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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 92-29

FROM: Computer Upgrade Committee

DATE: March 3, 1992

SUBJECT: Computer Upgrade Recommendation

This Committee was given the task of reviewing the computer conversion situation on October 14, 1991 with the charge of bringing back a recommendation to the full Council. In this regard we also requested an independent review which was done by the firm of Bushnell & McMahon and presented to Council on January 13, 1992.

We have interviewed Jay Pollock, Mentor; Pat Kelly, IBM; Mitch Coulthard, Data System Design and received staff assistance from Erling Nelson, individual committee members have also done research. Various options listed below were considered by the Committee.

- 1. Utilizing an older System 36 from Matanuska-Susitna Borough;
- 2. Sharing the Matanuska-Susitna Borough computer using New World Software;
- 3. Removing wordprocessing off the System 36 and putting it on personal computers;
- 4. Postpone upgrade;
- 5. Do nothing;
- 6. Upgrade and max out the System 36;
- 7. Full upgrade; or
- 8. Partial upgrade.

One of the underlying concerns the Committee was concerned about when considering the above options was funding.

After studying and considering all the possibilities and with the cooperation and support of the Administration the Committee's recommendation is as follows:

- 1. Move the three main users of wordprocessing to personal computers. Purchase 3 City standard personal computers/emulated workstations for these users and Wordperfect wordprocessing software at an approximate investment of \$8,625 from currently appropriated funds;
- 2. The balance of FY92 appropriated funds (approximately \$15,966) be designated as "Fund Balance designated for future expenditures"; and
- 3. That the balance of funds needed for the AS400 9402/E04 upgrade (approximately \$26,034) be appropriated in the FY93 Budget as follows:

General Fund				\$21,034
			Payers)	2,500
Sewer	Fund	(Rate	Payers)	2,500

\$26,034

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