

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING MONDAY DATE: 03/24/97 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Troop 338 will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Congratulations to Martin Buser Winner of the 1997 Iditarod Award.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes 03/10/97; Recommend: Approval as Presented.

B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-23; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the General Fund; Recommend: Introduction and Schedule for Public Hearing and Action at the next regular City Council Meeting, 4/14/97.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Resolution No. WR97-08 - Directing the City Clerk to place a Manager Plan of Government on the Ballot as Proposition No. 1 at the October 6, 1998 Regular Election.

B. Administrative Policy No. 97-01 - Policy for Response to Snow and Ice Conditions on City Streets.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 97-18 - Amending WMC 6.04.080, Adjusting the Personal Property Tax Structure to the Tax Structure of the Borough and thereby exempting personal property, except motor vehicles, aircraft and business inventory in excess of \$250,000.00, from the levy of the Wasilla Personal Property Tax.

D. Ordinance Serial No. 97-19 - Amending Section 16.43.602, District Use Chart, (Require Public Facility Developments to follow the Conditional Use Permit Process).

E. Ordinance Serial No. 97-20 - Amending the FY-97 Budget (Police Dispatch).

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS 5 MINUTE LIMIT)

A. Cia Dreves; Melanie Avenue and Bumpus Ballfield Expansion

B. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce; Wasilla Railroad Depot

C. Friends of the Library;

D. Older Persons Action Group; Grant Request.

E. *ANNE KILKENNY, DRIVEWAY APRON WITH VARIANCE*

7. COMMISSION REPORTS: *F. Phil Horton*

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (SCHEDULED)

A. Potential Liability Using Volunteer Labor.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance Serial No. 97-16; Amending the FY-97; General Fund Legal Services; (Request for Reconsideration)

B. Resolution No. 97-08; Ballot Proposition for the October 6, 1998 Election; Manager Form of Government;

C. CM. No. 97-17; L.I.D. Prioritization

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Employee Committee; Annual Employee/Council Meeting

B. Council Memorandum No. 97-15; Funding for Bumpus Recreation Service

C. Resolution No. WR97-12; Supporting the Opening of Commercial Refuse Collection to Competition.

- D. Ordinance Serial No. 97-21; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Additional Funds to the Water Utility Fund for the Capitol Improvement Project for the Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension.
 - 1. Council Memorandum No. 97-14; Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension Award of Engineering Contract.
- E. Council Memorandum No. 97-13; Request for Official Recognition for Volunteer Trails Advisory Group
- F. Council Memorandum 97-16; Community Block Grant (Employment Feasibility Study)
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 97-22; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the Employment Feasibility Study for Valley Residents with Disabilities (Community Block Grant).

G. Work session scheduling

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Wasilla Planning Commission; Regular meeting minutes
- B. United Way; Health Fair
- C. Wasilla Planning Commission Resolution No. 96-22; Pedestrian Safety Capital Improvement Projects
- D. Financial Report; February 1997;

12. STAFF REPORTS:

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:



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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING DATE: 03/24/97 TIME: 7:00 PM

COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Troop 338 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Palin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDER:

1. Congratulations to Martin Buser Winner of the 1997 Iditarod Award.
Mayor Palin presented a Certificate of Congratulations to Martin Buser, winner of the 1997 Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL:

STAFF:

Mr. Carney-Excused	Mrs. Keller	Mayor Palin	Mrs. Emmons-Library Dir.
Mr. Chappel	Mrs. Langill	Mr. Cramer-Deputy Admin.	Mrs. Harris-Clerk
Mr. Fuller	Mrs. Patrick	Mr. Felton-City Engineer	Mr. Dvorak-Planner
		Mr. Deuser-Attorney	Mrs. Newman-Deputy Clerk
		Mr. Nelson-Finance Dir.	

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the following changes: Persons To Be Heard Item E. Anne Kilkenny, & F. Phil Horton. New Business Item G. Schedule of work session.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 03/10/97; Recommend: Approval as Presented.
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-23; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the General Fund; Recommend: Introduction and Schedule for Public Hearing and Action at the next regular City Council Meeting, 4/14/97.

There was no objection from Council to delay action on the Regular Meeting Minutes of 03/10/97 until the next regular meeting for the following corrections: Page 3 include another sentence under the executive session that Mr. Deuser was asked to leave the executive session after a few minutes of discussion. Page 7 regarding the \$4,000 for the Wonderland Park, there was an error made in the closing documents, Past Mayor Stein's signature was on a document that should not have been which will cause an indefinite delay in the receipt of the donation. Also added to the minutes under Persons To Be Heard Anne Kilkenny, Councilwoman Langill agreed to sponsor an ordinance to address possible changes to the driveway construction passages, and under Communications Item D. add AML/JIA Playground Safety Training Information. Under #12 Staff Reports under Mr. Felton's report after the motion indicate that the motion passed. Also added was #13 Audience Comments Anne Kilkenny regarding future planning and Knik Road pathway, Administration will address suggestions of path locations; Dean Baugh regarding past sales tax payments and under #14 Council Comments include Councilwoman Keller's Mat-Su Borough Meeting comments.

Also to be included on the 03/10/97 Council Meeting Minutes are verbatim transcripts of # 6, Persons

to Be Heard Item D. Phil Lockwood and Item F. Dorothy Smith; # 9, Unfinished Business Item D. Ordinance Serial No. 97-17, Exempt Employees, Item G. Wasilla City Council Meeting 2/10/97, Item H. Ordinance Serial No. 97-16, Amending the General Fund Legal Services; and #12, Staff Reports Mayor Palin. So ordered.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Keller

That the Consent Agenda comprising the foregoing items be and the same are hereby approved as written and that the various Officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations as therein contained. Motion passed.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Resolution No. WR97-08 - Directing the City Clerk to place a Manager Plan of Government on the Ballot as Proposition No. 1 at the October 6, 1998 Regular Election.

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public.

Pat Hjellen: City of Wasilla Resident. Questioned the validity of the proposition because it is not following either Title 29 or City Code on implementation of the manager plan within 60 days if adopted. Mayor Palin asked Mr. Deuser to review that issue.

Dorothy Smith: Favors putting manager form of government on ballot. She hopes to have more information on the difference of the mayoral vs. managerial form of government. Believes its an important issue and should not be used as a revenge tool for Council. Urges Council to vote yes and let the voters decide.

Cindy Stewart: Supports the managerial form of government, and presented a letter to Council with her reasons.

Mr. Deuser: Indicated that it is not invalid to not implement the manager form of government within 60 days if passed, however within 60 days of adoption of the manager form of government, Council would adopt an ordinance projecting to the end of the current Mayor's term of office for implementation. Ms. Hjellen questioned what if it were done by initiative. Mr. Deuser indicated that the sponsors of the initiative could write it any way they wished.

Linda Chandler: Does not support the manager form of government. She has lived all over the State and feels that as an example for other cities, Wasilla should not support a managerial form of government. Ms. Chandler supports the Mayor and feels the Council should quit their bickering.

Anne Kilkenny: Stated that the issue has come up in the past many times, and she does not believe it is a personal attack on the Mayor. She feels the public needs more information in the differences in the forms of government.

Verne Rupright: Stated the managerial form of government does not work and does not have any accountability. Anchorage still has a mayoral form of government. There is no reason a City the size of Wasilla should have anything but our current system.

Catherine Rounds: Favors the managerial form of government to run the financial interests for the City of Wasilla. Has lived all over and it has worked well.

Cindy Bettine: Sees no harm in putting the question to the voters, recommends the City doing so.

Steve Stoll: We have wasted enough time on this issue, lets move on.

Rex Shatluck: Urges City to rethink the managerial form issue. We can get rid of a mayor through our vote its not so easy to remove a city manager.

No other comments were made. Mayor Palin closed the hearing to the public.

- B. Administrative Policy No. 97-01 - Policy for Response to Snow and Ice Conditions on City Streets.

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public. No comments were made. Mayor Palin closed the hearing to the public.

- C. Ordinance Serial No. 97-18 - Amending WMC 6.04.080, Adjusting the Personal Property Tax Structure to the Tax Structure of the Borough and thereby exempting personal property, except motor vehicles, aircraft and business inventory in excess of \$250,000.00, from the levy of the Wasilla Personal Property Tax.

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- D. Ordinance Serial No. 97-19 - Amending Section 16.43.602, District Use Chart, (Require Public Facility Developments to follow the Conditional Use Permit Process).

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public.

Steve Glos: Supports Ordinance Serial No. 97-19 and indicated that it made sense to have public hearings on anything the public is doing.

No other comments were made. Mayor Palin closed the hearing to the public.

- E. Ordinance Serial No. 97-20 - Amending the FY-97 Budget (Police Dispatch).

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6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS 5 MINUTE LIMIT)

- A. Cia Dreves; Melanie Avenue and Bumpus Ballfield Expansion (not in attendance)

- B. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce; Wasilla Railroad Depot

Mr. Jack Williams, President of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, presented a proposal for the restoration and occupancy of the Wasilla Railroad Depot, by the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce and introduced Mr. Ed Brittingham, the executive director.

Mr. Brittingham spoke of the use as an office and historical display with a community conference room for all non-profit organizations and a small gift shop with items locally made. He then went over the lease provisions as the Chamber of Commerce proposes it.

Mr. Lockwood spoke of the proposal and ways to reduce the cost shown in the proposal through members and through fund raising efforts.

Councilwoman Langill questioned whether the leasing of the Railroad Depot would be through fair and open

competition. Mayor Palin indicated yes.

C. Friends of the Library;

Peggy Behnke: Spoke of the Library, its growth and manner of funding and the Library Director. Mrs. Behnke Indicated that the Friends of the Library considered, for continued growth and development, continuity of service and to maintain a constant level of service to the Community, that changing the status of Library Director from exempt service to classified employee under the City Personnel Code would be in the best interest of the 24,000 City and Borough residents in the Library Service Area. Mrs. Behnke also stated that the Library Director is not merely a manager of people, but is a highly trained and educated person with a specialized degree. The Library is somewhat of a quasi-independent facility which does not interact or influence any other part of the City government. Requested Council reconsider and bring an ordinance forward to reclassify the position of Library Director from exempt status to classified employee.

D. Older Persons Action Group; Grant Request.

Floyd Heimbuch, Executive Director, requested a \$10,000 grant to continue the programs being done by OPAG. OPAG offers two programs, publishing the Senior Voice and operating training classes for certified nurses aids. Currently there are two classes overlapping at the Senior Center, the money received from the City would help to pay the rent to the Senior Citizen Center for that space. The graduates provide a mix of economic benefits for the Wasilla area, allowing for employment by a group of people within the Wasilla area focusing on the acute care system, the long term care system and the home care system. Also indicated that the two main positions with OPAG do not draw salaries.

E. Anne Kilkenny: Driveway Apron Variance

Mrs. Kilkenny requested a residential driveway apron width variance on Lot 15, Block 1, Century Park Subdivision of 30 feet before it fans out to the street, she would be willing to pay any excess costs of maintenance. Ms. Kilkenny was asked to work with Mr. Felton in the Public Works Department and a request for a variance will be presented at the next council meeting for action.

F. Phil Horton:

Mr. Horton spoke of the resolution before Council supporting commercial hauling being opened to competition. Mr. Horton indicated that this issue is currently before the Alaska Public Utilities Commission and asked for Council's support of this resolution.

7. COMMISSION REPORTS:

Mr. Ron Rucker, Parks & Recreation Commission, indicated that the Parks & Recreation Commission supports the \$3,900 proposed expense in CM. No. 97-15. However, they are not sure there is justification for the \$2,700 for the ariel drawing. Mr. Rucker indicated that there has been no official communication between the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Trails Committee except for the February meeting when Cindy Williams attended a meeting with her husband and spoke under Persons To Be Heard. Mr. Rucker indicated he had a phone conversation with Mrs. Rupright on Thursday evening. Mr. Rucker stated he feels that the sequence of events in the packet are backwards, beginning with the Council action, then to the Planning Commission and then to the Parks & Recreation Commission and then back to the Council. A parks and recreation action should have been initiated by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Rucker requested that the Council refer this committee to the Parks and Recreation Commission for action.

Monica Davila: Wayne Whaley has indicated to Ms. Davila, that he could provide ariel information. Ms. Davila has also been speaking with the public and stated there is an increased demand in parks and recreation services and requests Council remember that at budget time.

eroi Heaven, Wasilla - Knik - Willow Creek Historical Society; Reported that the Museum currently has a fantastic quilt display, and tours from the schools are running back to back right now. Mr. Heaven reported that the Herning-Teelands-Mead Store basement should be ready for occupancy the first week in April. The job is getting done. Chain Reaction is the tenant for the lower level.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (SCHEDULED)

A. Potential Liability Using Volunteer Labor;

Motion/Second: Chappel/Patrick

To discuss the City's potential liability with volunteer labor.

Councilwoman Langill questioned if Council needed to go into executive session to discuss this matter?

Mr. Deuser indicated that a little background is appropriate in public regardless if we do, or do not go into executive session. Administration is dealing with a number of volunteer project proposals that are now on the board at various stages of political momentum, the Railroad Depot project, the Friends of Wonderland want to undertake an early June painting project at Wonderland, the Boy Scouts propose construction of a Wonderland Pavilion, and the skate board park. Also the operating engineers have suggested going to the Bumpus Ball Fields this spring and doing some clearing of the land. All of these projects are well intentioned, and no one wants to discourage volunteer efforts. Never the less, the City has a number of statutory responsibilities as a public entity, and a number of common law responsibilities that are imposed upon it. Each of these volunteer projects represent risks, risk of liability potential depending on the details of exactly how they are structured, how they are put together and how they are implemented. Council and Administration reviewing these proposals need some advise about where those liabilities lie. If I, in public am more specific about this, its as if I'm giving a recipe about how the City can be successfully sued and I don't think that's in the best interest of the City. The Wonderland painting project is a good candidate for an executive session because the immediate knowledge of which, would present a risk for the finances of the City of Wasilla. The project, because of the factors of how its being proposed, coupled with its relative immediacy that they want to proceed relatively quickly with that project fulfills the requirements of a permissible executive session. The other projects less so, because they are not as immediate and pressing and the basic idea is that its harder to justify those other projects as being subject to an permissible executive session until they jell more. I would quickly add that although you are entitled to go into executive session to discuss potential liability particularly relative to the Wonderland painting project. You're certainly not required to and if Council feels that the public would be better served by hearing those details from me in public, you're certainly free to decide that. This is a very tough issue because it takes on the appearance that we're discouraging volunteerism by pointing out that there are responsibilities and that is not the intent. The third option is to do nothing tonight, I would create an attorney/client privileged memorandum and presumably if we don't go into executive session that memorandum would be distributed in confidence as an attorney/client memo to Administration's key personnel, the Mayor and John Cramer and the Council members and then if Council wants to deliberate that issue in executive session, again executive session is about deliberating, its not about receiving confidential advice which always can happen without an executive session. Its about deliberating that triggers the requirements of an executive session procedure. In summary your options are: 1) a full public discussion of where the liability potential is. I do not recommend because I think it creates a recipe book; 2) go into executive session to discuss the Wonderland painting project, realizing that it has abstract significance for the other proposals; and 3) do nothing tonight, I'll create the memorandum, give it to the Mayor and John Cramer, distribute it to Council members. You can digest it at your leisure and next meeting if you want an executive session we'll have one.

Mayor Palin asked Mr. Deuser if he knew of other communities that are discussing the potential liability of using

volunteer labor?

Mr. Deuser indicated the basis for the concern is clearly State wide in the sense that its based on State Statutes and common law that is applicable to all municipalities, not just Wasilla. Mr. Deuser stated he could give a list of Supreme Court cases involving incidents that the City of Wasilla has been confronted with in the past.

Councilwoman Langill questioned at what point this information becomes public, so that the public and these various non-profit groups know where they stand and how they can plan.

Mr. Deuser stated it may happen tonight if Council decides not to go into executive session and forget the written memorandum. It may never happen depending on what proposals go forward, if any and it probably will happen in a piece meal basis on an as needed basis as proposals are evaluated and in that evaluation process the participants will be informed as to why their project represents a risk to the City or why the City feels that it is a risk that we can take. One thing to keep in mind is, the issue is construction. When volunteers, are doing non-construction activities, it is outside the scope of the concern. But when things are being constructed on City lands, the issue arises.

Councilwoman Keller stated that the Friends of Wonderland want to re-seal, they don't want to build.

Mayor Palin indicated that Council should keep this discussion to whether or not to pursue the discussion in executive session.

The motion to go into executive session to discuss potential liability with volunteer labor passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:30--9:25 P.M.

Mr. Deuser indicated he will write a confidential attorney/client memorandum to the Council and Mayor Palin and John Cramer as deputy administrator, and the information in that memorandum albeit confidential will help both Administration and Council members to evaluate the decisions that will be before them on the various volunteer projects, one step at a time.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 97-16; Amending the FY-97; General Fund Legal Services; **(Request for Reconsideration)**

Motion/Second: Chappel/Patrick

To reconsider the motion on Ordinance Serial No. 97-16. Motion passed with Mrs. Langill dissenting.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Patrick

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-16. Motion passed with Mrs. Langill dissenting.

- B. Resolution No. WR97-08; Ballot Proposition for the October 6, 1998 Election; Manager Form of Government;

Motion/Second: Chappel/Langill

To adopt Resolution No. WR97-08. Motion passed.

C. CM. No. 97-17; L.I.D. Prioritization
Motion/Second: Langill/Chappel

To direct Administration to prepare a Council Policy draft based on CM. No. 97-17 for the next regular meeting.
No objection, so ordered.

There was no objection from Council to also add an option for additional points given to an LID choosing to pay a higher percentage of the cost of paving, as well as points for utilities already in place.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Employee Committee; Annual Employee/Council Meeting

There was no objection from Council to schedule an employee/council meeting on April 7, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

B. CM. No. 97-15; Funding for Bumpus Recreation Service
Motion/Second: Patrick/Chappel

To approve CM. No. 97-15, authorizing Group Three Design to do Phases I & II of the Bumpus Recreation Area Project in the amount of \$3,960.

Motion/Second: Langill/Patrick

To postpone CM. No. 97-15 to the next regular meeting, 04/14/97. Motion failed with Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Langill assenting.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Keller

To amend the motion to take the dollars out of FY-96 Bumpus Ballfields. Motion passed with Mrs. Langill dissenting.

The main motion passed with Mrs. Langill dissenting.

C. Resolution No. WR97-12; Supporting the Opening of Commercial Refuse Collection to Competition.
Motion/Second: Patrick/Keller

To adopt Resolution No. WR97-12. Motion passed with Mrs. Langill dissenting.

D. Ordinance Serial No. 97-21; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Additional Funds to the Water Utility Fund for the Capitol Improvement Project for the Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension.
1. CM. No. 97-14; Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension Award of Engineering Contract.
Motion/Second: Chappel/Patrick

To introduce Ordinance Serial No. 97-21 and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 04/14/97.
Motion passed.

Motion/Second: Patrick/Chappel

To approve CM. No. 97-14, authorizing Administration to enter into a contract for professional services with

aven Engineering for the design portion of the project and authorization to obtain all of the necessary agency reviews and permits for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Motion passed.

There was no objection from Council to schedule Ordinance Serial No. 97-21 for final action at the next regular meeting, 04/14/97, so ordered.

E. CM. No. 97-13; Request for Official Recognition for Volunteer Trails Advisory Group
Motion/Second: Chappel/Patrick

To approve CM. No. 97-13, giving official recognition to the Volunteer Trails Advisory Group.

Councilwoman Langill indicated that she had resigned from this committee because she felt she had a conflict of interest.

Councilman Chappel asked for a ruling on whether he had a conflict in serving on this committee or not.

Mr. Deuser asked Councilman Chappel if the committee is just advising or are they making decisions that can be implemented by Administration?

Councilman Chappel indicated that the committee is just advising and their suggestions are then adopted by the process.

Mr. Deuser stated that if its merely advisory, then the doctrine of incompatible office shouldn't apply and indicated that he did not see a conflict of interest.

Mayor Palin indicated that neither Councilman Chappel or Councilwoman Langill had a conflict of interest.

Councilwoman Langill indicated that she does not have a conflict, because she resigned from the Committee. She feels that had she continued to serve on the Committee, it would have been a conflict to sit on that Committee, vote on that Committee and then bring that information back to Council for action.

Motion/Second: Langill/Patrick

To amend CM. No. 97-13 to change the name of the "Volunteer Trails Advisory Group" to "Trails Advisory Subcommittee" reporting directly to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Motion/Second: Fuller/Chappel (at 11:00 p.m.)

To add 7minutes, 35 seconds to the meeting. No objection, so ordered.

Amendment passed. Main motion passed.

F. CM. No. 97-16; Community Block Grant (Employment Feasibility Study)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 97-22; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the Employment Feasibility Study for Valley Residents with Disabilities (Community Block Grant).

Motion/Second: Patrick/Langill

To introduce Ordinance Serial No. 97-22 and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 04/14/97. Motion passed.

G. Council Work Session Schedule:

Motion/Second: Langill/Chappel

To schedule a work session to cover 2 subjects; 1) minutes and 2) setting policy for any action coming before Council, i.e. ordinance, resolution etc., a routing slip or cover sheet be attached for routing purposes before the next regular meeting, 04/14/97 at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Keller, made at 11:07 p.m.

To extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m. No objection, so ordered.

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Wasilla Planning Commission; Regular meeting minutes

B. United Way; Health Fair

Motion/Second: Keller/Chappel

To reconsider the \$500.00 funding for the United Way Health Fair. No objection, so ordered.

Mrs. Harris explained that it was technically too late to reconsider the action on this issue and indicated that Council had two options; one is suspend the rules and make a new motion to grant the funding or request that this issue be brought back to the next regular meeting requesting action.

Motion/Second: Keller/Patrick

To suspend the rules. No objection, so ordered.

Motion/Second: Keller/Patrick

To give \$500.00 to the United Way Health Fair out of Council Contingency, 411.2700. Motion failed with Mr. Chappel, Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Patrick assenting.

C. Wasilla Planning Commission Resolution No. 96-22; Pedestrian Safety Capital Improvement Projects

D. Financial Report; February 1997;

12. STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Felton: reported that the EPA audit has been settled and the \$343,086.00 the EPA had previously indicated the City would have to pay back to them is not owed. This money was set aside until the EPA issue was resolved, with the interest it is now about \$470,000.00.

Mrs. Emmons: reported that the Library has had about a 10% return on the survey.

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Fuller: requested that Administration direct staff to advertise for request for proposals on the railroad depot.

Councilwoman Langill: requested that executive session time scheduling also be included at the 04/14/97 work session. Requested that Administration submit a proposal at the next meeting on options for use of the railroad depot; RFP's or returning the lease to the Railroad. Also requested that the City Clerk schedule a work session/training session with DCRA as soon as possible on effective meeting/parliamentary procedure.

Mrs. Harris reminded Council that the Conflict of Interest forms are due by April 15th.

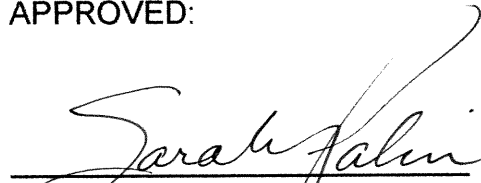
Mayor Palin: indicated she is close to naming a police chief for Council confirmation and asked for a special meeting on Wednesday March 27th at 6:00 p.m. There was no objection from Council.

15. ADJOURNMENT:
Motion/Second: Patrick/Keller

To adjourn. No objection, so ordered.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk