

CITY OF WASILLA

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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 90-18

FROM: Erling P. Nelson, CMC, City Clerk

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SUBJECT: 1990 IIMC Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas

From May 18 - 24 I had the pleasure of attending the 44th Annual Conference of the International Institute of Municipal which was held in Little Rock, 1,200 City Approximately Clerk's, City Secretaries, Recorder's from the United States and Foreign Countries attended.

The theme of this year's conference was "Learning, Changing, Shaping". Lou Holtz, Coach of Football at Noter Dame was the main inspirational speaker. Compared with the conference I attended in San Diego in 1984, this conference had more of an international flavor. I attended the session on "The Polish Experiment in Democracy" which was very interesting. I also had an opportunity to talk with delegates from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United Kingdom and many of the other States. I have the full program available for anyone who may wish to look at the educational sessions that were available.

I believe this City should be proud to have participated in a professional organization of this magnitude that is coming to Anchorage in 1994. I think it is important that the City of Wasilla continue to support this institute and more particularly the Alaska Clerk's as they continue to use this 5 year period to plan, organize and raise funds for the 1994 conference.

In the short term I think the City benefits because your City Clerk is rested, motivated and energized to charge off in new directions and complete projects that have languished. In the long term I believe the City will benefit from the educational sessions I attended and the contacts I established with vendors. I concentrated on the records management area this year which will be an ongoing project of the Clerk's Office for the next several years. The newest concept on the market is the Optical Disc Imaging System. You can expect a budget request for the FY-92 Budget to attend the 1992 Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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