

SUBJECT: Council Resolution 00-42, To Designate ADEC Municipal Matching Grant Funds to the Wasilla Water Main Improvement Program as the Number One Local Priority for State FY 2002 Funding

PREPARED BY: Administration

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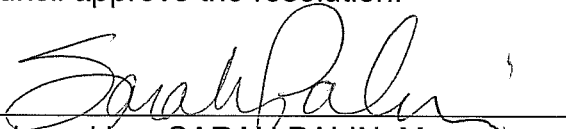
SUMMARY: The State's Municipal Matching Grant Program for water, sewer, solid waste, and water quality enhancement is administered by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). In the grant application, points are awarded for how the proposed project will address a community problem. Points are awarded for the status of development, whether public health and/or the environment will be improved, local commitment to the project, etc. Funds are granted to the highest scoring projects statewide.

One particular question in the grant application is, "What priority does this project have in your Municipality's overall capital budget requests to the State for FY 01?" Specifically, the grant application states that a Council Resolution is needed that identifies the project as the City's top priority for state funding in order to obtain 50 points.

Resolution 00-42 identifies city water main improvements as the top priority. The specific water main projects to be funded are the Palmer-Wasilla Highway and the West Parks transmission mains.

The City will be applying for Municipal Matching grants for other water, sewer, and storm water projects in addition to this drinking water grant. In regards to identifying these water main projects as the City's number one priority to obtain State funding, this request appears to have the highest preliminary score compared to the other projects. Resolution 00-42 will provide the extra 50 points, thereby increasing the odds of receiving State funds for these important projects.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The administration is requesting that the Council approve Resolution 00-42 identifying the "Wasilla Water Main Improvement Program" as the number one local priority for State funding in fiscal year 2002. I recommend that the Council approve the resolution.



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor