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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM 97- 01

From: Sarah H. Palin, Mayor
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Subject: L.I.D. Prioritization

It was requested that the administration suggest a policy for Council to adopt regarding the prioritization of L.I.D. projects. The Administration suggests the following policy:

The initial steps in the formation of any L.I.D. are followed per Section 2.60.70 WMC. The specific sections would be 2.60.070A.1 through 2.60.070B.3. This process would allow for the logical formation of any proposed L.I.D.

On January 1st of each year the Public Works Department will begin to update the cost estimates for each project. The updated estimates will be presented to the Council for review. The Council could direct a resurvey if the revised cost estimate was outside of the original estimate.

The Council would rate the projects in descending order of desirability during the second Council meeting in April. The ratings would be done at this time so that the projects could be logically integrated into the ongoing budget process. This rating would be for the proposed unfunded L.I.D.s only.

During the annual Capital budget process, the Council would consider the rated L.I.D. projects with all other requests for funding. Any L.I.D. project that the Council would see fit to fund during the Capital budget process would be designed during that summer/fall season. This would allow for data collection when the ground is not frozen and there is no snow cover. Because there can be no funds expended until after July 1, there is not enough time to design, bid, and construct the project before freezing conditions curtail paving. The City has accelerated projects in the past, but the overall quality is not the same as a project completed on a normal schedule. Actual project construction would begin the following construction season.

The Council could set whatever rating system they want. Some suggestions for rating parameters would be:

Safety of the general public

Amount of maintenance being performed on roadway

Amount of traffic the street carries

Number of City residents served by the street

Proximity to other funded or proposed L.I.D. or C.I.P. projects

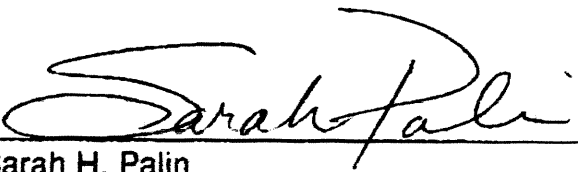
Total cost of the proposed project (would the City be better served by a grant or is the project more realistically a C.I.P.)

Date of initial application

The amount of time waiting for funding

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Council adopt a policy with regards to the prioritization and implementation of L.I.D.s within the City of Wasilla.



Sarah H. Palin
Mayor