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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 93-86

From: Mayor Stein

Date: September 22, 1993

Subject: Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. Latch Key Program

As has been publicized, the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. Latch Key child care program has had to shut down because of poor enrollment and lack of operating start-up funds.

The City is the pass-through agency for the state grants made specifically for a "latch key program". The City of Wasilla could be responsible for the project if the senior association fails to get it operational.

I believe the latch key crisis is a temporary one resulting from inadequate publicity and recruitment. WASI reports that an enrollment of 16 would provide adequate funding.

I recommend that Council consider temporary support of the latch key program either through a direct grant to WASI or through a "scholarship" program to encourage enrollment.

June Robinette believes that \$1,000 per month for eight months could be the catalyst to a successful latch key program.

Funds may be appropriated by ordinance from fund balance or allocated by Council motion from Council contingency funds (411-2700, Balance \$15,000). I recommend approval of \$1,000 per month for up to 8 months from Council contingency account.

John C. Stein, Mayor

NO ACTION TAKEN