



CITY OF NORTH POLE *Alaska*

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, April 18, 2011

Committee of the Whole – 6:30 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bonnie Arnold	488-9246
Richard Holm	488-1776
Sharron Hunter	488-4282
Kevin McCarthy- <i>Dep. Mayor Pro Tem</i>	490-9039
Ronald Jones – <i>Alt. Dep Mayor Pro Tem</i>	488-3579
Thomas McGhee - <i>Mayor Pro Tem</i>	455-0010

MAYOR

Doug Isaacson 488-8584

CITY CLERK

Kathy Weber 488-8583

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag
3. Invocation
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. Communications from the Mayor
 - Students of the Month
 - Kaden Cannon – NPE
 - Chase Virg In – NPMS
 - Brittney Ward – NPHS
 - Proclamations
 - Raymond & Linda Clark – Senior Citizens of the Month
7. Council Member Questions of the Mayor
8. Communications from Department Heads, Borough Representative and the City Clerk

9. Ongoing Projects Report
Cruis 'in with Santa Update

10. Citizens Comments (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a) Request For Honorary Street Name Designation of NPHS Blvd to Daryn Colledge Blvd
- b) North Pole Economic Development Request for 4th Quarter 2010 and 1st Quarter 2011 Bed Tax Funds
- c) Santa Claus Lane Main Street Development Initiative Proposal
- d) Approval of 2011 Plan of Operation for Law Enforcement Services at Chena River Flood Control Project
- e) Approval of the Annual Operating Plan 2011 Between State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (State), and North Pole Fire Department (Cooperator)
- f) Approval of Fairbanks North Star Borough and City of North Pole Emergency Medical Services/Ambulance Contract Renewal and Amendment No. 1
- g) Resolution 11-13, A Resolution Of The City Of North Pole Authorizing The Mayor To Negotiate A Fair And Equitable Price For The Purchase Of Two Parcels Of Land At The Intersection Of Santa Claus Lane And Saint Nicholas Drive, Block 4, Lots 01 And 02 Sequoia Subdivision For A Pedestrian Park
- h) Resolution 11-14, A Resolution Of The City Of North Pole In Support Of Senate Bill 84 Establishing Incremental Three-Year Increases In The Base Student Allocation And Sets Aside Funds For High School Vocational Education
- i) Resolution 11-15, A Resolution Of The City Of North Pole Urging Action In Support Of The Susitna Hydroelectric Project
- j) Resolution 11-16, A Resolution Supporting The Efforts Of North Pole Christmas In Ice To Relocate The World Ice Art Championships To North Pole, Alaska

13. Council Comments

14. Adjournment

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**Committee of the Whole – 6:30 P.M.
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A regular meeting of the North Pole City Council was held on Monday, April 4, 2011 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Doug Isaacson called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, April 4, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present:

Absent/Excused

Ms. Arnold

Mr. McGhee

Ms. Hunter

Mr. Jones

Excused

Mr. Holm

Mr. McCarthy

Mayor Isaacson

Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Pro Tem McGhee

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Hunter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McCarthy moved to Approve the Agenda of April 4, 2011

Seconded by Mr. Holm

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES –5 –Holm, Hunter, McCarthy, Arnold, McGhee

NO – 0

Abstained- 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCarthy moved to Approve the Minutes of March 21, 2011

Seconded by Ms. Arnold

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES – 5 - Holm, Hunter, McCarthy, Arnold, McGhee

NO – 0–

Abstained- 0

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Presentation by Gene Therriault – Eva Creek Wind Farm

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Accountant

Lisa Vaughn

- None

Police Dept

Lt. Dutra

- New computer system is up and running. System is great and has a lot of features. Some of these include Internal Affairs, Arrests, Incidents, training, tracing patrol officers, Evidence has new barcoding.
- Ofc. Sporleder is top of the class and has been elected class speaker and he graduates May 13th. Invite council.
- Detective is currently attending a 10 day homicide course paid in full with forfeiture funds. Class hosted by SPI.
- DRE/SFST Instructor School AHSO traffic Officer just returned he also #1 in his class, the officers are making us proud.
- Received approximately \$15,000 in asset forfeiture.
- Sgt's Bellant and Nelson still teaching GREAT at middle school.
- Promised to do a power point for council on new system.
- Stats for 2010.

Fire Dept

Chief Lane

- None

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

April 4, 2011 Council Report

Bill Butler

Director of City Services

Building Department

*City of North Pole
April 4, 2011*

- No new building permits issued since last council meeting.
- Eagle Estates condo project at plan review stage
- Saint Nicholas Church applied for permits today for education wing

Public Works

- Clean up plowing started at the end of last week and proceeded over the weekend
- *City's application for a skid steer loader to be used for pedestrian and bicycle path snow plowing and sweeping was recommended for funding*
 - *\$50,000 grant that has no matching requirement*

Utility Department

- ACS internet data connection to new wells failed this weekend
 - Appears to have been an ACS problem not the new wells electronic controls
 - Utility staff had to manually operate new wells and treatment works this weekend.
 - Investigating a direct "hard wired" ACS connection that does not rely on a DSL internet connection
- Alaska Clean Water Fund loan application for \$1,416,500 submitted for sewer main lining project
 - Expect DEC to award the loan to the City
 - If awarded a loan, will require a vote of the North Pole electorate to accept the debt
 - Loan represents only 36% of the projected \$3.9M cost of project
 - Mayor making a request to legislative delegation for \$2.5M balance of project cost
 - Will submit a Municipal Matching Grant application for the balance of project cost if not awarded a legislative grant
- Sewer spill on North Pole High School Boulevard
 - DEC approved the utility's cleanup plan (attached)
 - Approximately 80% of waste water ice removed from home owner's yard most significantly affected
 - Remaining ice is among trees and shrubs that cannot easily be removed physically
 - Fire Department has agreed to help with an experiment to see if spraying the ice with water will accelerate the melting process
 - With rising temperature the snowpack is melting and filling the ditches so utility will be posting hazard warnings around ditches contaminated with sewage

City of North Pole March 16, 2011 Waste Water Spill, Spill Response and Ongoing Mitigation Plans.

Prepared by Bill Butler, Director of City Services

The North Pole Utility experienced a waste water spill that was identified on March 16, 2011. The indication that a spill had occurred was a discharge flow reading of zero gallons per minute

(gym) at the waste water treatment plant (WWTP). Declining discharge flow from the WWTP was noticed on Monday, March 14; however, this was the start of spring break and the three North Pole schools were closed. The lower than expected discharge flow continued on Tuesday, March 15.

The utility staff became alarmed on March 16 when the discharge flow was zero and they immediately mobilized to identify the cause of the loss of flow. The first place they suspected where flow could be interrupted as the Holiday lift station, the lift station that pumps approximately 75% of the entire waste water flow in the City. Inspection of the lift station identified it was pumping as expected. The other major lift stations where flow could potentially be backing up were inspected and found to be operating normally. When lift stations were eliminated as the possible source of lost waste water flow, the utility staff began to search for a sewer main break. A utility staff member driving along North Pole High School (NPHS) Boulevard saw mist rising from a ditch on the north side of the road. Upon inspection, he saw ponded waste water in the vicinity of a clean out on the buried main sewer line that carries 100% of the waste water flow to the WWTP.

With the site of the leak identified, the utility supervisor, Paul Trissel, formulated a response to stop the flow and repair the leak. The first necessary step was to stop all flow to the sewer main so the cause of the leak could be identified and a repair made. Because the WWTP is elevated above ground level, when pressure was removed from the influent line, waste water began to backflow. This backflow started to drain the treatment lagoons. When the leak was identified the valve on the sewer main into the plant was closed and backflow to the leak site stopped.

The source of waste water flow to the WWTP cannot be stopped by closing a valve—customers continue to use water and generate waste water. To continue providing services, pump trucks were needed to collect waste water at the lift stations that fed the leaking main. In the winter, the waste water flow averages about 300,000 gallons per day (gpd). It required six pump trucks working from 9:00 am, the earliest the private contractors could mobilize, to 6:30 pm, when the leak was repaired, constantly pumping to keep up with the flow. Once the pump trucks were able to manage 100% of the waste water flow, which occurred at about 1 pm, the lift stations were switched off and flow to the leak stopped.

With the flow stopped, the site of the leak could be excavated. Excavation needed to proceed cautiously so as to not cause additional damage. So much waste water had leaked, as much as 300,000 gallons and possibly more. The site of the leak was submerged and a dam had to be built around it to isolate the leak so it could be excavated. Excavation revealed that a cleanout had separated from the sewer main. The sewer main and clean outs were constructed in 1985, over 25 years ago. Why the cleanout separated from the main is not clear. The sewer main is 10 inches in diameter and the waste water passing through it is warm so freezing appeared to not have played a part in the leak. Ground movement over time may have played a part in causing the leak. By design, the cleanouts are not bolted to the main, but are a slip joint held in place by a clamp. Once the leak was excavated and source identified, the repair proceeded quickly. The pipes were cleaned; a new gasket was installed and a new clamp installed that uses an improved technology to hold the pipes together was installed. The excavation was filled and flow restored at 6:30 pm that evening.

Cleanup of the spilled waste water started Thursday morning, March 17. Temperature at the time of the spill and through March 20 were at or below zero at night and below freezing for high temperatures during the day. The cold temperatures caused the waste water to freeze over to a depth of four to six inches. All Thursday, Friday and Saturday, private contractors pumped waste water from beneath the ice. They collected approximately 150,000 gallons of waste water. This waste water was discharged to the WWTP. On Monday, March 21, the utility had a contractor scrape the frozen waste water ice from the ditches along East 7th and Ford Street. The waste water ice was deposited at the WWTP. Pumping contractors also collected liquid waste water from the ditches and they deposited this waste water at the WWTP. After removing the majority of the frozen waste water from the ditches, the utility spread lime in the ditches.

On Tuesday, March 22 the utility had a contractor collect and remove the frozen waste water in the ditch along NPHS Boulevard and hauled the ice to the WWTP. This ice was easily accessible and the contractor was able to remove the vast majority of the frozen waste water ice. The contractor also constructed a sump where melting water can collect and be pumped as needed. Scheduling with the contractor did not permit removal of frozen waste water from the yard of the homeowner most affected by the spill—502 West 7th Avenue. Approximately 50% of the homeowner's west yard was flooded with waste water. Due to the cold temperatures, the surface of the waste water froze. Pumping that occurred on March 17, 18 and 19 undermined the ice and large sections of it collapsed damaging a section of the homeowners' fence at the rear of their property.

On March 24, the contractor began removing the waste water ice from the owner's property. A section of cyclone fence had to be removed for a loader to access the yard. A temporary fence was installed in the yard to restrict the owners' dogs' access to the contaminated yard and to prevent them from getting loose. The loader was able to push the vast majority of the ice through the gap in the fence to the street where it was loaded in trucks and dumped at the WWTP. Lime was spread over the ground where the waste water ice was removed. The owner's fence cannot be repaired until spring when the ground thaws.

The back section of the owners' property has numerous trees and native shrubs that are now holding blocks of frozen waste water. Removing this ice will be difficult. Because it is in amongst trees and shrubs, even with above freezing temperatures, it may take four to six weeks for all the ice to melt. This will be a difficult option for the owners to accept. An option we will experiment with is hosing down the frozen waste water to melt it and carry it to the sump along NPHS Boulevard. Warm temperatures and appropriately sloped ground are critical for this option to work; otherwise we could create more ice that takes even longer to melt and drain away.

To deal with potential contamination issues, the ditches along NPHS Boulevard, West 7th Avenue and Ford Street will be limed periodically during breakup. The owner's yard will also be periodically limed during breakup. Personal property contaminated by the waste water will either be replaced or professionally cleaned to prevent contamination. When the ground adequately thaws, the owner's fence will be repaired. Any damages to the owner's landscaping will be repaired.

- A challenging issue to cope with will be the large amount of snowfall that occurred this past winter. Typically, melt water is impounded in the ditches and held until it infiltrates into the ground. The ditches along West 7th Avenue and Ford Street will quickly fill with melt water that will not infiltrate until the ground thaws. Though diluted, the ditch water may still have some contamination. If the accumulated melt water is contaminated, one possible option is to use culvert plugs to isolate the contaminated ditches and regularly pump the melt water then lime the ditches to reduce the contamination hazard. We will have to observe the situation as it occurs and respond accordingly.

Borough Representative, Mayor Isaacson

- None

City Clerk, Kathy Weber

- The City has two new high school interns, Sarah O’Leary and Paige Poston. These two Interns have made a big impact on the City of North Pole and are self starters and self motivated. These girls are very much assets to the city.
- A new server was put in City Hall last week and we have work out the majority of the kinks. We are still working with the printers and hope to have that done this week.
- I attended my first out of state conference from March 21 – 25th at the Washington Municipal Clerks Association in Vancouver, Washington. Everyone was excited to hear about North Pole and the state of Alaska. Region IX, California, Oregon, Hawaii, and Washington are looking forward to the conference in Fairbanks in November. The AAMC will be having an internationally recognized motivation speaker, Dr. Alan Zimmerman, who gives people the tools they need to maximize their payoffs, personally, professionally, and organizationally. AAMC personally will be inviting all the government agencies, Chamber of Commerce, and any business that would like to attend. I will have more information available at a later date but would like everyone to keep in mind that there will be limited seating. This is definitely something you don’t want to miss and will be held on Sunday, November 6th.
- I will be representing the City and State at the City Clerks Association of California from April 25 – 29 in South Lake Tahoe, California.
- At the WMCA Conference I was able to break the news that AAMC is putting in a bid for the 2017 IIMC Conference to be held in Anchorage, Alaska. I am a part of that committee and will be working towards making that happen as I travel throughout Region IX. I have also been chosen to for the Public Relations and Marketing Committee for IIMC.

ONGOING PROJECTS

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes

Bonnie Woldstat, 3732 Arapaho, North Pole

- Making progress on the diversionary repeal column. Where there is legislation that has

been introduced to the house and the senate and we do have some traction on both sides and hoping that we can get the bill done in this legislative session.

- SB 111 and HB 146 already moved out of the House Resources. The next community referral is in House Finance. There is a hearing this Wednesday. Senate bill is first in committee of referrals of Community Regional Affairs. The second committee referral is Labor and Commerce and they received two committee referrals on either side.
- Tammy Wilson sponsored the bill on the House side and Joe Thomas sponsored on the Senate side.

John Poirrier, North Pole Grange

Mr. Poirrier said to get your taxes filed early and drop them in mailbox so you can attend the Art Show on 3rd Friday, April 15th. This is a special show that has been turned into a fundraiser for the Japanese Red Cross Disaster Fund. Theme: Kibow that refers to hope. English word rainbow that symbolizes light after a storm. Kibow (hybrid of the two words) to get the spirit of Japanese people and not focus on bad but on the bright side. Artist participating are bringing current work and related items into the theme. All monies will be donated to Japanese cause. Show times are Friday the 15th from 5-9 p.m and Saturday from noon to 5pm.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF STEP INCREASE FOR CITY CLERK MMC DESIGNATION

On March 25, 2011 I was notified by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks that I had fulfilled the requirements of the Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) Program and earned my MMC designation. I have attached the official letter to this memo. According to North Pole Municipal Code, 2.36.470 Pay, F. Professional development step salary increases, it states that when I attain my Master Municipal Clerk designation that I will receive a 2 step pay increase.

The Office of the City Clerk is committed to conducting the duties of the office in an ethical, friendly, and efficient manner to ensure an effective link between citizens, local governing officials, and other government agencies. We serve as election officials, legislative administrators, Records Managers, and Parliamentarians. These are just a few of the duties of the City Clerk.

The North Pole City Council has been very supportive of me over the past 10 years by allowing me to receive the education and training to achieve the highest status in my profession. You have also given your support as I lead the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks this year and represent the State of Alaska and the City of North Pole as I travel throughout Region IX and to the International conference in Nashville, Tennessee. I look forward to having the AAMC and AML conference in Fairbanks this year and to be able to showcase the City of North Pole. I am working hard with my Executive Board, North Pole Chamber of Commerce and North Pole Economic Development to outshine any other past conference and bring a part of that to our economy.

Thank you for putting your faith and trust in me as I continue to move forward in my profession

and serve the council and my community.

Ms. Weber asked council to consider implanting a Professional Development for the Accountant and to include a Pay Scale for a Deputy Clerk.

Citizens Comments

None

Mr. McCarthy *moved to Approve A 2 Step Increase For City Clerk MMC Designation*

Seconded by Ms. Arnold

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES –5 –Holm, Hunter, McCarthy, Arnold, McGhee

NO – 0

Abstained- 0

RESOLUTION 11-12, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A BILL TO END REQUIREMENTS THAT EMPLOYERS WHO TERMINATE SOME OR ALL PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALASKA PAY TERMINATION COSTS, AND MAKING THE CHANGES RETROACTIVE

Lisa:

- PERS system is underfunded. All states having issues. Currently the unfunded proportion as of 2009 which is earliest figures is about 6.6 billion dollars for the state of Alaska.
- PERS cannot tell the city of North Pole what has been deposited towards liabilities and who owns what.

Synopsis of Michal Lamb's Resolution to the FNSB, PERS II - The Sequel and PERS III

This resolution was written by Michael Lamb, CFO for the FNSB. PERS II - The Sequel was written by Michael Lamb and Larry Semmens, now Soldotna City Manager. PERS III - The Termination Studies was written by Michael Lamb.

In a nutshell, the state has never correctly managed the PERS program. For over 45 years, individual entities were led to believe that their individual deposits to the PERS program and their individual liabilities were driven by the individual hiring decisions.

A few years ago, we found this to be untrue. Instead of keeping each entity's assets and liabilities separate, the State comingled all assets and all liabilities, of each entity into one pot. The assets assigned to each entity do not reflect the entity's actual deposits (p7). Liabilities, for each entity, are allocated (p8) based upon the employee's service time, not the employee's

compensation level. The City of North Pole shares in the liabilities of all other entities under PERS.

The current rate of 22% of PERS payroll, that all entities pay, was calculated by the state as follows:

Allocated liabilities - Assigned assets = Unfunded Liability. This unfunded liability is what drives our .22 rate. At one time, each entity was paying a different rate, some as high as 50% of payroll, now each entity pays 22%.

These numbers, used to calculate the rate, are not true reflections of what each entity has paid into PERS and each entity's actual liability. In fact, the state cannot give us those actual numbers.

Bottom line is that we have an unfunded liability, through no fault of our own, or that of any other entity in the PERS system. (p9).

Currently, all entity's, pay 22% of their PERS salaries. If this rate is increased, our costs go up and more city monies are needed to cover the past mistakes of the actuarial company.

The current rate is composed of two different rates:

The normal rate - ie the rate that we need to pay to cover the current costs of our employees

The past service rate - ie the rate we are paying because of the state's mistake. (p13)

If the normal rate had been properly set in the past, we would not now have to pay a past service rate. In essence, we are forced to give the state financial aid because of the state's mismanagement of the PERS program (p13). Not only are we paying for the state's mismanagement, but we are not necessarily paying our actual share, we are paying the share assigned to us by the state. In fact, we could easily be paying, not only the past service costs of our own employees, but for the costs of employees of other entities.

Keep in mind, because of the state's mismanagement, the individual entity's are required to use dollars to pay this past service cost, that could well be used for services, such as fire/police protection, as well as possibly lowering sales/property taxes (p15)

The unfunded portion of the liability is comprised of three factors: (p20)

Rising Health Care - The actuarial company, in charge of managing the PERS, was not using correct actuarial information to calculate the normal costs. This has been a known factor to the State for many years. However, the state did nothing to act upon it. In a report to the State at November 30, 2006, by Buck, the state's new actuary; it was noted that the original actuary, Mercer, underestimated health care benefits by 7% (p26). In addition, Buck estimated other costs to be higher than what Mercer had estimated. Buck concluded that Mercer failed to properly account for \$399 million in PERS medical liabilities. The State failed to have proper oversight of Mercer's activities. Mercer used outdated numbers to set our rates for our normal costs; resulting in the underfunded liability. In a 1995 report (p29) from Foster Higgins, to the State, Foster Higgins stated that they were concerned that the actual experience does not

support the assumptions used to set the PERS rates. This problem was noted many years ago, but the State did not act upon it when it was first noted.

Loss of Investment Income - (p22) Per a Report from Callan Associations, to the State at October 12, 2006, Callan states that the annualized return on PERS investments exceeds the actuary's expected annual returns. In a nutshell, the investments made by the State Department of Revenue have helped to keep the unfunded liability down.

Change in Assumptions to Reflect Changing Conditions - The State is now using a new actuary which supposedly is using updated medical and morality tables to calculate the PERS rates.

In a report, from Marsh & McLennan, to the State, on December 31, 1971. Marsh & McLennan stated the importance that the quality of the actuarial valuation data should be as accurate as possible; that the State be provided with the best possible information of potential costs. They go on to state that the data the State was using, to set rates, was incomplete. Instead of using actual data, the State knowingly was making assumptions based on incorrect data. (p33)

As we can see throughout the PERS II - The Sequel report, the State was told numerous times, over the years, as far back as 1971, that they, the State, had a problem with the data that was being used to calculate the PER's rates. However, the State seems to have ignored these issues; while all along the entity's, in PERS, trusted that the State was properly managing the retirement assets of each entity. Members were not told how their rates were calculated, were not given reconciliation statements of their accounts; and were told at one point that the system was overfunded. (p43) In fact, the State lowered the retirement age, for Tier III, from 65 to 60 because they thought the system was overfunded.

In 2006, the State set up Tier IV, for PERS. There are not that many employees in Tier IV and they have not yet vested. However, not only are we required to pay the normal rate for their retirement, we are also required to pay extra, approximately 12% for each Tier IV employee, to help cover the unfunded liability of Tiers 1-3.

In 2008, the State enacted Senate Bill 125. This bill states that if a PERS entity decides to completely terminate a stand alone position or group of positions, the entity will incur the following costs:

Cost to the actuary to do a termination study. (running around 5000-13,000)

Payment to the State for the liability increase in the PERS system for the loss of that position.

Past service cost, paid to the State for 30 years. (last salary of the position, times 18.63%)

Senate Bill 125 does not take into effect:

Smaller entities could be greatly affected. For example, if they have only one PERS position, and they decide to eliminate that position, they will be on the hook for payments to PERS, even though they do not have employees in PERS. Switching employee positions, from one department to another, may actually keep the salary level for the entity. However, SB 125, would still require the studies and past service costs. Dollars needed to pay these costs, could well be used for the normal services of the entity. Ability to accept grants, that create new positions, may be compromised due to the on-going PERS liability after the grant has expired.

Ability to efficiently manage staffing levels may be compromised, if an entity is trying to “downsize” but still has to make payments to the State on positions that no longer exist.

This resolution supports the cleaning up of the unintended consequences of Senate Bill 125 and supports adopting and passage of a bill that will not require termination studies and past service costs on positions eliminated from PERS.

Citizens Comments

None

Mr. McCarthy *moved to* Introduce and Approve Resolution 11-12, A Resolution Supporting A Bill To End Requirements That Employers Who Terminate Some Or All Participation In The Public Employees’ Retirement System Of Alaska Pay Termination Costs, And Making The Changes Retroactive

Seconded by Ms. Hunter

Discussion

Mr. McGhee said it was complicated to understand but the explanation by Michael Lamb was grateful that he is behind this.

PASSED

YES –5 –Holm, Hunter, McCarthy, Arnold, McGhee

NO – 0

Abstained- 0

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Holm – No Comment

Ms. Arnold – Congratulated Ms. Weber and enjoyed watching the clerks work at AML and is proud that Ms. Weber represents North Pole and the state of Alaska. Ms. Arnold would like to follow up with adding professional development for Lisa and in other areas to expand education for other positions in the city. She said it serves the city well and she would like to see it pursued. Ms. Arnold will be gone until May 11.

Ms. Hunter – Attended the Itadori committee meeting and most of the information was reported in newspaper. They did omit that the committee decided to raise money to give to the Japanese relief in the name of our Sister City, Itadori, and that Karen Lane had thought it would be nice to put a collection box at various stores around town. She was asked to talk with the Chamber of Commerce to help with that. Ms. Hunter was glad to hear the presentation tonight and that the art community is going to make a contribution.

Mr. McCarthy – No Comment

Mayor Pro Tem McGhee – Thanked everyone for coming out and giving testimony tonight. He thanked department heads for their reports and to see the results of what each dept is doing.

He knows it's difficult to spend time with them and appreciates the reports they give on our community and the services they provide. Mr. McGhee said that Mrs. Weber has been an extreme asset to the council over the year and hope she will be for many years to come. He is grateful for her endeavor to help encourage training for other departments and employees so they can have a ladder to climb. He is grateful and has worked with a number of accounts, and he is grateful to Lisa and her ability to explain things and her desire for detail, that she can find something and go directly to it. He is thankful to Ms. Weber for encouraging a deputy clerk and give Tricia a goal to look forward to. A job is a waste if it doesn't move to improvement and doesn't have a ladder of progression; it can become stalemate and boring. He thought that the city needs to have a plaque that indicates that we have a MMC. We have to be proud of her. Be careful out there as he sees bad drivers and his most concern for students is the increased phone use behind the wheel. Texting and cell phone laws are not coming fast enough and the number of injuries is alarming. It is climbing at an unhealthy rate nothing is as important as a life. He said that AT&T produced a video about the impact of a 3 letter text message and how it killed a teenager.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCarthy *moved to* adjourn the meeting of April 4, 2011

Seconded by Mr. Holm

No Objection

The regular meeting of April 4, 2011 adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, April 18, 2011.

DOUGLAS W. ISAACSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

KATHRYN M. WEBER, MMC, City Clerk

Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending April 14, 2011

ISSUES:

- Update Juneau: Thank you to Mayor Pro Tem Thomas McGhee, City Clerk Kathy Weber, and all who stepped in while I was in Juneau. I have heard from several sources how the City was well represented in my absence, how the Mayor's Art Show went very well, and the professionalism and presentation at the 1-25 Deployment Ceremony. Also, Bill Butler was called upon with short notice to get me various documentation requested by various legislators which he did with great professionalism and clarity. I hit the ground running on Sunday, April 3, with several meetings and didn't stop until I got on the plane to return home on Thursday, April 7 having one primary request: inserting and approving \$2.5 million for our \$3.9 million Sewer Lining and Manhole Repair capital budget request. I secured several vital commitments to support the request and Rep. Tammie Wilson agreed to find the mechanism to successfully insert the request into the capital budget. Sen. Coghill and his staff were extremely helpful, especially Rynnieva Moss, who helped coordinate information requests and distribution. I spoke with several members of the Administration and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to make sure they understood the urgent need and details of the project in order to veto-proof the project if we are successful in getting it approved in the Legislature. As I write this, the Senate still has the Capital Budget and are not planning to insert any new requests; the House can not act upon the budget until they receive it from the Senate.

As an FYI, several legislators asked me about our Resolution 11-08 which was passed on March 7, 2011. In fact, it was making its rounds on the fax machines—all 60 pages—being sent out by a third party!

This past week has continued a lot of follow-up on the capital budget, the Tanana bridge, the natural gas bullet line, and oil pricing competitiveness. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn Sunday, April 17; I will update this report at the Council meeting.

- Mikunda, Cottrell & Co Audit of City Finances: While still “unofficial” it gives me great pleasure to commend Lisa Vaughn, City Accountant, and the accounting staff: Marilyn Zrucky/Payables, Tricia Fogarty/Receivables & Utilities Billing, and Kathy Weber who steps in from time to time with payroll, for an audit that I'm told has no significant findings! Much work and preparation went into the audit and great care is taken all year long to ensure our budget is well managed and the books are kept accurate. To my knowledge, as long as I've been with the City for the past decade, we've NEVER had an audit without significant issues. Our limited staff does an extraordinary job and deserves your recognition!

- Summer Festival Committee: Met on Monday, April 11. We've got a great team tackling 11 different projects that must be completed in order to put on a great event this July 4. If you would like to participate in helping to make this event exciting, whether it's producing the parade, scouring the community for finances and prizes, soliciting vendors, helping with games, putting on the Bed Race, marketing, or even being on the set-up and clean-up teams, please mark your calendar and attend **the next meeting: April 26, 6 pm, at City Hall.** See you there!

- UAF to Recognize Local Support: Please plan to attend the UAF North Pole Alumni Recognition on April 25, from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Hotel North Pole. Among the people and groups being recognized will be our Police and Fire Departments. Please refer to the invitation in this packet.

- City-Wide Open House Proposed: Because this year's Cruisin' With Santa will be held both in the Spring and Fall, the Spring date being May 21—the same day of the Annual NPFDP Open House, there is discussion on having a City Wide Open House. I have invited staff and council members to attend a planning meeting at City Hall on April 21 at 9 a.m. We have the opportunity to cross-market with Cruisin' With Santa and really make May 21 a “Must Be In North Pole” day. Please let the City Clerk know if you plan to attend the planning meeting. Howard Rixie will be giving the Council an informational update under “Ongoing Projects.”

- FMATS Policy Committee will meet April 20. As Bill Butler will share tonight, we have a great number of projects that will be revitalizing city streets and sidewalks this summer, thanks to funding obtained through FMATS and Council matching funds. FMATS Policy Committee meets at 10 am at the DOT&PF Administration meeting room on Peger Rd every third Wednesday of the month.

FNSB ASSEMBLY MEETING:

The Assembly will meet on April 14 at 6 pm. The lengthy agenda includes Ordinance 2011-14 that makes changes to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), various budget and zoning ordinances, and an ordinance exempting the Borough from Title 16 for one year (Ord. 2011-), and Ord. 2010-20-2N appropriating \$716,000 for ongoing costs related to the pipeline valuation litigation and appeals. For a complete agenda, go to <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/meetings/Assembly> .

MEDIA:

Apr 9 & 16, Mayor Isaacson was on KJNP (1170 AM, 100.3 FM) 8 – 9 a.m. “Over the Coffee Cup.”

UPCOMING (*see above for other events, dates, and times*)

- **Apr 19, 8 am – 1:30 pm**, SBA Lender Symposium @ Pike's Waterfront Lodge (see flyer).
- **Apr 19, 6 pm**, Mayor to participate in “Are You Smarter Than an 8th Grader” Transition Night @ NPHS
- **Apr 21, 6 pm**, Jingle In July Kick Off, for July 9 5 K Run/Walk for Arthritis Foundation @ Hotel North Pole.
- **Apr 26, 6:30 pm**, Itadori Sister City Meeting @ NPHS.
- **Apr 27, 11:30 am**, Sen. Murkowski Annual Luncheon @ Carlson Center/Buswell Pioneer room.
- **Apr 28, 7:30 am**, Mayor to greet 250 Lions from 80 Alaska, Yukon, BC & NW Territories communities @ Princess Hotel.
- **Apr 29, 1:30 pm**, Daryn Colledge Recognition @ NPHS
- **Apr 29, 6 pm**, NPFDP Annual Awards Dinner with Chief Johnson @ Hotel North Pole
- **Apr 30, 9 am – 1 pm**, “Exceptional Emergency Service” with Chief Johnson @ NPHS (contact Chief Lane for more details)

Doug Isaacson

From: Sharrah, Marisa [Marisa.Sharrah@kochps.com]
To: Sharrah, Marisa
Cc:
Subject: Golden Heart Awards - Invitation - 4-19-2011
Attachments:

Sent: Tue 4/12/2011 9:59 AM

Please consider attending this event to honor some FANTASTIC volunteers that we have in our community! While you're there, you can think of someone that you'd like to nominate next year! Flint Hills Resources will give 6 awards, and a \$1,000 contribution to the agencies the winners volunteer for. Hors devours will be provided, and there is no charge to attend. Please help Flint Hills Resources to recognize the efforts of the 18 individuals and groups that were nominated by the community this year.

Thank you!

You are invited to the
13th Annual Flint Hills Resources
Golden Heart Awards

Flint Hills



Resources

You and a guest are invited to join us
Tuesday, April 19th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM
at the

Fairbanks Princess Edgewater Room
As we recognize and honor our communities
outstanding volunteers.

Please RSVP by Friday April 15th

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Kathy Weber

From: Cheri Renson [carensen@alaska.edu]

Sent: Tue 4/12/2011 7:44 AM

To: Doug Isaacson; Kathy Weber

Cc:

Subject: UAF North Pole Community Reception

Attachments:  [UAF North Pole Reception.pdf\(26KB\)](#)

Greetings Mayor Doug and Kathy,

Can you please share this with the members of the City Council?

Thank you,
Cheri

Attached you will find an invitation to the University of Alaska Fairbanks' North Pole Community Reception. It is important to us that the Mayor of North Pole as well as the members of the City Council are part of this event.

Chancellor Rogers will be hosting this event in recognition of the businesses, organizations and UAF Alumni in North Pole that support and represent UAF, while making a positive impact on the North Pole community.

I hope that you can find time in your busy schedule to join us for food and casual conversation. If you have any questions about this event please contact me.

Thank you,
Cheri Renson

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Cheri Renson
Director of Public Events
310 Constitution
P.O. Box 757520
Fairbanks, AK 99775-7520

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cheri.renson@alaska.edu

"I'm selfish, impatient, and a little insecure. I make mistakes. I am out of control and, at times, hard to handle.

But if you can't handle me at my worst you sure as hell, don't deserve me at my best."

--Marilyn Monroe



*Chancellor Brian Rogers
cordially invites you and a guest
to a reception thanking the North Pole community
for supporting UAF's students and programs.*

*The reception will be held at the
Hotel North Pole
449 N. Santa Claus Lane, North Pole*

*Monday, April 25, 2011 from 5:30-7 p.m.
Program to begin at 6:15 p.m.*

*Kindly RSVP on or before Friday, April 22 to
Cheri Renson at 474-5114 or cheri.renson@alaska.edu*

2011 Fairbanks Lender Symposium Agenda

April 19, 2011 - Fairbanks, AK

7:30 AM-8:00AM	Sign in/Networking
8:00 AM-8:15AM	Welcome Remarks Tina Henne Small Business Development Center
8:15AM-8:45AM	Division of Investments' Small Business Loan Programs TBA
8:45AM-9:15AM	USDA Business and Industry and Rural Energy for America Programs Kim Wood, Interior Area Manager
9:15AM-9:45AM	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's Multi-Family Loan Programs Underwriting Cash Flow Melanie Smith, AHFC Underwriter
9:45AM-9:55AM	Break
9:55AM-10:25AM	Highlights on the SBA 504 Loan Program & Recent Changes Barbara Gill, Senior Loan Officer, Evergreen Business Capital
10:25AM-11:55AM	Updates in SBA Lending Nelida Irvine, Lender Relations Specialist Alaska District
11:55AM-12:25PM	Working Lunch (Lunch provided)
12:25AM-12:55PM	Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Jennifer Cesar, Program Coordinator
12:55PM-1:25PM	Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) Leona Hakala, AIDEA loan officer
1:25PM	Questions and wrap up Scott Swingle, SBA Northern Area Manager

Hosted By:



2011 Fairbanks Lender Symposium

Pre-registration

Location

Pike's Waterfront Lodge
1850 Hoselton Rd.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Date and Time

Tuesday, April 19, 2011
7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
(Lunch provided)

Please complete and return (by mail, fax or e-mail) this form by April 15, 2011.

ATTN: Tina Henne, SBDC

604 Barnette St., Ste. 220/Fairbanks, AK 99701

Telephone: 907-456-7232 Fax: 907-456-7233

E-mail: aygreatnorth@uaa.alaska.edu

Organization Name: _____

Contact name: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Attendee name:



Office of the Mayor
City of North Pole

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chase Virg In is in the 6th grade at North Pole Middle School and is the daughter of Raymond & Karen Virg In of North Pole; and

WHEREAS, Chase is a delightful young lady and is always pleasant and polite. She is soft spoken but always engaging and willing to have a conversation; and

WHEREAS, Chase's teachers nominated her as one of North Pole Middle School's Students of the Month for the month of January 2011 because she sets the bar high for her fellow classmates; and

WHEREAS, Chase is always eager to help those around her. She is in class on time and ready to learn with a cheerful disposition; and

WHEREAS, Chase's grades are always at the top of the class and she regularly participates in class discussion; and

WHEREAS, Chase is a model student and good citizen; and


WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to recognize the outstanding students in the community.

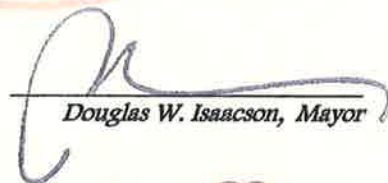
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor of the City of North Pole, do hereby proclaim Chase Virg In the:

**North Pole City Council
Middle School Student of the Month
for the Month of April 2011.**



ATTEST.


Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk


Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor



Office of the Mayor
City of North Pole

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Kaden Cannon is in the 1st grade at North Pole Elementary School and is the son of Lucas & Amanda Cannon of North Pole; and

WHEREAS, Kaden is a neat student and great person; and

WHEREAS, Kaden works hard and is a good listener; and

WHEREAS, Kaden always has a smile on his face and is enjoyable to be around; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to recognize the outstanding students in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor of the City of North Pole, do hereby proclaim Kaden Cannon:

The North Pole City Council

"Student of the Month"

For the Month of April 2011



ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Weber
Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor



Office of the Mayor
City of North Pole

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Brittney Ward is a Senior at North Pole High School and is the daughter of J.D. & Mary Ward of North Pole; and

WHEREAS, Brittney is focused and self disciplined which makes her a great athlete. She is a member of the basketball team, track & field, has been a Football Manager for 4 years and received the Coaches Award for basketball; and

WHEREAS, Brittney loves to volunteer in her free time. She helps elderly people clean their homes and takes them shopping, participates in the borough wide Clean-up Day taking pride in her neighborhood and community, and helps raise money by participating in the Heart Walk each year; and

WHEREAS, Brittney is an intelligent and hard working student who has achieved academic excellence and can proudly say she has been on the honor roll during all 4 years of her high school career; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to recognize the outstanding students in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor of the City of North Pole, do hereby proclaim Brittney Ward the:

**North Pole City Council
High School Student of the Month
For April 2011**




Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor


Kathryn M Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk



Office of the Mayor
City of North Pole

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service brought Oregonians Raymond and Linda Clark to Alaska in 1996 along with their volunteer philosophy of "We help out where we can"; and

WHEREAS, Raymond and Linda attended the same high school but didn't become reacquainted until Raymond returned from Vietnam where he served in the Marine Corps for 4 years and was awarded two Purple Hearts for his service in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Raymond joined the United States Postal Service in 1970 and was stationed throughout the United States before coming to Alaska in 1996. He was in charge of the Statewide Postal Services until he was appointed Post Master for the Fairbanks varsity, a position he held from 1996 until his retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Raymond and Linda have been an essential part of the North Pole volunteer community for many years. During these years they were instrumental in the establishment of the American Legion Post 30. While serving as Senior Vice VFW Community Services Chairmen, the Post was awarded the VFW's National Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Raymond has worked with the Veterans Coalition, served as the Commander for the Alaska Purple Heart Association and on the Love, Inc. board; and

WHEREAS, The Clark's are active members of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in North Pole and since Raymond's retirement he has provided maintenance, served as the Parish Council Chairperson and is currently heading up the New Construction Committee; and

WHEREAS, Linda is currently serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and is an active participant in the educational life of the Church; and

WHEREAS, Father Robert Fath said of the Clark's, "The Clark's are long time parishioners of St. Nick's who don't just talk about their faith but live their faith out"; and

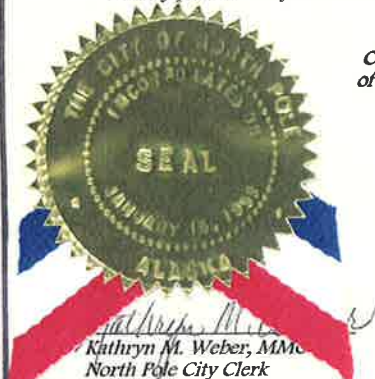
WHEREAS, Linda is a member of the City of North Pole's Beautification Committee and on the board of the North Pole Senior Housing Association; and

WHEREAS, Raymond and Linda are active members of the Midnight Sun Inter-Tribal Powwow Group, volunteer to pick up and deliver food boxes to the North Pole Santa's Seniors and always step in where help is need; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to recognize the outstanding senior's in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor of the City of North Pole, do hereby proclaim Raymond and Linda Clark the:

**North Pole City Council
Outstanding Senior Citizens
of the month for April, 2011.**



Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk



Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor



City of North Pole Office of the Mayor

125 Snowman Lane • North Pole, AK 99705
Phone: 907-488-8584 • Fax: 907-488-3002

Date: April 18, 2011
To: City Council
Cc: Kathy Weber, Bill Butler
From: Mayor Douglas W. Isaacson
RE: ***Request to Honor Daryn Colledge with an Honorary Street Name***

I am requesting Council approval for an Honorary Street Name designation in recognition of the achievements of homegrown Super Bowl Champion, Daryn Colledge.

The honorary designation will be applied to NPHS Blvd as: **"Daryn Colledge Blvd"**. The signage proposed will cost the city approximately \$150 (estimated \$75 per sign) and will be erected on poles that the City already owns at the intersection of NPHS Blvd and Old Richardson Hwy, and at the intersection of NPHS Blvd and the high school entrance. The signs will be similar to existing street signs and will be red and white color scheme with the City Logo that will help people recognize an honorary designation and not a permanent name change. The honorary designation is for a period of ten years.

Attached is a policy issued from my office governing Honorary Street naming. It is not original, other communities have similar policies. Even a quick Google search demonstrates that such naming is a widespread practice among cities to recognize the achievements of citizens by applying an honorary title to a road—without actually changing the official name, which may be disruptive to the residents and businesses on the affected street. A local example is the Richardson Highway as it approaches and passes through Eielson AFB; the highway has an honorary title of, "Purple Heart Highway," and a very large sign announcing the designation.

Daryn Colledge, Offensive Guard, number 73, of the Super Bowl XLV (2011) Champions Green Bay Packers, grew up in North Pole and graduated from

North Pole High School in 2000. He is the son of Tammy Randolph and Scott Colledge.

Please read the attached article written by Tom Bergeron of Yahoo! Sports, The Post Game; it speaks to the significance of Daryn's achievements to our local community. Honoring him as a local hero and role model may cause other city youth to make a commitment to themselves, their family, and their community, to strive for excellence because someone from North Pole *can* achieve significant accomplishments, whether academically, in the sports world, medicine, or any chosen line of work. My hope is that by honoring Daryn Colledge, the Council may encourage significant achievements both within our community and beyond our borders.

As Daryn is quoted as saying, *"I've always worked hard in sports and in school. I wanted my parents to be proud of me; I worked so hard in college that I wanted North Pole to be proud of me."* A community recognition is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 29, from 1:30-2:15 at North Pole High School. Presentations will include a Proclamation from the City of North Pole and from the State Legislature.

Thank you.

ThePostGame. (Yahoo! Sports)

Packers G Daryn Colledge Hails From The Real Frozen Tundra: North Pole, Alaska

Thursday, February 3 2011 1:54 PM
Written by: Tom Bergeron

There's been a subtle competition of sorts among NFL players in recent years.

When they introduce themselves on TV at the beginning of games, simply mentioning their college is no longer enough. First it was the nickname of their college. Then there were references to high schools, middle schools and Pop Warner programs. A few elementary schools even have received some recognition.

On Super Bowl Sunday, one member of the Packers can top them all:

"Daryn Colledge ... North Pole."

That's right, the game that annually brags about how it is seen in all over the world -- this year's version will be shown in nearly 250 countries and will be available to more than a billion viewers -- actually will have someone from one of the corners of globe this year.

Colledge grew up in North Pole, Alaska, a small community that's on the outskirts of Fairbanks and roughly 150 miles from the Arctic Circle.

And while the town's website will tell you it's the only place "where the spirit of Christmas lives year 'round," residents are eagerly awaiting a chance to claim a second day in the spotlight. On Super Bowl Sunday, they'll have a chance to turn on the big game and see one of their own.

"It's a big deal," Mayor Doug Isaacson says. "We're a small town of 2,200 and a close-knit community.

"When a North Pole guy makes it in any category, it's a good thing and a big deal."

Snowman Lane

Let's get a few things straight about North Pole, Alaska.



For starters, it's not actually located at the North Pole. (No one actually lives there; a weather/military station in Canada roughly 500 miles from true magnetic north is the closest inhabited spot. It listed five permanent residents in a 2006 census.)

North Pole, Alaska, is not even the northernmost city in the United States (that would be Barrow, Alaska, population 4,429). In fact, it's about a dozen miles *south* of Fairbanks -- Alaska's second-largest city.

But don't be confused. It is the home of Santa Claus.

Or, at least, Kris Kringle, which is the name on the Alaska driver's license of the man who works at the Santa Claus House. And while there are actual reindeer at the house (available for photos, of course), he does, in fact, need a license for when he rides his motorcycle in the balmy summers. (It gets close to triple-digits in North Pole -- trust us. More on that later.)

The town embraces its name. There are candy cane street signs, and road names that make it clear just where you are. The Santa Claus house is located on St. Nicholas Drive. City officials work on Snowman Lane. Blitzen and Donner are street names. As is Mistletoe.

And if you're looking for Santa Claus Lane, you've come to right place. It's where you'll find the post office. Yes, the one that really does get all those letters addressed to Santa -- "about 500,000 a year," post office employee Dwight Sneed says.

Hokey? Not to the people of North Pole, a town that was incorporated in 1953 with hopes of becoming a center for the toy industry. That didn't materialize, but the spirit of the season remains.

"Our kids have a good bit of pride in it," says North Pole football coach Richard Henert. "They understand it's a big piece of our community."

Lately, so is football.

Three Thousand Fans In A Town Of 2,200

If you went to the sports section on the website of the Fairbanks Daily News this week, you would have found stories on the USA Curling Junior National Championships and a recap from the Alaska Dog Musers Association Annamaet Challenge Series.

If you check out the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame, you'll find plenty of references to the Iditarod Sled Dog race (Susan Butcher among others), skiing (Tommy Moe), hockey (Scott Gomez), even rowing (who knew, the first Alaskan to win an Olympic gold medal, Kris Thorsness, did it in the Summer Games).

And while locals will be quick to tell you that basketball (see Carlos Boozer and Trajan Langdon) is the state's biggest sport, football is making inroads.

While there were some conference title games earlier, the first recognized high school football state championships didn't take place until 1997. In 2000, schools were reorganized into small school and big school (enrollment of more than 750) classes. Presently, 31 schools offer football programs.



Games are a big deal. North Pole routinely draws 3,000 or so fans. Not bad for a town of just 2,200 (though more than 30,000 live within 15 miles of the town). There are pep rallies, cheerleaders, tailgates and standing-room only crowds.

The only difference is when the games are played.

The season starts in early August and ends in October. And while the skill level isn't the same as the game played in the "Lower 48," as they say, there is plenty of talent.

Colledge will not be the first Alaskan in the Super Bowl. He's actually the third. Offensive guard Mark Schlereth of Anchorage played in three, winning each time -- twice with the Broncos and once with the Redskins. One of his victories came over a Falcons team that featured defensive tackle Travis Hall of Kenai.

And if the Packers didn't make the Super Bowl, another Alaskan would have. Zack Bowman of Anchorage plays cornerback for the Bears. A third Alaskan -- Chris Kuper, also of Anchorage -- plays guard for the Broncos.

"We have some incredibly talented players up here," says Isaiah Vreeman, an official with the Alaska School Activities Association. "The difference is that instead of having four or five on a team, there's usually just one. But the best ones can play anywhere."

Help From A Rival And The Blue-Turf Gang

Colledge -- and the man who inadvertently helped discover him -- are responsible for building the program at North Pole High.

Colledge was the shining star of the Class of 2000. Some would say he was the only star.

"We were struggling and building at that time," says Walt Armstrong, the longtime athletic director at the school. "He definitely was a standout on the team, sort of a bright light in a dark period. He was one of the ones who really helped the other students take notice."

Boise State did, too.

Legendary Alaska high school coach Buck Nystrom, then coaching at nearby Eielson High, sent game films of two of his players to Boise State. The Broncos weren't interested in the Eielson kids, but coaches there couldn't take their eyes off the dominating lineman on the other team. They offered Colledge a scholarship instead.

In 2001, Nystrom took over the program at North Pole and almost instantly made it a state power, leading the school to a state title in 2004.

Nystrom, also a member of the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame, passed away in 2006. His legacy, however, lives on in North Pole -- partly because of Colledge.

Colledge's picture still is prevalent at the school, as is his presence. It's common to find him talking with the current players when he returns to the area to visit family in the summer.



A school that struggled to produce a single team a decade ago now has three.

And Dane Ebanes, a 2009 grad of North Pole, was a redshirt freshman at the University of Oregon this fall, making North Pole one of the few schools to ever have an alum in the college national title game and the Super Bowl in the same season.

"I Wanted North Pole To Be Proud Of Me"

Eight Alaskans have been selected in the NFL draft. Colledge, a second-round pick (47th overall) in 2006, is the highest-ever selection.

He's earned it. Colledge became a starter in the second game of his rookie year, and he has started 76 of the 80 games he's been with the team, including every game the past three seasons. Last year, he was on the field for more than 97 percent of the offensive snaps.

He's been just as good off the field. He was named the Packers' 2009 nominee for the Walter Payton Man of the Year, the league award that recognizes off-the-field community service as well as playing excellence.

Last week, in the lead-up to the game, Colledge told his local paper that his work ethic and attitude trace back to his childhood home.

"You want people to be happy with what you've done and where you've come from," he told the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. "I've always worked hard in sports and in school. I wanted my parents to be proud of me; I worked so hard in college that I wanted North Pole to be proud of me, and I've worked so hard in the pros that I wanted Boise State to be proud of what I've done."

That pride will be felt Sunday in North Pole, Alaska, more than 3,000 miles away from Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

And maybe on Monday, the town that never stops singing about “five golden rings” will have one more.



City of North Pole Office of the Mayor

125 Snowman Lane • North Pole, AK 99705
Phone: 907-488-8584 • Fax: 907-488-3002

Date: April 12, 2011
To: Bill Butler
Cc: Kathy Weber, City Council, All Departments
From: Mayor Douglas W. Isaacson
RE: ***Honorary Street Name Sign Policy***

PURPOSE: This method of honoring individuals or groups is reserved for those having city wide impact or fame. Individual family tribute or commercial and corporate related recognition does not qualify.

BACKGROUND: Honorary street name signs are signs posted above standard city street name signs, or as determined by the Public Works Supervisor, which are intended to recognize and honor certain individuals or groups without changing the official name of the street or the official addresses of residences and businesses on the street.

POLICY/PROCEDURES:

A. This policy applies only to public streets located within the city limits of the City of North Pole and shall apply the designation for up to ten (10) years.

B. All requests not directly made by the Mayor shall be made in a letter form to the Mayor or Director of City Services setting out the location or locations of the intersection(s) where the honorary street name signed is desired. The letter of request must include the following:

1. Justification for the honorary designation shall be provided in detail establishing that the individual or group meets the requirement that the individual or group has had city wide impact or fame. Individual family tribute to a family member or corporate related recognition does not qualify for Honorary Street designation recognition.

2. The person, group or organization that will be responsible for payment of the costs associated with the design, fabrication, installation and maintenance of the sign if approved.

- C. The request will then be submitted for approval to the City Council.
- D. If approved by the City Council the requestor shall pay all costs as established by the Public Works Supervisor and/or the Director of City Services prior to the design, fabrication, installation and maintenance of the sign. If multiple sign locations are requested and approved the cost for each location shall be paid prior to design, fabrication, installation and maintenance of the sign. The cost will cover expenses that the City is expected to incur over the ten (10) year period approved for the Honorary Street Sign Designation.
- E. This fee will be deposited in the City's General Fund upon receipt to cover costs that the City is expected to incur over the life of the sign.
- F. The City will maintain the sign after the installation.



April 13, 2011

City of North Pole
Mayor Isaacson & City Council
125 Snowman Lane
North Pole, AK 99705

RE: NPEDC 4Q2010 & 1Q2011 Bed Tax Request

Mayor Isaacson & Council Members,

Pursuant to North Pole City Ordinance 4.09, here's a brief recap of the activities of the North Pole Economic Development Corporation during the 4th quarter of 2010 and the 1st quarter of 2011, along with a brief overview of our activities moving forward.

As you can imagine, the holidays are quite a busy time for us. During the 4th Quarter of 2010, our primary focus was once again on helping secure funding and put together a successful Christmas in Ice event. As you know, this event draws thousands of people from all over the state and world to North Pole to see some amazing ice art. Hosting the event is a major undertaking, and we are glad to provide support to Christmas in Ice. We were also happy to once again put on the Spirit of North Pole Holiday Lighting Contest. This annual contest awards more than \$2,000 in cash and prizes to residents and businesses who decorate for the holidays. We had a little bit of a challenge due to the extreme weather, but after slightly extending the deadline the contest was a success.

During the 1st Quarter of 2011, we were proud to work with the Alaska Dog Musher's Association on bringing the annual North Pole Championship Series Sprint Dog Races back to downtown North Pole. Using donated equipment, 100s of hours of labor, and the generosity of a multitude of private property owners, we put in nearly 20 miles of trail in the greater North Pole area. Our Executive Director raised a \$15,000 purse, attracting mushers and spectators from throughout Alaska to this event. This amount represents one of the largest purses in sprint dog racing in all of Alaska. Due to our support and encouragement, the ADMA has already agreed to hold the races in downtown North Pole again next year. We have even bigger plans for next year.

Moving forward into summer, we hope to further develop the "Spirit of North Pole" initiative by taking a lead role on quality of life and beautification projects in the area as well as supporting other community organizations and committees in their work. Depending on funding, one of our main focuses this summer will be on the beautification projects we began last year for the roundabouts as well as two "pocket parks" in high visibility areas of North Pole. Additionally, we are pleased to be working with Christmas in Ice on some exciting new developments that will have a major impact on North Pole. It's going to be a busy summer and we're excited for the future of North Pole.

Please know that we always welcome the Council's input, so feel free to contact either myself via email at paul.brown@npedc.com, or our executive director, Buzz Otis, at buzz.otis@npedc.com, or if urgent via his cell phone at 322-8909.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Brown".

Paul Brown
Board President



North Pole Economic Development Corp.
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2011

	<u>Mar 31, 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
NPEDC	<u>4,747.75</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>4,747.75</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	<u>7,600.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>7,600.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>12,347.75</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>12,347.75</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	<u>569.00</u>
Total Accounts Payable	<u>569.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>569.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>569.00</u>
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	33,376.83
Unrestricted Net Assets	7,957.21
Net Income	-29,555.29
Total Equity	<u>11,778.75</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>12,347.75</u>

North Pole Economic Development Corp.
Profit & Loss
 January through March 2011

	<u>Jan - Mar 11</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2000 - Ordinary Income	
2010 - Government Contributions	19,105.17
2020 - Corporate Contributions	3,900.00
Total 2000 - Ordinary Income	<u>23,005.17</u>
Total Income	23,005.17
Expense	
3000 - Administration	
3010 - Executive Director	7,500.00
3020 - Administrative Support	572.00
3030 - Vehicle & Mileage Reimb.	2,000.00
3040 - Expense Reimbursement	5,285.60
Total 3000 - Administration	<u>15,357.60</u>
4000 - Operations	
4020 - Office Supplies	39.75
4040 - Postage & Mailing	53.97
Total 4000 - Operations	<u>93.72</u>
5000 - Facilities & Equipment	
5010 - Rent	1,000.00
Total 5000 - Facilities & Equipment	<u>1,000.00</u>
5100 - Utilities	
5110 - Electricity	100.00
5130 - Phones & Internet	99.48
Total 5100 - Utilities	<u>199.48</u>
6000 - Marketing & Outreach	
6040 - Donations & Sponsorships	12,400.00
Total 6000 - Marketing & Outreach	<u>12,400.00</u>
6100 - Events	7,353.28
6200 - Programs	
6220 - Beautification Projects	14,506.90
Total 6200 - Programs	<u>14,506.90</u>
7000 - Professional Services	
7020 - Accounting Fees	1,649.48
Total 7000 - Professional Services	<u>1,649.48</u>
Total Expense	<u>52,560.46</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-29,555.29</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-29,555.29</u></u>

North Pole Economic Development Corp.
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2010

	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
NPEDC	<u>30,134.04</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>30,134.04</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	<u>11,200.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>11,200.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>41,334.04</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>41,334.04</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	33,376.83
Unrestricted Net Assets	-15,670.98
Net Income	<u>23,628.19</u>
Total Equity	<u>41,334.04</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>41,334.04</u>

North Pole Economic Development Corp.
Profit & Loss
January through December 2010

	Jan - Dec 10
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2000 - Ordinary Income	
2010 - Government Contributions	53,512.05
2020 - Corporate Contributions	29,075.00
2030 - Individual Contributions	300.00
2060 - Program Income	400.00
2070 - Reimbursements	9,991.75
Total 2000 - Ordinary Income	93,278.80
Total Income	93,278.80
Expense	
3000 - Administration	
3010 - Executive Director	35,000.00
3020 - Administrative Support	4,199.50
3030 - Vehicle & Mileage Reimb.	6,800.00
3040 - Expense Reimbursement	1,659.66
3000 - Administration - Other	0.00
Total 3000 - Administration	47,659.16
4000 - Operations	
4010 - Office Expense	1,017.72
4020 - Office Supplies	321.00
4030 - Dues & Subscriptions	873.33
4040 - Postage & Mailing	215.88
4050 - Reimbursable Expense	100.00
Total 4000 - Operations	2,527.93
4100 - Travel & Entertainment	
4110 - Travel Expense	1,586.53
4120 - Hotels & Lodging	493.47
4130 - Car Rental & Expense	353.48
4140 - Parking Fees	10.00
4150 - Registration Fees	72.50
4160 - Meals & Entertainment	204.29
Total 4100 - Travel & Entertainment	2,720.27
5000 - Facilities & Equipment	
5010 - Rent	6,550.00
Total 5000 - Facilities & Equipment	6,550.00
5100 - Utilities	
5110 - Electricity	500.00
5130 - Phones & Internet	634.95
Total 5100 - Utilities	1,134.95
6000 - Marketing & Outreach	
6020 - Production Services	462.08
6030 - Printing	204.80
6040 - Donations & Sponsorships	3,050.00
Total 6000 - Marketing & Outreach	3,716.88
6100 - Events	
6110 - Catering	811.01
6120 - Rental Fees	250.00
Total 6100 - Events	1,061.01
6200 - Programs	
6210 - Spirit of North Pole	3,079.71
6200 - Programs - Other	205.70
Total 6200 - Programs	3,285.41

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Accrual Basis

North Pole Economic Development Corp.

Profit & Loss

January through December 2010

	Jan - Dec 10
7000 - Professional Services	
7010 - Legal Fees	80.00
7020 - Accounting Fees	665.00
7040 - Other Professional Fees	250.00
Total 7000 - Professional Services	995.00
Total Expense	69,650.61
Net Ordinary Income	23,628.19
Net Income	23,628.19



City of North Pole Office of the Mayor

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Date: April 18, 2011
To: Council members
Cc: Kathy Weber, MMC
From: Mayor Douglas W. Isaacson 
RE: ***Request Approval to Implement Santa Claus Lane
Main Street Development Initiative Proposal***

I am requesting Council approval to implement the Santa Claus Lane Main Street Development Initiative Proposal.

Bill Butler, Director of City Services, has drafted a "Main Street" vision for North Pole. I am seeking Council approval to implement this initiative because it requires that we re-allocate funds within Public Works, as indicated on the spreadsheet titled, "Public Works Budget for the 4 Months Ending April 30, 2011." If the initiative is approved, I will show the re-allocated funds formally within the mid-year budget amendments ordinance.

This exciting initiative will become much more clear in Bill's formal presentation tonight. In the initiative, he has brought together historical initiatives and current efforts, including, and gratefully acknowledging, the efforts of the Beautification Committee, and the North Pole Economic Development Corporation which is also seeking State and other funding to make these efforts come to life. For example, the redesign of the roundabouts is the product of the NPEDC.

By combining the efforts of the City, NPEDC, the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce, and the Beautification Committee with general oversight provided by the Director of City Services, a continuous, multi-year momentum can be attained which will encourage even more participation and the ability to attract funding as available.

Santa Claus Lane Strategic Vision

Roundabouts

- Plantings according to available design
- Annual contest to adopt flower beds within round-about for summer display
- City will provide water and will water summer plantings
- Continue to have ice carvings in winter
- Routinely sweep roundabouts in summer

Pedestrian park

- Buy small lot at corner of Santa Claus and Saint Nicholas Lane
- Flower plantings
- Few picnic tables or benches
- Consider permitting a vendor in a mobile unit
- Decorate trees in winter; have the large tree in park be the City's official Christmas tree

Santa Claus Lane between Richardson Highway and Park Way/Saint Nicholas

- Get active participation of Beautification Committee in specific functions, i.e. watering and caring for flower baskets or flower plantings in roundabouts
- Clean ditches in spring when snow melts and remove gravel; reseed ditches each year to green up quickly
- Sweep sidewalks and road throughout summer
- Plantings and green spaces along both sides of street matching theme of roundabouts; trees only in places where they will not be damaged by snow plowing
- City cut grass in ditches
- City provide water for plantings; investigate using water from creek or shallow wells (need DNR approval)
- Hanging flower baskets at a minimum for this stretch of road (preferably the entire length of road). Possibly use new candy striped poles for hangers (need DOT approval if in ROW)
- Place attractive, firmly mounted trash cans along road
- New enclosed lighted bus stops-stone and log
- Benches
 - Flower plantings around benches (Beautification could be responsible for maintaining plantings)
 - Benches bolted to ground; if plowing will damage benches, remove each fall
 - If plantings not practical due to snow plowing place large planters that are removed each fall

- Develop a memorial program where can have bench identified as a memorial and help fund its maintenance
- Encourage businesses to have flower plantings; consider offering recognition/awards for flower plantings
- Encourage businesses to have Christmas displays; consider offering recognition/award for decorations along Santa Claus Lane
- Plant trees in DOT right of way along road following theme of roundabouts

Santa Claus Lane between Park Way/Saint Nicholas and 5th Avenue

- City “clean up” road rights of way—keep trees but cut down woody growth and encourage grass
- Decorate trees with Christmas lights during winter season
- Install hanging flower baskets along road
- Park benches along road with plantings around them; if plantings not practical due to snow plowing place large planters that are removed each fall
- Place trash cans along road
- New enclosed lighted bus stop-stone and log
- Plant trees in DOT right of way along road where snowplowing will not damage; trees follow roundabout design

Interchanges

- All slopes along Richardson Highway need to be attractive, at least planted in grass
- Preferably have flower plantings. Plantings could be theme oriented, i.e. candy cane stripped red & white; Welcome to North Pole, etc.
- Need water source. Too expensive to use City water. Investigate installing wells on private land adjacent to interchanges to supply water.
- City take responsibility for cutting grass

Dog park

- Clear city-owned lots between 2nd & 3rd Avenues
- Use fence salvaged from High School Boulevard to enclose park
- Recruit owner of remaining lots to allow lots to be incorporated as part of park
- Organize a community group to adopt the park. Until, and if group cannot be organized, City will maintain park
- Provide dispensers for bags to collect waste
- Provide receptacles for disposing of waste
- Understanding that Dog Park is “temporary”; if City needs land or it needs to sell the land

Beaver Springs Creek Trail

- Keep plowed in winter

2011 Santa Claus Lane Goals

Create a budget line within Public Works Budget for Main Street Development

- \$150,000 transferred from other budget lines in Public Works budget
 - No new funding requested
1. Landscape the three roundabouts
 - Need DOT authorization
 - Release a RFB by May 2 and make a recommendation to City Council by June 6
 - City will water plantings as needed
 2. Purchase skid steer loader funded with a DOT award
 - Release a RFB by May 2 and make a recommendation to City Council by June 6
 3. Maintain ditches from interchange to St. Nicholas
 - Sweep ditches
 - Landscape as necessary to “green up” ditches
 - Water and cut grass as necessary
 - Upgrade culvert surrounds as necessary
 4. Purchase land at intersection of Santa Claus Lane and Saint Nicholas for a pedestrian park
 - Solicit design for landscaping
 - Install landscaping
 - Install at least one park bench and/or picnic table
 - Maintain park grounds and plantings
 5. Clean brush and thin trees on east side of Santa Claus Lane
 - Need DOT and landowner authorization
 6. Install hanging flower baskets at a minimum from interchange to Saint Nicholas Drive
 - Need DOT authorization to place poles in DOT right of way
 - City will water flowers
 - Recruit Beautification Committee to maintain flower baskets
 7. Install a minimum of 4 benches and associated landscaping along Santa Claus Lane
 - Need DOT and/or landowner authorization
 - Create an Adopt a Bench Program to support the installation, maintenance and landscaping around benches
 8. Christmas decorations along Santa Claus Lane
 - Decorate new tree plantings in roundabouts
 - Decorate spruce trees along east side of Santa Claus Lane from Saint Nicholas Drive 3rd Avenue
 - Need DOT and landowner authorization

DESIGN NOTES

* THE OBJECTIVE IS TO CREATE A FUNCTIONAL, PLEASING LANDSCAPE WITHIN THE ROUND-ABOUTS ON SANTA CLAUD LANE, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS PLACED IN THESE FIVE AREAS;

1.) AESTHETICALLY PLEASING:

- A VARIETY OF GEOMETRIC SHAPES INSCRIBED WITHIN A CIRCLE
- SHRUB MASSINGS AND FLOWERS ARE CONFINED WITHIN GEOMETRIC SHAPES
- TREES ARE LOCATED AND MIXED NATURALLY WITHIN THESE SHAPES
- RANDOM BOULDERS AND CORBLES ADD NATURAL ELEMENT THAT CONTRASTS NICELY WITH SMOOTH GROUNDCOVER (B-CHIPS) AND GEOMETRIC SHAPES.
- SLIGHT GRADE CHANGE IN PLANTERS ADD INTEREST TO FLAT SITE.

2.) LOW MAINTENANCE

- STONE GROUNDCOVERS REQUIRE NO CARE
- SHRUB MASSING SIMPLIFIES WATERING AND CONSERVES MOISTURE
- ANNUAL FLOWER MAINTENANCE IS A GIVEN

3.) INTEGRATES W/ EXISTING STREETSCAPE

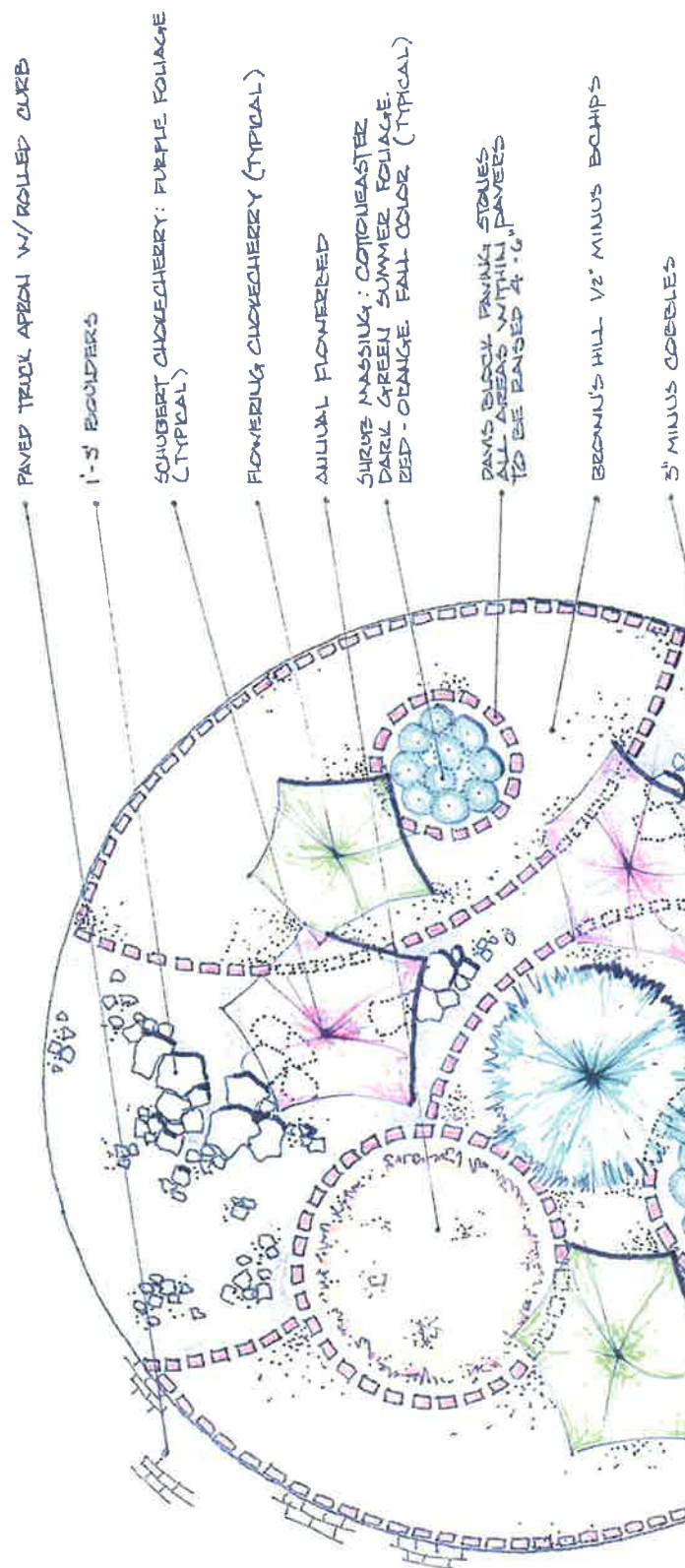
- PROPOSED DESIGN FOR AREA IN FRONT OF BEAVERBROOK MALL WOULD INCORPORATE SIMILAR DESIGN THEMES. THIS THEME COULD THEN EXPAND.

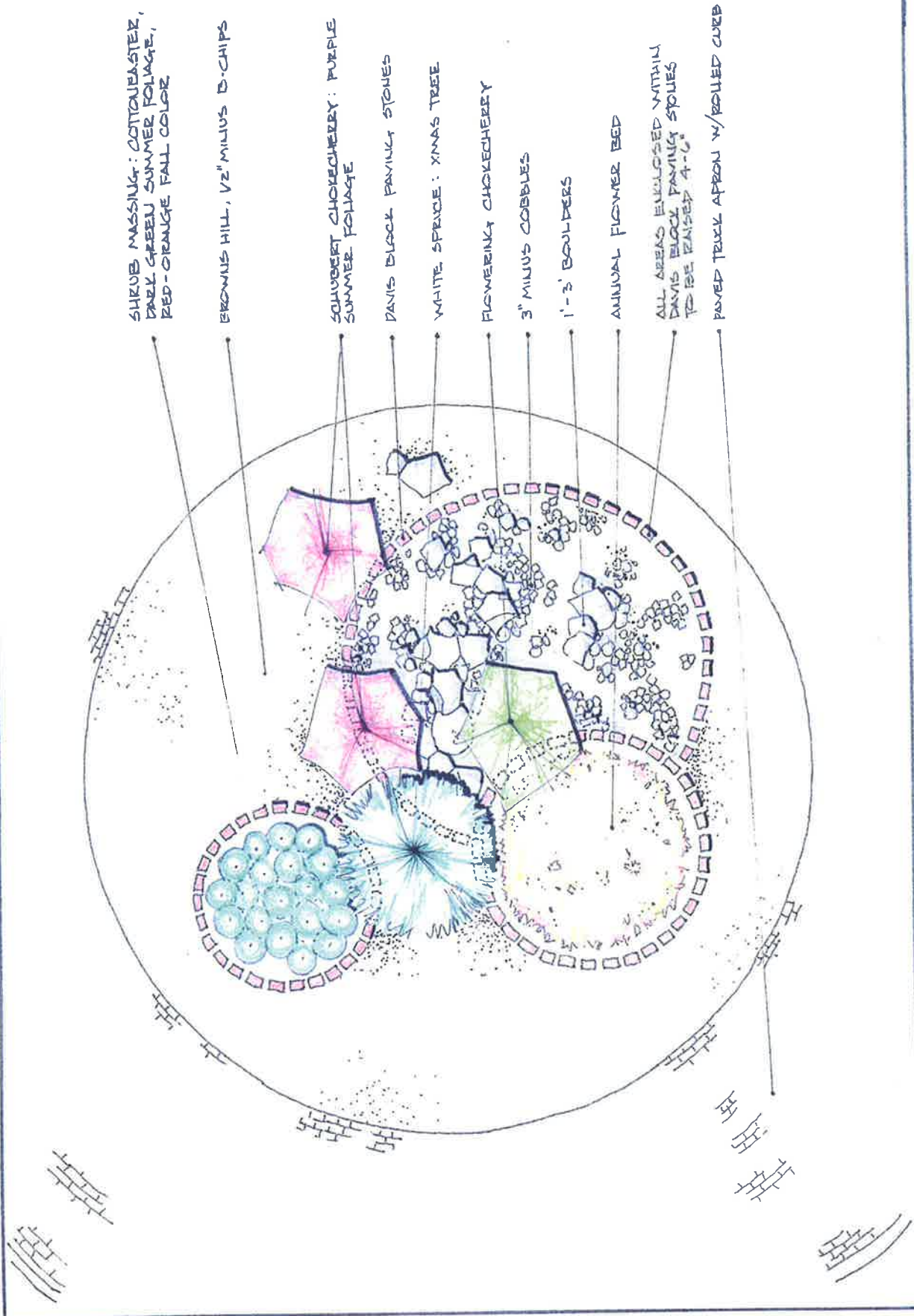
4.) SAFETY

- ABSENCE OF LARGE FIXED OBJECTS IN DESIGN THAT COULD POSE SAFETY HAZARD FOR VEHICLES
- DENSE SHRUBS ARE LOW-GROWING TO ALLOW FOR BETTER VISION.
- DECIDUOUS TREES HAVE OPEN CHARACTER THAT CAN BE SELECTIVELY PRUNED
- EACH ROUND-ABOUT IS LIMITED TO ONE SPRUCE TREE

5.) YEAR-ROUND APPEAL

- DESIGN IS ASYMETRICAL SO THAT APPEARANCE WILL CHANGE FROM EVERY POINT. THERE IS NO FRONT, BACK, ETC.
- MANY AREAS AVAILABLE FOR ICE SCULPTURE
- EACH SEASON HAS HIGHLIGHTS:
 - SPRING : AROMATIC, FLOWERING TREES
 - SUMMER : ANNUAL FLOWERS, VARIETY OF COLORS, TEXTURES OF PLANTS AND GROUNDCOVERS
 - FALL : BRILLIANT RED-ORANGE SHRUB MASSINGS
 - WINTER : ONE XMAS TREE, DECIDUOUS TREES ARE PARTICULARLY BEAUTIFUL WHEN DECORATED WITH LIGHTS.





SHRUB MASSING: COTONEASTER,
DARK GREEN SUMMER FOLIAGE,
RED-ORANGE FALL COLOR

BROWN HILL, 1/2" MINUS D-CHIPS

SCHUBERT CHOKECHERRY: PURPLE
SUMMER FOLIAGE

DAVIS BLOCK PAVING STONES

WHITE SPRUCE: XMAS TREE

FLOWERING CHOKECHERRY

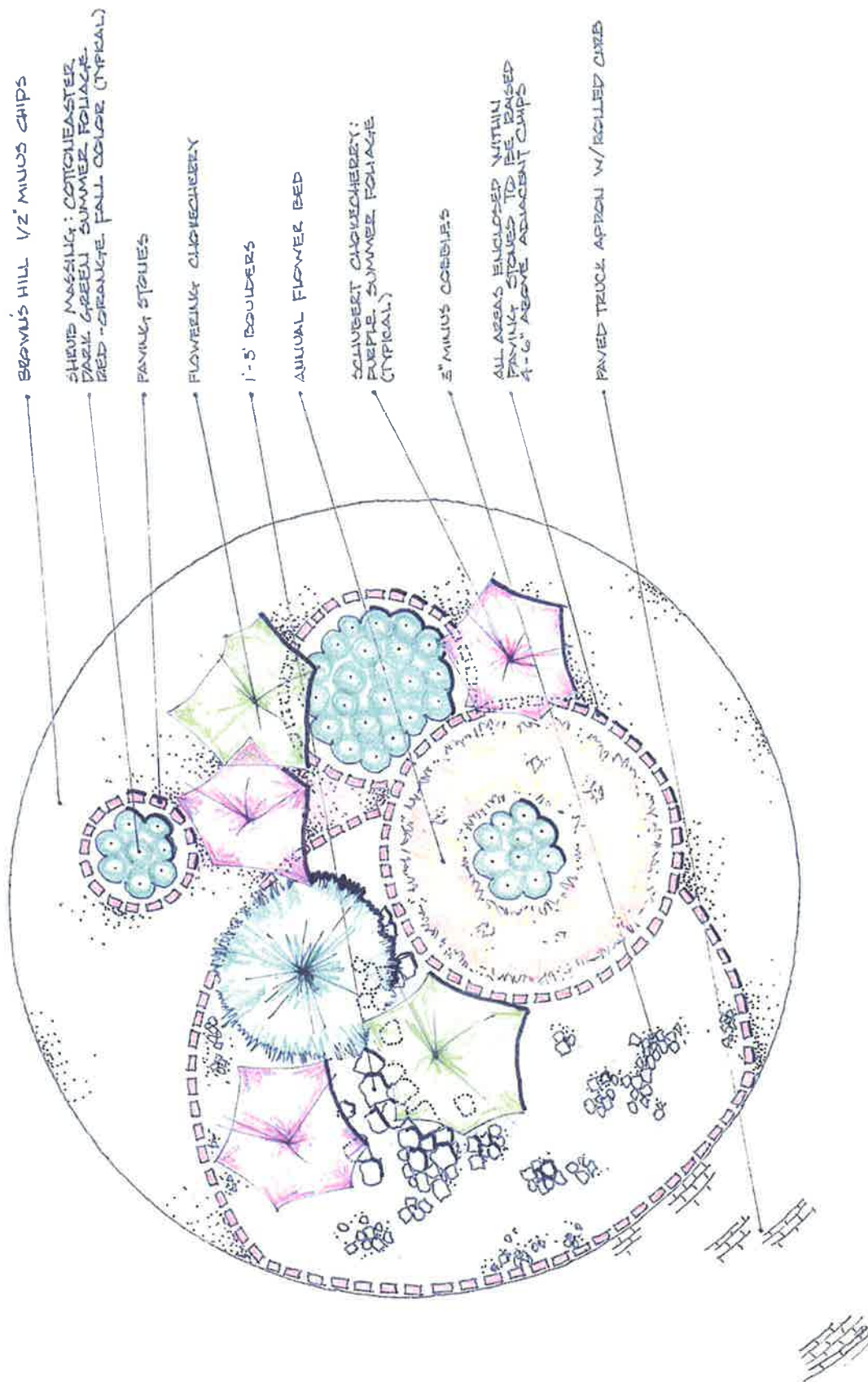
3" MINUS COBBLES

1'-3' BOULDERS

ANNUAL FLOWER BED

ALL AREAS ENCLOSED WITHIN
DAVIS BLOCK PAVING STONES
TO BE RAISED 4'-6"

PAVED TRUCK APRON W/ ROLLED CURB



Examples of Hanging Flower Baskets



Examples of Sidewalk Benches



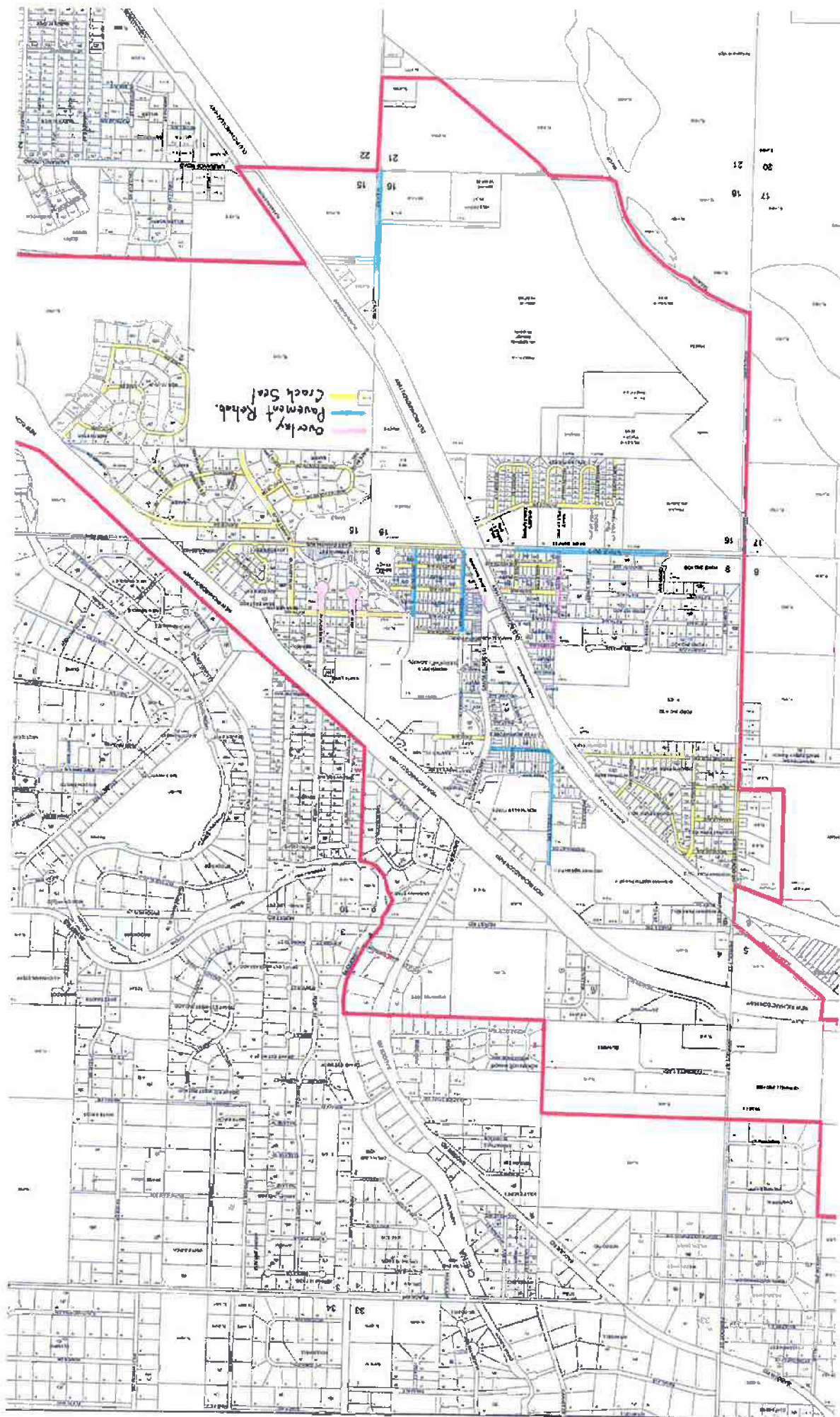
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PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET FOR THE 4 MONTHS ENDING APRIL 30, 2011

AVAILABLE FOR MAIN STREET						
ACCT #	CATEGORY	YTD		PROJECTED EXPENSES	BUDGET	BALANCE
		ACTUAL				
01-08-00-6001	PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR	18,668.64			80,896.00	62,227.36
01-08-00-6002	PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT	4,848.81		0	43,005.00	38,156.19
01-08-00-6003	LEAVE CASH OUT	0			3,000.00	3,000.00
01-08-00-6090	OVERTIME	962.61			5,000.00	4,037.39
01-08-00-6091	HOLIDAY PAY	311.14			0	-311.14
01-08-00-6097	WORKERS COMP. INS.	1,111.88		3,800	5,800.00	888.12
01-08-00-6098	FICA	368.85			1,488.00	1,119.15
01-08-00-6099	MEDICARE	223.44		1,750	2,652.00	678.56
01-08-00-6100	PERS	6,672.46		25,000	41,402.00	9,729.54
01-08-00-6102	HEALTH & DISABILITY INSURANCE	3,408.14		20,000	28,805.00	5,396.86
01-08-00-6103	ANNUAL LEAVE	1,791.15			2,500.00	708.85
01-08-00-6105	INSURANCE	11,940.09			14,000.00	2,059.91
01-08-00-6215	DIR. OF CITY SERVICES	7,240.14			26,970.00	19,729.86
01-08-00-7000	SUMMER HIRE	3,120.00			24,000.00	20,880.00
01-08-00-7001	PARKS/TRAILS/GROUNDS SUPPLIES	144.65			5,000.00	4,855.35
01-08-00-7008	TRAINING	212.5			1,000.00	787.50
01-08-00-7009	EQUIPMENT OUTLAY	0			5,000.00	5,000.00
01-08-00-7011	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	346.7			5,000.00	4,653.30
01-08-00-7012	STREET MAINTENANCE	0		20,000	125,000.00	105,000.00
01-08-00-7013	STREET LIGHTS MAINTENANCE	3,129.26			5,000.00	1,870.74
01-08-00-7014	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	164.91			2,000.00	1,835.09
01-08-00-7015	VEHICLE GAS & OIL	1,106.81			5,500.00	4,393.19
01-08-00-7016	ELECTRICITY	1,765.65			4,200.00	2,434.35
01-08-00-7017	HEATING FUEL	3,150.83			10,000.00	6,849.17
01-08-00-7018	TELEPHONE, PUBLIC WORKS	140.66			1,260.00	1,119.34
01-08-00-7020	SNOW REMOVAL	22,500.00			50,000.00	27,500.00
01-08-00-7029	PUBLIC WORKS MISC	848.21			15,000.00	14,151.79
01-08-00-7031	FMATS MATCH PARTICIPATION	7,500.00		24,506	67,500.00	35,494.00
01-08-00-7032	ELECTRCITY-STREET LIGHTS	8,133.82			20,000.00	11,866.18
01-08-00-7033	CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	0			5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		109,811.35			605,978.00	401,110.65
						197,185.00

Summer 2011 Road and Related Projects

- Skid Steer Loader for bicycle and pedestrian path snow plowing and sweeping: Received \$50,000 grant
 - FMATS Preventative Maintenance Mill & Pave Project: Minimum 4,200 feet
 - FMATS Pavement Rehabilitation Project: 7,880 feet*
 - potential for additional paving because project came in approximately \$200,000 under budget and DOT is exploring ways to expand scope of project
 - FMATS Preventative Maintenance Crack Sealing Project: Approximately 2/3 of City streets
- Total repaving: 12,080 feet (~2.3 miles)**





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North Pole City Council,

April 12, 2011

This request is to ask you to approve the 2011 Plan of Operation for Law Enforcement Services – Chena River Flood Control Project, more commonly known as the “Chena Lakes contract”.

The contract reflects a 2% increase in the officer’s hourly rate (to include overtime and holiday pay). The vehicle rate was increased by \$2.55 per hour over last year’s contract due to the rise in the price of fuel. This is an 8.52% increase in the hourly rate.

Thus the total amount to be paid for the hours worked for the contract for the 2011 period of May 1 – September 30 is \$76,448.00. Last year we received \$68,475.60 for the time worked.

I will be happy to answer any questions you have on this. Thank you.



Paul C. Lindhag
Chief of Police

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA FOR THE PROVISION OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

APPENDIX A
2011 PLAN OF OPERATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
CHENA RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

TASK ORDER 01-2011

1. INTRODUCTION

In the interest of public safety and security, the City of North Pole, Alaska (**Cooperator**) will provide law enforcement services on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (**Corps**) managed lands and waters within the Chena River Flood Control Project as described below. The Corps has proprietary jurisdiction over all Project lands and waters in accordance with Federal regulations contained within Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 327. Law enforcement cooperative agreements (LECA) with states or their political subdivisions are authorized by Engineer Regulation 1130-2-550, Chapter 7, to help provide a safe and healthful environment for public use at Corps water resource development projects. Concurrent patrol and enforcement by both the Corps and the Cooperator is the most effective means of assuring a safe environment for public use at the Chena River Flood Control Project.

2 DESCRIPTION OF WORK AREA

The work area covered by this task order includes all accessible Corps managed public lands and waters contained within the boundaries of the Project (Attachment 1). Most, but not all, patrol work will be in those areas receiving the greatest use to maximize visibility and effectiveness. These areas include the Project entrance road corridor, dam structure and outlet works, bicycle trail, visitor kiosk, Piledriver Slough access areas, Bathing Beauty Hole, Moose Creek Bluff, Tanana groin road and siltblanket portion of the floodway.

The **Chena Lakes Recreation Area** (*Lake Park and River Park*), leased to and managed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB), **is not included in this Task Order**; however, this will not preclude the Cooperator from independently entering these areas in extreme emergencies. The Cooperator may, at no expense to the Corps, provide backup support to the Alaska State Troopers (AST) responding to other than extreme emergencies in the leased parks pursuant to state or local authority. **The FNSB is expected to call AST for all law enforcement within the Chena Lakes Recreation Area since they are not a party to the original LECA or this Task Order.**

3. PERIOD OF SERVICES

Regularly scheduled patrols shall begin no earlier than May 1, 2011 and shall end no later than September 30, 2011. This period covers approximately 22 weeks of continuous service from the Cooperator.

4. NORMAL LEVEL OF SERVICE

There is currently no scheduled law enforcement service provided at the Project. The Alaska State Troopers make infrequent visits to the Project and respond to emergencies if available. The FNSB has no law enforcement powers or organization.

5. TASKS

a. The Cooperator shall provide one or more state certified law enforcement officers, with jurisdictional authority to enforce State laws on the Project, to perform an average of 40 hours of patrol work each week during the service period. The total number of hours worked under this task order shall not exceed 872 hours, regular time; 40 hours, overtime; and 24 hours, holiday time.

1. Patrol work will be performed by one law enforcement officer using the Cooperator's law enforcement vehicle, the Corps' all-terrain vehicles, patrol boat and by foot. The primary emphasis of these patrols will be on accident prevention, emergency services to Project visitors, and the enforcement of state laws. Maximum visibility of the Cooperator is desired to encourage voluntary compliance with laws and regulations. Liberal use of verbal and written warnings for minor infractions is encouraged; enforcement actions are to be undertaken as necessary.

2. The Cooperator shall generally provide services from Thursday through Monday each week. Service on Tuesday and Wednesday will generally not be required except for holidays falling on these days for which holiday wages will be paid. If Corps requested work for individual officer exceeds 40 hours in one week, overtime will be paid.

3. Patrol work shall usually coincide with the daily period of greatest use of the Project by visitors. Except for special circumstances or as otherwise directed by the Corps, the Cooperator is expected to begin work no earlier than 1000 and finish no later than 2400 each day. Within this general coverage window, the Corps will allow maximum flexibility in the Cooperator's daily schedule. Should inclement weather, equipment down time or other conditions beyond the control of the Cooperator reduce the patrol on a particular day, the lost time may be made up on another day when additional work is considered necessary. The cooperator is encouraged to rotate starting points and work hours so as not establish a predictable patrol pattern.

b. The Cooperator shall operate traffic radar on the primary Project access road as necessary to measure and control traffic speed along the road and prevent accidents.

c. The Cooperator will not provide nor be reimbursed for water safety patrols or enforcement of State boating laws.

6. DAILY LAW ENFORCEMENT LOG

The Cooperator shall maintain a daily activity log recording all incidents, accidents, visitor assists and public contacts, including warnings or citations issued. It is particularly important that any work (to include emergency responses and assists to AST) performed within the **Chena Lakes Recreation Area** (Lake and River Parks), that is leased to and operated by the FNSB, be noted separately for statistical purposes. A summation of the activity log shall be submitted to the Corps at the end of each month. Detailed written reports of major incidents such as traffic accidents, fatalities, theft, property damage, assaults and other such incidents shall be submitted to the Corps no later than the following scheduled workday.

Any emergency involving a fatality, serious injury, major property damage or credible physical security threat involving the dam shall be reported immediately to the Corps' Project Manager or Senior Park Ranger regardless of time of day.

7. COST OF SERVICES

The hourly rate for law enforcement services shall be as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost/Hour</u>	<u>Estimated Hours</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Officer's Total Hourly Rate*	\$ 49.68	872	\$ 43,320.96
Vehicle Rate**	\$ 32.50	912***	\$ 29,640.00
Overtime (Officer/)	\$ 62.42	40	\$ 2,496.80
Holiday (Officer/)	\$ 41.26	24	\$ 990.24
TOTAL COST			\$ 76,448.00

* To include all insurance costs

** Vehicle rate is cost for depreciation and maintenance only and not for purchase costs.

*** Includes overtime hours

8. COMPENSATION TO THE COOPERATOR

The Cooperator shall be paid for services listed in this task order performed over the agreement period. No legal liability on the part of the Corps for payment of any money for performance outside of this task order shall arise. Additional work, if necessary, will be covered under separate task orders.

9. BILLINGS

The Cooperator shall submit monthly invoices to the Corps, itemizing the hours of services actually performed and the hourly rates listed previously in Section 7. The Cooperator's log will be used as one method of verifying performance.

Invoices shall be submitted directly to the following:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chena River Flood Control Project
PO Box 55270
North Pole, AK 99705

10. PAYMENTS

Monthly invoices will be reviewed for accuracy and forwarded to the Alaska District Office in Anchorage for payment. The Cooperator will be paid only for those services received and approved by the District Engineer's Representative at the Project. The total cost of services performed during the term of this agreement may not exceed \$ 76,448.00.

1. CORPS AND COOPERATOR REPRESENTATIVES

1. Mr. John C. Schaake, Project Manager, Chena River Flood Control Project, P.O. Box 55270, North Pole, AK 99705, telephone 488-2748, is designated as the District Engineer's Representative and Point of Contact for all matters relating to this task order.

2. Mr. Paul Lindhag, Chief, North Pole Police Department, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, AK 99705, telephone 488-6902, is designated the Cooperator's Representative and Point of Contact for all matters relating to this task order.

12. APPROVAL

The date of approval for this annual task order shall be the date on which it is signed by the Chief, Construction-Operations Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District. This Plan of Operation shall remain in effect until modified or terminated for convenience by either party.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
(To be signed after negotiations)

E. Allen Churchill, Jr.
Chief, Operations Branch
U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska

DATE

CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA
(To be signed after negotiations)

Douglas W. Isaacson
Mayor, City of North Pole, Alaska

DATE

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTRY
FAIRBANKS AREA OFFICE

3700 Airport Way
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-4699
Phone: (907) 451-2600

ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN
2011
BETWEEN:

State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (State), and
North Pole Fire Department (Cooperator)

Purpose

The Annual Operating Plan is a supplement to the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement. The Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement implements the intent of A.S. 41.15.010, which states that the State provides protection from wildland fire and other destructive agents, commensurate with the values at risk, on land that is owned privately, by the state, or by a municipality. It is also recognized by the Cooperator that an obligation exists to provide protection to life and property from wildland fires within their area of responsibility, subject to available resources, funding, and personnel. Therefore, it is to the mutual advantage of the Cooperator and the State to coordinate efforts in the prevention, detection, and suppression of wildland fires. It is in the best interests of both the Cooperator and the State that wildland fires be suppressed quickly and efficiently to minimize the destruction of natural resources and the threat to life, property, and communities.

I. Primary Response Notification Procedures

- A. Upon receipt of an incoming call for a wildland fire within State Forestry's protection area, the Cooperator's Dispatch Center will contact State Forestry at 451-2626 or the State's Duty Officer to forward fire information.
- B. The cooperators Senior Fire Officer (SFO) will notify State Forestry via the State's primary radio frequency or telephone @ 907-451-2626 for any response to a wildland fire within the cooperator's primary response area. The cooperator's SFO may instruct their dispatch center to make this call to State Forestry at the time of dispatch.
- C. Within a Cooperator's service area, the State will generally not respond to wildland fires during Preparedness Levels I or II (Staffing and Action Guide will be sent in separate mail out), Low, and Moderate Fire Danger Levels. This section does not preclude a Cooperator from requesting State assistance on any wildland incident that exceeds the capability of their resources for control.

II. Discretionary Response Procedures (requested outside service area boundaries)

- A. When requesting a discretionary response outside the cooperator's service area, State Forestry will contact the department's dispatch center who will notify the appropriate Senior Fire Officer (SFO). The decision of accepting a discretionary response request is at the sole

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discretion of the cooperator. In accordance with their department's policy, the Senior Fire Officer will make all appropriate notifications prior to the acceptance of the discretionary response request. If the cooperator cannot respond, State Forestry will request the next closest force available.

- B. When requesting a cooperator's discretionary response, the State will designate the type and number of apparatus needed. If available, a department SFO may accompany the unit(s).

III. Communications

- A. State Forestry units responding to incidents within the protection area of a cooperator will advise the Senior Fire Officer of their response on National Fire Mutual Aid frequency (Rx 154.295 Tx 154.295).
- B. For multiple agency response and helicopter communications, mutual aid frequency is recommended for initial contact only. Incident frequencies will be established and coordinated by responding agencies once on scene and reported back to dispatch. Responding units may contact the cooperator's dispatch as a back-up for the above communications plan.
- C. On scene communications between ground forces and any aircraft will be routed through a single point contact (Forestry) as designated by the incident commander. The primary frequency for aircraft communication is State Tactical Air to Ground (Rx 166.6375 Tx 166.6375).

IV. Command

- A. Upon arrival at a wildland fire incident, the first unit on the scene establishes command until it is determined that a unified command is needed.
- B. Upon transfer of command by a cooperator Incident Commander, a forestry Incident Commander must be established as either Unified or Single Command when forestry resources remain on scene.

V. Fire Reports and Reporting

- A. Cooperators will provide State Forestry with a copy of:
 - 1) Incident map
 - 2) NFIRS report with a narrative stating pertinent information and suspected cause
 - 3) Fax the NFIRS report to State Forestry (451-2633) within 48 hours of the incident being called out.

VI. Fiscal Considerations

- A. Fire departments may bill State Forestry for costs incurred on incidents beyond the first four hours or for discretionary responses outside the department's service area. If a wildland fire within cooperator district boundaries goes beyond four hours, the DOF Fire Management Officer or Duty Officer may authorize reimbursement to the cooperator from the start of the incident.
- B. Payment for suppression costs for volunteer personnel hours on wildland fires will be made to the cooperator at the current State EFF rate schedule. These rates are for the first 40 hours in any calendar week beginning Monday at 0001 hours. After 40 hours, overtime will be paid at 1 ½ times the above rates; Engine Boss EFF-6, Engine Crew Member EFF-4.
- C. State Forestry will attempt to complete EFF hiring paperwork before the incident or prior to releasing EFF from the incident. EFF hiring paperwork includes an I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification, W-2 Tax Form, Condition of Hire Statement, Personnel Action, State of Alaska Designation of Beneficiary, and EFF Time Report (OF-288).
- D. Payment to cooperators with paid staff may be compensated at their existing paid department rates or an average thereof when direct billing occurs. Billing will include overtime charges incurred over and above base wage to replace the detailed employees to the fire incident.
Rates should be attached as an addendum to this document.
- E. Payment for hourly costs for equipment owned by the cooperator will be made at the rates determined each season and **included as an attachment to this operating plan.**
- F. As part of an annual pre-season arrangement, Fairbanks Area Forestry may pre-inspect vehicles to verify proper National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) engine Type ratings and NUS requirements.
- G. Bills should be submitted by the cooperator within 15 days after the incident is declared out. Approved bills will include the total amounts incurred for apparatus and equipment used on the fire, including direct expenditures and the costs of repairing and reconditioning property loaned under this agreement.

VII. Prepositioning

- A. The State will provide the cooperator with a daily Prepositioning Report listing available resources and hours of availability during the fire season.
- B. When State Forestry engine crews are prepositioned in a service area, they will be dispatched simultaneously to wildland fires with the cooperating department. State Forestry ground units will acknowledge their response to the cooperator's Senior Fire Officer and State Forestry dispatch.
- C. State Forestry dispatch will always have dispatch priority over State Forestry resources and can direct them to a higher priority fire at any time.

VIII. Investigation Procedures

- A. State Forestry will provide fire investigators for origin and cause of wildland fires, the request for an investigator must be placed early in the incident and every effort must be made to protect the point of origin and identify witnesses.
- B. The cooperator will assist the State in the investigation of wildland fires that are suspected of a violation.
- C. The cooperator shall assist with enforcement of burn permit violations.

IX. Prevention

- A. Authorized cooperators may issue burn permits for burning and may request assistance with this task through the Fire Management Officer. The on-line burn permit application process is recommended prior to requesting assistance of Forestry personnel.
- B. The state will notify the cooperator for burning suspensions, wind advisories, closures, and Red Flag Warnings through the Daily Prepositioning Report. Telephone notification will be made for emergencies not covered in the Prepositioning Report
- C. When requested, the State will assign a prevention technician to assist with cooperator fire prevention programs.
- D. The State and cooperator will coordinate prevention, Fire Wise, and public awareness programs.

X. Fire Training/Physical Fitness

- A. State Forestry and their delegated agencies will issue NWGC Interagency Red Cards after proof of training and physical fitness. Qualifications will be demonstrated by possession of a current, valid Red Card appropriate to the position being hired. All personnel hired as EFF by State Forestry must meet established physical fitness and training standards for the position hired. There will be no exceptions.
- B. Cooperator personnel assigned to a Discretionary Response shall be certified by the cooperator's chief as trained and fit for the duty(s) requested. Personnel not possessing NWCG Interagency Red Cards shall remain employees of the cooperator. They are the liability of the cooperator and are not eligible to be hired as EFF.
- C. The State will assist in the training of agency personnel in wildland fire protection.

XI. Fire Stores/Equipment Guidelines

- A. Task Force Mobilization will be in accordance with the State of Alaska Division of Forestry Cooperator Conditions of Hire.
- B. Cooperator will outfit apparatus appropriate to their needs for wildland fire as determined by the Fire Chief. Wildland fire supplies and equipment can be replaced through the State Fire Warehouse, with appropriate resource order and fire number. Any lost or damaged supplies or equipment may also be replaced by filling out the appropriate Property Loss and Damage Report through Forestry Dispatch.

This agreement, dated _____, is between the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, with an address of 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-4699 and North Pole Fire Department with an address of 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska 99705.

Fire Chief, Buddy Lane

Area Forester, Kathryn Pyne

Structure Fire Dept. (SFD) Fire Apparatus Rental Agreement		1. Area Office (Name and Address) SOA/ DNR/FAF 3700 Airport Way Fairbanks, AK 99709		2. Agreement Number AK DF A 04 FS 0031 NORTH POLE This Number must appear on all Papers relating to this Agreement	
7. Cooperator's <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> a. Day (907) 488-0444 </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> b. Night (907) 488-0444 </div> </div>		3. Point of Hire Fairbanks, Alaska		4. Effective Dates <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> a. Beginning 04/01/2011 </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> b. Ending 09/30/2011 </div> </div>	
		5. Cooperator (Name and address) NORTH POLE FIRE DEPT 125 SNOWMAN LN NORTH POLE, AK 99705		6. Prepared by Fairbanks Area Forestry Fire Operations Dispatch	
		8. SSN/Federal Tax I.D. No.			
9. Item Description (include type, make, model, year, serial number and accessories)		10. Number of Personnel (min)		11. Hourly Rate *	
A. TYPE: 1 ENGINE STRUCTURAL ENGINE 2,500 GAL / 1500 GPM 16 CHANNEL RADIO E-24 Model Year _____ VIN # _____ License #XXN-878		4		\$ 175.00	
B. TYPE: 1 ENGINE STRUCTURAL ENGINE 750 GAL/ 1000 GPM 16 CHAN RADIO E-23 Model Year _____ VIN # _____ License #XXK-329		4		\$ 175.00	
C. TYPE: 1 ENGINE STRUCTURAL ENGINE 1,000 GAL / 1750 GPM 16 CHANNEL RADIO E-22 Model Year _____ VIN # _____ License #XXK 327		4		\$ 175.00	
D. TYPE: 6-X Engine 4 X 4 BRUSH UNIT 300 GAL / 250 GPM 32 CHANNEL RADIO C-21 Model Year _____ VIN # _____ MAX GVWR (lbs) _____ License #XXT-130		2		\$ 66.00	
E. TYPE: 6-X Engine 4 X 4 BRUSH UNIT 300 GAL / 250 GPM 32 CHANNEL RADIO SQ-24 Model Year _____ VIN # _____ MAX GVWR (lbs) _____ License #XXZ 583		2		\$ 66.00	
F. TYPE: COMMAND 4 X 4 COMMAND UNIT 32 CHANNEL RADIO C-22 Model Year _____ VIN # _____ License #XXM-430				\$ 50.00	
13. Special Provisions * Hourly rate paid for first and last shift hired **Daily rate paid for all but first and last shift hired *** Personnel must be State of Alaska Certified & Redcarded for BLS or ACLS. Cooperator certifies that they have read the latest version of the "SFD Rental of Fire Apparatus Conditions" Form 10-2197b X= 4x4 or "All Wheel Drive"					
14. Cooperator's Signature		15. Date		16. Forestry Officer's Signature	
18. Printed Name and Title Buddy Lane, Fire Chief		19 Printed Name and Title Kathryn Pyne, Area Forester		17. Date	

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				12. Shift Rate **	
G. TYPE 1 RESCUE MEDICAL 4 X 4 AMBULANCE (ALS) WITH SUPPLIES 16 CHANNEL RADIO Model Year _____ VIN # _____ License #XXU-351		***		Case by Case Request	
H. TYPE: BOAT/ MOTOR & TRAILER, USCG Registration #: _____ Model Year _____ VIN # _____ Trailer License Number: _____				\$100.00 \$ 800.00	
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J.					
K.					
L.					
13. Special Provisions * Hourly rate paid for first and last shift hired **Daily rate paid for all but first and last shift hired *** Personnel must be State of Alaska Certified & Redcarded for BLS or ACLS. Cooperator certifies that they have read the latest version of the "SFD Rental of Fire Apparatus Conditions" Form 10-2197b X= 4x4 or "All Wheel Drive"					
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**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH AND
CITY OF NORTH POLE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/AMBULANCE CONTRACT
RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT NO. 1**

1. The parties, the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the City of North Pole, hereby agree to allow for the first renewal of their Emergency Medical Services/Ambulance Contract effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for an additional one year period, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

2. This extension shall be on the same terms and conditions in the current contract, with the following amendments:

a. Section 3. The total contract amount shall be \$359,772 for the period of the contract extension.

b. Section 7.E. will be modified as follows: The Contractor shall submit an annual report by January 31st that summarizes for the preceding calendar year the types of medical emergencies to which the Contractor has responded and training programs, together with the numbers of Contractor personnel attending, and other such pertinent information that may be requested by the Borough.

**CITY OF NORTH POLE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/AMBULANCE CONTRACT**

SIGNATURE PAGE

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
City of North Pole Mayor

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor

ATTEST: _____ DATE: _____
Fairbanks North Star Borough Clerk

REVIEWED: _____ DATE: _____
Fairbanks North Star Borough Legal Department

ORIGINALS FILED WITH: Contractor, Clerk's Office and Emergency Operations Department

CITY OF NORTH POLE

RESOLUTION 11-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PRICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND AT THE INTERSECTION OF SANTA CLAUS LANE AND SAINT NICHOLAS DRIVE, BLOCK 4, LOTS 01 AND 02 SEQUOIA SUBDIVISION, FOR A PEDESTRIAN PARK

WHEREAS the City of North Pole has an interest in the development of its main street Santa Claus Lane, and

WHEREAS two small undeveloped lots of approximately 800 square feet at the intersection of Santa Claus Lane and Saint Nicholas Drive is an open space that could be developed into a pedestrian park as part of a comprehensive main street development initiative, and

WHEREAS the two blocks are designated as Block 4, Lots 01 and 02 Sequoia Subdivision, and

WHEREAS the Mayor is requesting authority to negotiate a fair and equitable price for the purchase of these two parcels of land, and

WHEREAS the Mayor shall obtain authorization from the City Council to purchase the above identified parcels of land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Pole City Council of the City of North Pole authorizes the Mayor to negotiate a fair and equitable price for the purchase of two parcels of land at the intersection of Santa Claus Lane and Saint Nicholas Drive, Block 4, Lots 01 and 02 Sequoia Subdivision, for a pedestrian park.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL 2011.

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

Kathryn M. Weber, MMC, City Clerk

CITY OF NORTH POLE

RESOLUTION 11-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 84 ESTABLISHING INCREMENTAL THREE-YEAR INCREASES IN THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION AND SETS ASIDE FUNDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole places great value on public education and recognizes the powerful relationship between public schools and community and economic development, and

WHEREAS, the historic compact between the business community and public schools is based on high expectations for student achievement and workforce preparedness, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District is to provide an excellent and equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students can become productive members of a diverse and changing society; and

WHEREAS, without a funding commitment from the legislature in advance, problems arise from the misalignment of the legislative session and the school district budget cycle since the school district must submit a balanced budget to the Borough Assembly by April 1 of each year (before the legislative session is over); and

WHEREAS, educators, employers, and government officials agree schools must prepare students to transition from public education to a career pathway or higher education; and

WHEREAS, a lack of categorical funding for vocational (career and technical) education inhibits the school district's ability to provide a dynamic and meaningful career and technical education to its large and diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, SB 84 has broad support from both parties in that it passed 18-0 from Senate Finance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Pole City Council urges the legislature to pass Senate Bill 84, which provides an increase to the Base Student Allocation for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2014, and establishes categorical funding for career and technical education for grades 9-12, thereby sustaining and growing Alaska's investment in education.

Sponsored by: Mayor Isaacson
Introduced and Passed: April 18, 2011

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on the 18th day of April, 2011.

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Weber, MMC, City Clerk

CITY OF NORTH POLE

RESOLUTION 11-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE URGING ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SUSITNA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Energy Policy (AS 44.99.115) established in 2010 a goal of producing 50% of our electricity from renewable sources by 2025; and

WHEREAS, electric consumers in the Alaska Railbelt now rely principally on nonrenewable sources of electricity; and

WHEREAS, the future viability of those nonrenewable sources as the principal electric source is contrary to the new policy and is further undermined by regulatory issues and uncertainty of supply, all of which results in increasing rates; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Susitna Hydroelectric Project at the Watana site is the best alternative that will ensure long term affordability and predictable low rates to ratepayers, and is the only alternative that will significantly reduce reliance on nonrenewable sources of electricity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Pole City Council urges the Alaska Legislature, Governor and Congressional Delegation to expeditiously proceed with all necessary steps for the construction and operation of the Susitna Hydroelectric Project at Watana, taking the following specific actions in the 2011 Legislative Session:

1. Authorizing the Governor to expedite federal licensing;
2. Appropriating \$65.7 million to prepare and submit a federal license;
3. Consider authorizing an independent, focused Susitna Hydroelectric Authority to proceed in a timely, efficient and cost effective manner with the development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to:

Governor Sean Parnell, State of Alaska
Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell, State of Alaska
Members of the Alaska State Legislature

Sponsored by: Mayor Isaacson
Introduced and Passed: April 18, 2011

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on the 18th day of April, 2011.

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Weber, MMC, City Clerk

CITY OF NORTH POLE

RESOLUTION 11-16

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF NORTH POLE CHRISTMAS IN ICE TO RELOCATE THE WORLD ICE ART CHAMPIONSHIPS TO NORTH POLE, ALASKA

WHEREAS, the future location of the World Ice Art Championships, including the assets of Ice Alaska, soon may need a new location; and

WHEREAS, the North Pole Christmas in Ice (NPCII) Board of Directors has voted to actively seek the relocation of the World Ice Art Championships to North Pole, to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of an event that is a huge benefit to Interior Alaska, the State, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, NPCII has successfully held the Christmas in Ice sculpting competition since its inception in 2007, and which has been held yearly each December in North Pole, Alaska; to accomplish this event NPCII has enlisted a multitude of volunteers and is broadly supported by the Interior with over 10,000 visitors this past December, 2010, coming from fifteen different States and as far away as Estonia; and

WHEREAS, NPCII is supported by a broad band of volunteers from throughout the Interior including members from area schools, community residents from Fairbanks, Salcha, Chicken, Santa's Seniors, Eielson Air Force Base, the 168th Air Refueling Wing, and Ft. Wainwright, and elsewhere; many of NPCII's volunteers work both the Christmas in Ice and Ice Alaska events; and

WHEREAS, since its inception with the help of Ice Alaska, NPCII has worked closely with Ice Alaska to learn the many facets of putting on an ice sculpting competition, and helping to fulfill the vision to make North Pole and Fairbanks the premier "Winter Wonderland Travel Destination," the 2010 Christmas In Ice Competition ranked number 13 among worldwide winter travel destinations, as listed by Bing Travel; and

WHEREAS, NPCII is the most qualified organization to take on this event due to its experience in holding ice sculpting competitions, experience with harvesting, moving, and storing mass quantities of ice, relationships with the local, national, and international ice carvers; and

WHEREAS, NPCII has identified property that is very suitable to hosting the event, which includes pond development, three phase power, excellent accessibility and visibility from a major arterial, the Richardson Highway; NPCII has agreements with other land owners, in close proximity to future events, to provide access to their property for the purpose of harvesting ice, as needed; and

WHEREAS, NPCII has demonstrated its ability to sustain its operation through its gate revenues, from its many sponsors that have donated money and/or a large amount of in kind services, from the City of North Pole's bed tax, by forward planning, the storage of over 250 tons

of ice for the second year in a row, and is working toward being a NICA (National Ice Carving Association) sanctioned event; and

WHEREAS, NPCII works closely with the City of North Pole, the community Snowflake Drop Committee with its New Year's Eve celebration, the North Pole Economic Development Corporation; the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce; Eielson Air Force Base, members of the media, and others to put together the Christmas In Ice event; and

WHEREAS, NPCII believes in supporting and returning benefit to its community by providing free pass days, providing ice in 2010 to ten other sites in Fairbanks and Anchorage and fostering other community events, such as the North Pole Sled Dog Championships; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Pole City Council supports the relocation of the World Ice Art Championships and associated ice carving events to North Pole and will continue to provide funding through its Bed Tax to support NPCII efforts and will consider other appropriations and other means of support that foster this uniquely Interior Alaskan event in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be distributed to the Boards of Ice Alaska, the Alaska Railroad Corporation, the Tanana Valley State Fair Association, the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation, the Fairbanks Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce, the North Pole Economic Development Corporation, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor and Assembly, the Fairbanks Mayor and City Council, the Interior Delegation, Governor Parnell, the Congressional Delegation, and to the media.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on the 18th day of April, 2011.

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Weber, MMC, City Clerk

Christmas in Ice
Meeting
March 29, 2011

Members Present: Michelle Sikma; Keven McCarthy; Keith Fye; Paul Brown; Tom Uptgraft; Betsy Jones

Others: Marilyn Fye; James Pirkel; Rich;

1. Mayor Isaacson would like to have one roundabout completed by the evening of November 5; a special committee will be in town at that time; Keith has been in touch with a few carvers to see about the possibility;
2. Victoria is going to start attending local events and recruit volunteers for the next event;
3. We need about 500 pallets before the coming season; anyone able to pick them up and bring to where the ice is currently stored or behind SCH warehouse; approach Home Depot, WalMart, Lowes and Fred Meyer's have pallets – just need to let them know we want them;
4. Keith proposed purchasing two special cameras that would be able to do time lapse, stills and video to aid in providing visual documentation to producers such as Dirty Jobs, etc.; cost would be at \$299/each; all felt the purchase would be very beneficial;
5. Keith proposed purchasing a hydraulic power head chainsaw for the ice harvesting; this will definitely increase production; approximately \$1800/power head; \$3200 for the saw for total of \$5000; the board agreed for a test use of the power head;
6. 501c3 is still being processed; our attorney is taking all needed steps;
7. Ice Alaska has still not yet paid us for the ice blocks; A/R is at \$1800;
8. Another solution needs to be found for sawdust; cost so far this year is \$2000; suggested to gather the sawdust from the lumber companies in town;
9. The office space at the Santa Land RV park was discussed; the option is still open, but no final decision yet;
10. All members agreed that after looking at several properties, it would be in our best interest to pursue purchasing property on Peridot Road that is currently owned by Phil Zastrow and adjacent property owned by Buzz Otis; summer use might be for sand sculptors; expansion of the CII event is the primary goal;
11. Ice Alaska/World Ice Art Championships: All members agreed to support working toward assuming IA/WIAC events in the event IA closes;
12. Event Insurance is being researched by NPEDC for an umbrella policy to cover all non-profit organizations in the NP area; CII would pay a small premium during use;
13. NICA (National Ice Carving Association) has been contacted and we are working toward having a NICA sanctioned event;
14. \$14,410 is current bank balance; after current expenses around \$10,000;
15. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 24 @ 6pm - tentative



Randi Carnahan

6:56pm Apr 12

The Tanana Valley State Fair Association supports what ever is the BEST solution to allow the event to continue. If this North Pole property becomes that answer, then we completely support it. Keith and Heather, I applaud your efforts.

Comment History



Keith Fye

7:11pm Apr 12

Thank You Heather We have over a years worth of input and thoughts in this and have not went public with it till now out of respect for Ice Alaska



Heather Taggard

7:06pm Apr 12

I would much rather see the event go to North Pole on a piece of independent property, than it go to the Fair Grounds. Ice Park is a Winter Wonderland, it does deserve its own acreage to be developed as your imagination sees fit! Customized to the exact needs we have discerned over years of development and hard work. Go Keith! That said, I would rather see it stay in Fairbanks, where it would benefit the economy and be easier for more people to get to. Sustained by a hotel or restaurant and living quarters, off season RV park to help create revenue... it could truly be a winter wonderland resort. Thanks for your hard work.

Original Post



Keith Fye

6:58pm Apr 12

Christmas in Ice would like to announce, that after meeting with Dick Brickley today, there is much uncertainty of the continued existence of Ice Alaska at their current location. Christmas in Ice has began negotiations to purchase 25 acres on which to hold its own event and would be able to expand and have its own pond on the property. Soon we will be making a formal announcement through the media that we are interested in, and fully capable of, holding Christmas in Ice and the BP World Ice Art competition and associated events. We are actively involved in making the Alaska Interior The WINTER WONDERLAND World Travel Destination.

If you are interested in seeing this happen, let us know.

April 13, 2011

I Kevin W. Laughlin, from "K.O.O.L WORKS" support that "CHRISTMAS IN ICE" becomes the new host of the "World Ice Art Championships."

This nonprofit organization has proven that it can provide the necessary means, not to take over the event, but also make it become even more a necessity to Alaska and our interior.

What better opportunity to have than that? The ice sculpting capital of the world is in "North Pole, Alaska."

If you consider an ice event this large and you do not have an ice harvesting pond on site, the logistics of loading and transporting of the ice, even a couple of miles is a financial nightmare.

"Christmas In Ice" has spent the last four years obtaining experience, acquisitions and a unique world wide publicity. This shows they are in the best position to build the new "World Ice Art Championships" in North Pole, Alaska.

Thank you,

Kevin W. Laughlin

