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Action taken	<i>Amended</i>	<i>1/26/04</i>
Other:		
Verified by:	<i>K. Smithers</i>	

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM**

**AM No. 04-07 (AM)**

**TITLE: COUNCIL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D.C. AND JUNEAU**

Agenda of: January 12, 2004

Date: February 3, 2004

Originator: Kristie Smithers, City Clerk

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police	
	Recreational and Cultural Services Library, Museum	
	Public Works Planning	
X	Finance *signature required	
X	Clerk	

**REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:**

*Dianne M. Keller*

**FISCAL IMPACT:** X yes \$ amount determined by council Funds Available X yes  no  
 Account name/number: 001.4110.411.50.81  
 Attachments: none

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Last year during our budget discussions, the council expressed interest in sending council members to Washington D.C. or to Juneau for lobbying efforts. Travel to Washington DC for city lobbying has been scheduled for April 2004 and to date no Juneau trips have been scheduled for lobbying.

Last year the mayor, Deputy Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Sullivan-Leonard, and the public works director traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby for the city, and the finance director traveled to Juneau. The lobbyists suggest that the delegation of members traveling remain small. Legislative offices in Washington D.C. are extremely small and it is suggested that only four persons visit which would include our lobbyist, mayor, public works director and one council member.

In the past, the council has not traveled to Juneau for lobbying efforts although it is beneficial to have members of the administrative staff go to Juneau from time to time for lobbying, again keeping the delegation very small, as offices in Juneau are even smaller than Washington D.C.

Over the past year a few council members have expressed interest in going on these trips. Currently the council has budgeted \$4,200 to travel to Washington D.C. and \$2,100 to travel to Juneau. If council wishes to select council members to go on these trips, I will need your direction.

For this fiscal year, Council Members Straub and Sande traveled to the AML Conference in Juneau. To date, council members have spent no other monies on travel.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The following options are presented for consideration:

1. To authorize Council Members Cox and O'Neil, with Council Member Straub as an alternate, to travel to Washington DC with the mayor, public works director, and federal lobbyist in April 2004 to assist in lobbying efforts for the city of Wasilla. Funding will come from the council travel budget.
2. To authorize Council Member Straub to travel to Juneau, as requested by administration (depending on the session, the city may find no need for lobbying to take place), prior to the close of the legislative session in May 2004 to assist in lobbying efforts for the city of Wasilla. Funding will come from the council travel budget.
3. At this time, the council is not supportive of sending any council member to Washington D.C. or to Juneau.



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TO: Wasilla City Council Members

FROM: Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk

DATE: January 19, 2004

**SUBJECT: COUNCIL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON DC – AM No. 04-07**

At the January 12, 2004 Wasilla City Council Meeting, the Council directed that any council member interested in traveling to Washington DC in April 2004 to assist in lobbying efforts, contact the clerk's office no later than January 16<sup>th</sup> to express their interest. Council Member Ron Cox, and Deputy Mayor Howard O'Neil wish to be considered.

No member of the council expressed interest in traveling to Juneau this legislative session.

As a reminder it is recommended that the delegation of city officials remain small. Legislative offices in Washington DC are extremely small and it is suggested that a group of no more than four attend. Currently the group is comprised of our lobbyist, the mayor, and the public works director.

***Please make a motion from the floor to select one council member to travel to Washington DC in April 2004 to assist in lobbying efforts for the City of Wasilla.***