

In answer to a question from King, Bruce replied that the Providence Board was fulling committed once it entered into an agreement.

RECESS: The Council recessed at 9:12 p.m. and reconvened at 9:22 p.m.

Dan Claugus - Jesse Lee Home (JLH) Presentation Dan Claugus stated that he had a contract to sell the JLH and was trying to convert it to a multi-use facility. He stated that he agreed to purchase the real property under terms presented to the city manager. He read about the history of the JLH and supported preservation. He reported that he was willing to commit the funds and staff if the city would assist by rezoning the property, developing a traffic plan to provide secondary access and forgiving the outstanding assessments on the property. He stated that this project could benefit the entire community. He noted that he was considering moving his import/export business to Seward if the project was successful.

Garzini stated that the outstanding city assessments could pose a substantial barrier to a new owner. He discussed the possibility of the City waiving assessments and charges in return for development of the JLH. He supported entering into a contract to suspend the fees and, upon completion of the project, to waive all outstanding debts on the property.

Claugus stated that he was willing to return the third building to its original state as much as possible and possibly build senior housing as the second phase of the project.

Bencardino favored renovation if original flavor could be retained. He supported moving forward with project. Garzini recommended committing to situation. Council favored moving forward and seeing development plan. Public hearing to be scheduled before P & Z on April 3rd.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Ordinance No. 96-15, amending the Seward Land Use Plan and Zoning for Federal Addition, Block 9, Lots 1-2; Federal Addition, Block 10, Lot 12; and Oceanview Subdivision No. 10, Lots 5A, 9A and 11A

King stated that he had a possible conflict of interest as the owner of a lodging establishment which would be in direct competition with a new lodging facility. Mayor Bencardino ruled that no conflict existed. There was no objection from the Council.

MOTION (Crane/Bencardino)

Introduce Ordinance No. 96-15 and set public hearing on April 8, 1996.

Garzini stated Mr. Meehan had presented a proposal to build a new lodging business on the noted property since he had lost his prior business due to the flood. He stated that this ordinance was being introduced at a special meeting in order to allow as much time as possible for construction on the project.