

Float relocation was complete. It had been determined that deferred maintenance for the harbor floats would be \$6 million dollars, which would ultimately be requested from the State from when they transferred ownership to the City.

- Personnel. A new officer had been hired from Bethel. Marsha Vincent would be the executive liaison for Boards and Commissions, and would be transitioning for the next three months between two jobs.
- Application for Referendum Petition. The application was denied for two major points. Both the Charter and city code state the petition must be for a resolution or ordinance that passed, and the Alaska Supreme Court had previously defined that conveyance of land was an appropriation, and appropriations were not subject to referendum under the Alaska Constitution.
- Hoben Park was eligible for the National Historic Register through the Department of Natural Resources.
- The Racing Lions Racetrack should be materializing later this year.

**City Clerk Report.** City Clerk Jean Lewis gave a report notifying of a few changes with the Division of Elections this year. A new registration system would be going live on April 28, 2006 with on-line view access, which would allow municipalities to better manage elections. Touch tone screen voting machines would be installed in all precincts around the state per HAVA (Help America Vote Act of 2002) requirements for blind and disabled voters, and would be ready for the primary election in August. The idea of paperless packets was discussed.

**Mayor's Legislative Report from Juneau.** Mayor Vanta Shafer stated the Department of Corrections wanted a pre-training class for future correctional officers. AVTEC was receiving money from the Governor's budget to upgrade buildings. Mayor Shafer met with Senators and Representatives to discuss the completion of the T-dock for the small boat harbor. Other topics discussed were the Long-Term Care Facility, PERS, the Jesse Lee Home, old generators, the state STIP list, and Seward Highway projects. Mayor Shafer spoke with Robin Taylor, and determined Seward should have a presence in future ferry schedule meetings. The City would keep working to bring the Tustumena home.

**Vice-Mayor Dunham** stated AVTEC had additional money in the Governor's budget. He reiterated they spoke with every senator and representative about losing the Tustumena and Seward taking a \$2 million dollar hit because of it.

In response to questions, Dunham said there would be no community dividend or revenue sharing unless the municipalities helped with the PERS debt.

#### **Other Reports, Announcements and Presentations.**

**Christy Miller presented a plaque from FEMA to the City of Seward for their acceptance and entry into the National Flood Insurance Program Community rating system.**

**A Community awareness report of The Boys & Girls Club was presented by Debbie**