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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 94-87

From: Mayor Stein
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Subject: FY94 Audit Budget Surplus

Your independent auditors Monday night will report on the City administration's performance for FY1994 (July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994). That report happily will show that your departments underspent their authorized general fund budgets by a total of some \$315,000. The audit will further show that tax collections and other receipts for that period produced unexpected revenues of some \$707,000. This one-time circumstance increases the City general fund fund balance by \$590,746 eliminates the expected expenditure of approximately \$458,572 of fund balance during FY94.

The reason that expenditures were below the Council approved budget must be explained elsewhere for each department. However, generally, as in the past, careful and conservative expenditures and the normal "budget" vs. "actual" variance explains the under-spending. (By law the budget may not be exceeded.)

The \$528,000 underestimation of sales tax revenue was done in May 1993, only four months after the January 1, 1993 levy of the sales tax. The lack of experience data and the exceptionally smooth start-up of collections lead to the low estimate. The next year FY95 sales tax revenue estimate was increased by \$610,000 to \$3,300,000 which appears to be much closer to reality. FY94 property taxes were \$56,000 over estimates and state revenue sharing and other revenues were \$116,000 over estimates.

Reaction to news of this \$590,746 of unappropriated revenue will be mixed. To some citizens it will be an opportunity to catch up on a sizable backlog of community needs. It will be seen as an opportunity place money in a protected reserve account. To others it will be a bad example of government over-taxation and an opportunity for tax relief. The City administration is relieved and pleased that our estimates have been conservative. The administration believes that this one-time event of new found resources can be responsibly used to maintain reserves, build long-awaited public facilities, catch up on deferred maintenance and provide needed services. A list of those possibilities is attached.

The administration therefore respectfully alerts Council that it will bring forward in early 1995 a number of proposals for Council and public consideration to utilize these unappropriated revenues.

John C. Stein, Mayor

**WASILLA CAPITAL PROJECT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE & SERVICES LIST
(NOT BUDGETED)**

JOHN C. STEIN - 12/7/94 *JS*

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Note: Estimates where given are shown as rough "ball-park" figures and projects are not prioritized in any given order of necessity nor is list all inclusive.

ROADS AND STREETS

Nelson Avenue - Lucille to Fishhook Re-Build
Melanie Avenue Paving L.I.D.
Peck Street Intersection @ Fishhook \$250,000
Vaunda Avenue Paving L.I.D. \$240,000
Spruce Street Paving
Church Road (State)
Church Road - Airport Access (Northside)
Mack Road - Airport Access (Southside)
Foundry Way Paving LID \$60,000
Endeavor Street - Upgrade to Lake Lucille Park
Patricia Avenue Paving LID \$104,000
Thomas Avenue Improvements
Weber Drive Ext. to Nelson Ave.
Overlay Urban Paving Project Problem Areas
 Lucille Street
 Swanson Avenue
Lucille/Nelson Intersection Reconstruction
Glenwood Avenue Grade & Paving
Mystery Avenue - Extension East to Lucas Road
Tillicum Avenue Construction
Asphalt Aprons to Gravel Streets
Storm Drainage Ditching and Dry Wells
Storm Water Pump Station and Disposal System
Traffic Signal @ Lucille & Nelson
Traffic Signal @ Main & Bogard

Street Light Installations

Truck Mounted Aerial Lift

Signage

Lane Striping

Snowblower

Grader

Sweeper

SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

Lucille Street Pedestrian Crossing at Spruce Avenue

Lucille Street Bike Path Signage & Crosswalks

Pave Wasilla Lake Park Bike Path

Lucus Road Bike Trail

Bogard Road Bike Trail

Glenwood Bike Trail

Palmer-Wasilla Highway Bike Trail

Peck Street Bike Trail

Winter Trails (Snowmachine)

Winter Trails (Ski)

Seward Meridian Bike Trail

Bumpus Ballfields to Lucus Road Trail

AIRPORT

Construct Water System	\$750,000
Construct Sewage Collection and Disposal System	
FAA Fencing	\$750,000
FAA Paving	\$1,250,000
FAA - G.P.S. Landing System	
FAA Parallel Taxiway	
FAA Lake Access Ramp and Taxiway	
Construct Shelter for Visitors	
Construct Tenting Park	
Install N.D.B.	
Tie-Down Electrical System	
Expansion of Airport Runway Length	

PROPERTY

Pave and Landscape Museum Parking Lot	
Re-Roof City Hall and Old Wasilla School	
Pave Railroad Depot Parking Lot and Landscape	
Renovate City Hall (Paint, Carpet, ADA Access)	
Records Storage Vault	\$151,000
Records Retention Center and Equipment	300,000
Museum Rehabilitation (14 Projects)	400,000
Restore Railroad Depot	75,000
Remodel City Shop	150,000
Pave City Shop Yard	
Construct Additional Shop Storage Shed - Phase II	
Architectural Design for Library Remodeling (Post Office Building?)	150,000
Construct New Library (Old Post Office?)	3,000,000
Construct New City Hall and Police Department	3,500,000
Library Furniture Replacement	5,000
Library Carpet Replacement	5,000
Library Electronic Technology Update	30,000
PC/CD ROM Workstation for Public Area (SLED)	
PC/CE ROM Workstation for Staff Area (WLN/LCAT)	
Periodicals on Microfiche and Storage Unit	
Additional City Hall Parking	

WASTEWATER/SEWER

Replace 20" Manways x 22	
Extend Main - Railroad Avenue	
Connection Assistance Grant Program	
Wasilla Lake - North Shore Extension	
Overland Disposal - Treatment Plant	\$50,000
Second Digester for Expanded Septage Treatment	\$100,000
New Senior Housing Extension	\$50,000
Connect Iditarod Elementary	\$50,000
New Service for Carrs Grocery	
Upgrade Westpoint Drive	
Lift Station on Crusey Main	
East Wasilla - Parks Highway Main Extension	

WATER

East Wasilla Distribution/Reservoir	\$1,500,000
South Wasilla Distribution/Reservoir	\$1,500,000
Acquire M.U.C.	\$75,000
Lake View Drive Extension	\$500,000
West Wasilla Distribution Line	\$500,000
Airport Water System	\$750,000
Mission Hills Reservoir & Fire Hydrants	\$1,000,000
Hallea Lane Water Line Stub	\$70,000
Senior Housing Extension - Winter Trails	\$50,000

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

Accept Carter Park Land Donation - Lake Lucille Park
Purchase Jenny Wasey Lot - Townsite Park
Acquire Wasilla Lake Parklands \$1,000,000
Acquire Wetlands/Green Space - Tract B Radon
Upgrade Townsite Play Equipment
Upgrade Wasilla Lake Play Equipment
Summer Flower Baskets
Median Flower Planting
Street Tree Planting/Beautification
Winter Recreation Programs
Pave and Landscape Townsite Park East Entrance
Build Crushed Rock Pedestrian Walk Ways - Bumpus Ballfields
Grade, Topping Gravel and Parking - Bumpus Ballfields Parking Lot
Susitna Boat Launch and Parking
Wasilla Lake Boat Launch and Parking
Old Wasilla Airport Park Development \$1,000,000
Community Playground Project
WASI Ballfields Development

MISCELLANEOUS/SERVICES

Wasilla City Service Opportunities (not budgeted)

City Engineering Office \$150,000

Planning Clerk - Full Time \$19,000

Public Works Office Assistant - Full Time \$18,000

Maintain Senior Citizen Center Building \$20,000

Recreational Programs

Street Light Operation

Sewer Connection Assistance Program

Establish Permanent Fund Accounts

Building Repair/Replacement

Street Repair/Replacement

Vehicle Repair/Replacement

Equipment Repair/Replacement