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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 97- 46

To: Wasilla City Council Members

From: Tim Krug, City Planner

Subject: East Westpoint Drive Utility Extension

Seven lots on Wasilla Lake in Lakeshore Subdivision were "forced annexed" into the city two years ago. These lots still do not have the convenience of city water and sewer. One homeowner has their water hauled to their site and another landowner has no potential of development of their lot without the city providing this public service. I am recommending in Ordinance 97-50 that the city funds, the extension of water and sewer to these seven lots as illustrated on the attachment.

Furthermore, I am recommending that we do not pursue upgrading the existing driveway to meet our standard street specifications. Extending the street right-of-way, with a culdesac would take an extensive amount of coordination to serve these seven lots. Should this project be funded, we will replace the existing private drive to the same standards that exists on the premises. Should the owners desire a paved road to our specifications, they should go through the Local Improvement District (LID) process and obtain all the necessary right-of-ways. Although, I believe they will find it more cost effective to work out an agreement between themselves and contract for the work directly with a local paving contractor. They should have better bid results without the use of public funds. It is quite common to have private driveway easements on properties that border waterfront, especially in rural communities.

According to at least some of the property owners, the road upgrade is their lowest priority. The water and sewer service is critical for them, as you may recall from the property owners' testimonies at past council meetings.