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Action taken	8/12/02	
Other:	Approved Option #2	
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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

CM No. 02-42(AM)

TITLE: Library Move Status

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: August 12, 2002

ADMINISTRATION INITIAL: *SA*

REQUESTED BY: Council

PREPARED BY: Library/Public Works

Date Prepared: July 23, 2002

FISCAL IMPACT:

If yes, amount requested: \$ n/a

Account No.:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The council has asked for options to consider in moving the library from its current location:

1. Remain in existing facility

Advantage:

- No additional funding is required.

Disadvantage:

- Current space is too small to meet current and future public demand.

2. Continue to negotiate the current Carr-Gottstein offer

Advantages:

- Space is available.
- Remodeling plan is substantially agreed upon and move can be completed faster than options 3, 4 or 5.
- After three years, the annual lease cost will drop below currently budgeted funds.

Disadvantage:

- In FY03, cost of lease is \$50,000 over budget.

3. Do a new Request For Proposal for lease space and city pays for remodeling

Advantage:

- Long-term lease costs will be lower if city pays for remodeling.

Disadvantages:

- Will delay move to winter.
- City will have to prepare plans and specifications to bid work.
- City will have to pay all remodeling costs upfront.

4. Negotiate new space with Mat-Su Borough

Advantage:

- City will not have to pay all the costs.

Disadvantage:

- It may take several years for the Borough to approve an agreement.

5. Build new library

Advantage:

- Building will be designed specifically for a library and space needs will be met for several years.

Disadvantages:

- Bond ballot issue is needed and appropriate land will have to be purchased. The estimated cost of construction is \$4,000,000 for a 20,000 square foot building exclusive of land purchase.
- Debt service will be required as well as operations and maintenance costs.
- City population may shift, leaving the library isolated from its clientele.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION ACTION: No Recommendation

Attachments: None