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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. <u>97-59</u>

From: Karol Kolehmainen, Acting City Planner

To: Wasilla City Council

Date: July 18, 1997

Subject: Temporary schedule change for Wasilla Planning Commission

Ordinance No. 97-37 addresses recommended changes to the Wasilla Planning Commission meeting date from the first and third Tuesday of the month to the second and fourth Tuesday. Previously, in CM 97-55, the Council approved a temporary schedule change for the month of July, pending a decision on the ordinance. At the July 14, 1997 Council meeting, a decision on the ordinance was postponed pending a cost analysis from Staff. Based on the Council's previous approval of the temporary schedule change for the month of July and the Mayor's concurrence with the proposed date changes, Staff is optimistic the Council will approve the permanent schedule change. However, should Ordinance No. 97-37 fail, for any reason, Staff would need to address the date change in a new communication. Hence, it is the request of the Commission and City Planning Office to temporarily adjust the schedule for the months of August and September pending approval of the ordinance changes. Both months are requested to allow time for the date change to be addressed separately should Ordinance No. 97-37 fail in its entirety.

The first Tuesday in September will again fall during a holiday week and it is felt the requested date change will make it more convenient for the public to attend a meeting held during the second week. The Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission have adjusted their schedules based on the Mayor's endorsement of the schedule change and the temporary adjustment for the month of July. Also, the schedule change will allow the Planning Office staff an additional week to balance the workload between meetings.

If Ordinance No. 97-37 passes, no separate action will be required. If Ordinance No. 97-37 fails or is again postponed, and the Council concurs with this temporary schedule request, the following recommended motion is provided.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Motion to allow a temporary change to the Wasilla Planning Commission meeting days, for the months of August and September, from the first and third Tuesdays of the month to the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.