

Hollis French was the only elected official to speak at the teleconference. The problem of teen strip clubs was discussed and the possibility of changing the age requirements of the dancers to be more in line with what are the standards for licensed liquor serving establishments. Also, the community council would like Mr. French to be aware of the conflicts members see with the summer Alaska Railroad traffic at grade crossings and disruptions with noise and traffic. There will be a hearing on the Governor's operating budget on Friday, April 5 from 6-9 p.m.

Also, can the municipality better align real estate assessments and what it is fair market value? Now that the municipality is facing shortfalls, this might be viable for the purpose of bringing more revenue into city coffers.

Jillanne Inglis with the Municipal Code Enforcement informed the chair that she has had luck in getting the landowners next to Fish Creek at Red Bridge Park to remove their fences.

Tom McGrath moved to approve minutes and Bob Lange seconded.

There was no assembly representation present.

Stephanie Wheeler of the Alaska Railroad will be at our meeting next month. At her last visit the council had some questions pertaining to the speed of the trains running the spur to the airport this summer and the bike path being used as a maintenance access by railroad workers. She said they will be sensitive in the future to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Ray Amsden for the Anchorage School District came in lieu of Carol Comeau who had been invited to answer questions regarding the purchase of two acres to the south of Northwood Elementary which the school district had an option to buy in the Diamond Parking land swap two years ago. The council has taken an active interest in obtaining additional land for the school for over a decade. Mr. Ansten said the school district was not interested and claimed they didn't have the money for the purchase. Therefore the option to purchase was not exercised and the land may be developed by a third party.

The members of the council felt this was nonresponsive and made clear that the school district seems to have written off Northwood and the neighborhood. Tom McGrath asked why the public was never allowed to advocate for the purchase while the land was available. Margaret Auth made a motion asking that the council or public in general be allowed to have an active role in any future dealings regarding land near, around or pertaining to Northwood Elementary with the municipality, school district, Heritage Land Bank or any other public entity. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mark Butler of the airport reported on the job fair April 13 and proposed projects for the coming months including the echo parking for general aviation and the reconstruction of the North/South runway starting in May and continuing until Oct. 1, if there are no delays.

Ann Brooks presented diagrams on the traffic problems on Chugach Way and Arctic Blvd. It was suggested Chugach Way be one way with a right turn only on Arctic to help with that and local crime issues. The neighborhood had collected 300 names in a petition asking for closure of Chugach at Wilson St. There were also questions about having a right turn lane at 36th to keep traffic from backing up to Chugach and making it difficult for traffic turning east there.

Dan Coffey and Bruce Burnett of TGI Fridays came asking for council approval of a liquor license for their new

restaurant. Questions were asked regarding discrepancies on their application form and hours of operation. The council was told they were functioning primarily as a restaurant and not a bar and would not stay open late even though their application stated they would be open to 2 a.m. Motion for approval was passed 11-2.

The issue of the teen strip clubs came up for discussion. Sam O'Connor stated that they are a problem and very young girls are working in these establishments. They are showing up more frequently around town and don't have to keep to the same standards as places that are under the ABC Board. Tom McGrath made a motion a letter be sent to the Assembly and seconded by Dan Coffey that the should be enforced under law as adult entertainment. This passed unanimously.

Sam O'Connor made a motion that the council change their long standing position regarding liquor licenses to approve or not on a case by case basis, rather than outright disapproval, as has been done in the past. There have been many that have passed even with the official council being not to grant them and it seemed biased against good businesses. The motion was approved unanimously.

The annual CIP proposals were discussed. and the meeting was adjourned.