Minutes
of the
Anchorage City Council

September 10, 2007
6:00 PM

The Council members in attendance were: Roger Durham, Susan Mitchell, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Mayor Hewitt presided. Also in attendance were Assistant to the Mayor Alice McKinley, Treasurer Jim Johnson, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Police Lieutenant Brian Warren, and guests Debbie Doering, Lennie Fulton, David Linkous, John Ackman, Fr. Joe Smith, Jane Brown, Diane McAllister, and others.

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

MINUTES

The minutes from the August 6, 2007, Special Meeting of the City Council were presented. Rublein motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mitchell, and the Council voted unanimously to approve. The minutes from the August 30, 2007, Special Meeting of the City Council were presented. Rublein motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mitchell, and the Council voted unanimously to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The City check register and financial report for August 2007 were presented. The Mayor asked Council members to contact City Treasurer Jim Johnson if they had any questions.

POLICE REPORT

Lieutenant Warren presented the August 2007 police report. He said they had issued a record number of warnings and citations in August. Warren also reported that the Anchorage Police Department was working with Metro to get a traffic court in Middletown. If a court were in Middletown, Anchorage officers would be able to save considerable time and effort attending traffic court.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wetherton noted some changes for paragraph three of the August 21, 2007, meeting to be corrected before the September 18, 2007, meeting of the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Mitchell read the second reading of the ordinance amending the 2006/2007 Budget Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Durham and was unanimously passed by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor said the Council would postpone hearing the two variance requests on the agenda. City Attorney John McGarvey was unavailable for the September regular meeting, and the Mayor would like him to be available for legal advice on the variances. The Mayor said he would meet with McGarvey, Wetherton, and Rublein about the variances.

Neighbors of St. Luke's Episcopal Church were asked to address the Council with their concerns about St. Luke's. Debbie Doering said that the neighbors were alerted last year about the possible additions to St. Luke's. Although no further efforts to expand are currently underway, they are concerned about increases in traffic and activities. In the

past two months, several changes have taken place on the old Hoge property that St. Luke's owns, and St. Luke's has expanded its pre-school. Residents would like St. Luke's to be mindful of the historic neighborhood, and to make efforts to establish a neighborly bond with nearby residents. The residents are concerned with stormwater runoff into Owl Creek, no screening for the parking lot and playground, and the removal of trees and shrubs.

Resident David Linkous said no one at St. Luke's is letting the neighbors know what's going on. Another resident said few people who live in Anchorage attend the church. She said concerns go beyond the church's lack of response, but also to the church adhering to historic preservation. It has steel banisters, three-to-four feet high concrete accesses to buildings. Residents are concerned about decreases in the value of their properties due to church not following historic guidelines. She suggested the church relocate if they would like to be a more citywide church than a community church.

Senior Warden John Ackman said he was not aware of questions from the neighbors. Fr. Joe Smith said nothing regarding expansion is being planned at this time. The current events have been in process for ten years. They are not having a capital campaign at this time.

Jane Brown said the church's on-line newsletter says in the next two years, the church hopes to accomplish its dream. Smith replied that it is more of a five-year plan now.

Mayor Hewitt asked the neighbors and church officials to meet, and then set up a meeting with the City Attorney to discuss what the church is allowed to do on its property.

Brown asked the Mayor and Council to hold the church to the same high standards of historic preservation as others are held. The Mayor restated the need to meet with the City Attorney. Linkous asked the City Council to get involved and facilitate a meeting between the church and neighbors.

Mitchell read the first reading of the ordinance imposing a moratorium on certain residential zoning compliance certificates within the City to allow a study of revisions to the floor area ratios for residential development to be completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. At 6:52 p.m., the City Council came out of Executive Session. Durham motioned for the Council to approve the purchase agreement for the sale of the City's property at 11301, 11303, and 11305 Park Road to Bellewood Village Development, LLC, pending one more review by the City Attorney, and to authorize Mayor Hewitt to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mitchell, and approved unanimously by the City Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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W. Thomas Hewitt,
Mayor

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Nan Schlindwein,
City Clerk