00 grant from the highway safety fund and a \$10,000.00 grant from Homeland Security. McGarvey asked Winders to work with Fire Chief Lage to pursue information on obtaining a generator for the police and fire departments, and the maintenance department's combined use. The police department's current generator does not automatically activate, the maintenance department does not have a generator, and the fire department's current generator is World War II surplus. Chief Winders will consult with a company to determine the size of generator the departments need.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton reported that at the September meetings Evergreen Real Estate's plans for the new restaurant had been approved.

NEW BUSINESS

McKinley reported that while MAC Construction progressed on the sewer project, it was found that two areas of ditches at Hobbs Park and Hazelwood Roads needed to be cleared to allow for better water flow. Because it is not yet certain how far they will have to clear MAC Construction could not provide a precise cost of the job. They provided an estimate to grade, put in an erosion mat, and seed for \$27.00 a linear foot. With the maximum length of the dig to be 500 feet, the cost of the clearing would be under \$13,500.00. McKinley reported that three years ago Flynn Brothers had submitted a comparative offer

in the amount of \$12,000.00, thus felt this estimate competitive. Rublein made the motion, seconded by Wetherton, to approve the cost of the repairs and the motion unanimously passed.

Metro Council member Hal Heiner was introduced. He explained that Mayor Abramson has created a separate governing board to oversee the county's library district. On the November ballot would be a request for a tax increase to be used to update existing libraries and build additional ones. Heiner presented a plan that would provide these needed funds for the project from a bond issue rather than create a new tax that could never be eliminated.

Rick Hill was introduced to Council. Hill represents Village Solutions who has signed a contract to purchase 11301 – 11305 Park Road from the City. He recently submitted a site plan to the City Zoning Officer for the renovation of two buildings, the demolition of another, and the construction of three new ones. All buildings would be for office use. These plans also included drives, parking areas, gardens, and landscaping. Hill explained that the large lawn in the front of the property would be kept organic with benches and walkways. A two-story office building will be built next to Boone Hall. The two new office buildings that will be constructed will be one-story buildings. The backside of the property will be heavily landscaped at the suggestion of neighbors. Village Solutions is studying the use of rain gardens, pervious drives, and/or a detention basin to ease drainage. A pre-application meeting has been scheduled with Jefferson County. They will present preliminary plans to Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission on October 16th and the next day at workshops for HPC and City Council members. Mayor Hewitt explained that City Council is only involved in the approval of the footprint of the proposed buildings.

Jay Foley with Evergreen Real Estate presented plans for various projects in the City. He requested the City allow Evergreen Real Estate to purchase a strip of land to the left of the firehouse to allow for a drive-through entrance at the new bank building. McGarvey suggested the option of the City leasing the strip of land on a ninety-nine year basis. Foley explained that Commonwealth Bank had requested the drive-through to improve service to the community. Mayor Hewitt voiced concern that the drive-through could create traffic issues on Evergreen Road and suggested Evergreen considers a remote teller behind the existing bank.

Foley presented a proposal for sidewalks and crosswalks in the business district of the City. Proposed landings and benches will be placed at Hazelwood at the end of commercial properties, where Evergreen and Little Lane meet, and in front of the art studio on Evergreen Road. They would like the intersection at Station and Evergreen Roads to be a three-way stop and place crosswalks in the street in front of the proposed restaurant and the school crossing. The Mayor reiterated that traffic engineers have supported the three-way stop. Evergreen would like to get the crosswalks in before MAC Construction paves the streets in the sewer project area. These plans will be presented to the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission for approval at the October meeting.

Foley presented the plan for the Witherspoon Trail and Greenway that will begin construction soon. The trails encompass forty acres, beginning at Anchorage Crossings and Evergreen Road and ending at Tom Sawyer Park at Lakeland Road. Evergreen will be going before the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission this month to request the demolition of the home at 1602 Evergreen Road. The trail will run through this property alongside the existing horse trail, and cross a 75- and a 300-foot bridge, a Kentucky wildflower meadow, and run into a circular plaza lined with benches that will display a compass pattern on brick pavers. Different trails will extend from the plaza, one toward a stone amphitheatre and others running toward Lakeland Road. Benches and four-board fencing are throughout the trails. Fishing will be possible at the lake. Evergreen will create a student garden for youth that will initially be run by Evergreen Real Estate and later taken over by classes from Anchorage School. Trails and bridges will be ten-foot wide and will be handicapped accessible and accessible to police vehicles. A gate will be installed to close the park in the evenings. Evergreen plans to

dredge the lake before the trail work begins. Construction will begin at the Tom Sawyer Park end of the project and work toward the center of Anchorage. They anticipate the project completion by summer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk