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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. <u>95-70</u>

FROM:

Councilman Chappel

DATE:

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SUBJECT:

VPA Building

- 1. Wasilla Ambulance Services moved out of West Valley Medical Center.
- 2. Wasilla Ambulance Services asked VPA if they could lease their building for a period of time. VPA said no, they need the shop to paint props in.
- 3. Wasilla Ambulance Services has come to an agreement for space behind Wendy's Restaurant on a month to month rental.
- 4. The Mat-Su Borough is looking into using the shop behind the Alternative School for Wasilla Ambulance Services.

Wasilla Ambulance Services will be housed at Wendy's or the Alternative School. Wasilla Ambulance Services performs over 50% of all emergency medical service calls. The volunteers will have to drive up the Parks Highway to get to their equipment. They need to be located at the crossroads of the City.

After reviewing the VPA Lease File, it appears that a renovation plan for the building has not been filed with the City by VPA. I request that Council do the following:

- 1. Inform VPA that they are in default.
- 2. The City spent \$180,000.00 so VPA will perform here in Wasilla, not give them a building to paint their props in.
- 3. Inform them that the Community of Greater Wasilla is facing a life threatening situation by not having a location near the crossroads of Wasilla to place Wasilla Ambulance Services.
- VPA is still trying to create \$200,000 for the move, see letter 08/01/95.
- VPA stated they are using a variety of fundraising ideas.
- 6. The City of Wasilla is now requesting the use of the building per "6E" of the VPA Lease "Lessor sponsored activities".

- 7. A sum of \$2,000.00 a month rent from Wasilla Ambulance Services be placed in an escrow account. These funds shall be used for the VPA move to the VPA new theater in Wasilla; or if VPA defaults on their lease, the funds shall be placed in the City of Wasilla General Fund Fund Balance.
- 8. The agreement under the "Lessor Sponsored Activities" under 6E of the City/VPA Lease be in place for up to 18 months with an option to extend it for an additional 6 months.
- 9. Wasilla Ambulance Services will provide all insurance, utilities, and maintenance of the facility during their lease.

In conclusion, this will generate up to \$48,000.00 for moving VPA, saving VPA money. Give VPA time to raise \$200,000.00 or more for the move. VPA would still have the residential building for use. And give Matanuska Susitna Borough, City of Wasilla Police, and Wasilla-Lake Fire Service Area time to build a "Public Safety Facility".

David W. Chappel, Councilman

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