



CITY OF NORTH POLE *Alaska*

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, August 1, 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
 - Presentation by Foraker Development on the North Pole Library
 - Presentation of funds by North Pole Moose Lodge to North Pole Library
7. Council Member Questions of the Mayor
8. Communications from Department Heads, Borough Representative and the City Clerk
9. Ongoing Projects Report
10. Citizens Comments (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

- a. Approval For North Pole Fire Department To Purchase Two Autopulses From Zoll Medical In The Amount Of \$21,585
- b. Request for 2nd Quarter Bed Tax from North Pole Economic Development Corporation
- c. Request from North Pole Economic Development for Main Street Development Project - Beautification Project In The Amount Of \$15,000
- d. Request Authorization To Pre-Fund Travel Costs To Anchorage For Mayor Isaacson To Participate In ADOT's Strategic Traffic Safety Plan, Team Meeting Two, As A Member Of The Leadership Group
- e. Resolution 11-21, A Resolution of the City of North Pole Relating to the Alaska State Rail Plan and its Timely Update

13. Council Comments

14. Adjournment

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**Committee of the Whole – 6:30 P.M.
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the North Pole City Council was held on Monday, July 18, 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, July 18, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present:

Ms. Arnold

Mr. McGhee

Ms. Hunter

Mr. Jones

Mr. Holm

Mr. McCarthy -

Mayor Isaacson

Absent/Excused

Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Isaacson

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Jones

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Agenda of July 18, 2011

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES –6–Holm, Arnold, Hunter, McGhee, Jones, Isaacson

NO – 0

Abstained- 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Minutes of July 5, 2011

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Discussion

Mr. Jones stated that he was the one who made the second on the motion to adjourn at the July 5,

2011 meeting and would like the minutes to reflect that.

PASSED

YES –6 –Holm, Arnold, Hunter, McGhee, Jones, Isaacson

NO – 0

Abstained- 0

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending July 5, 2011

ISSUES:

- ITADORI SISTER CITY Committee: will be doing a FUND RAISER at the Golden Days kickoff party at Pioneer Park this Wednesday, 5 – 8 pm. The hot dogs are free but donations will be welcome! THANK YOU to Council members Thomas McGhee, Ron Jones, and Sharron Hunter for volunteering between 4:30 and 8 pm! If anyone else would like to donate their time or would like more information, please call Karen Lane at 459-3758.

As mentioned last Council meeting, North Pole will be hosting 16 kids and 4 adults from Itadori from August 4 through August 9. Needed are 3 more Home Stay families. Thank you to several businesses who have already stepped forward to assist with hospitality, including Taco Bell, Wendy's, and Pagodas. For more information on the responsibilities of a Home Stay Family, call Karen Lane at 459-3758.

- Golden Days in Fairbanks: will be from this Wednesday through Sunday. Some highlights: The Parade is Saturday from 10 am to Noon, Rubber Ducky Race at 2 pm, and in honor of Ted Stevens Day, Jazz on the River will be held at Doyon from 4 - 6 pm (tickets available at Doyon), and the Governor's Picnic follows the Red Green Regatta, noon to 3 pm on Sunday. The Golden Days jail was in North Pole on Saturday. If you would like to take out a \$5 warrant to arrest someone, call 779-0756.

- World Eskimo Indian Olympics (WEIO) Queens to Visit North Pole. Mark your calendars now and do plan to attend a **reception honoring the past and current WEIO queens on July 21, 2 p.m. at Hotel North Pole**. This is the 50th Anniversary of WEIO which brings participants from across the state to the Interior. This year's competition will be held at the Carlson Center, July 20-23. We appreciate the opportunity to honor the participants, the "royalty" and the history of this truly Alaskan event. I'm glad they're coming out to North Pole—the more we make them feel welcome, the more they'll tell their friends and neighbors to visit us! For more information about WEIO, go to www.weio.org.

- Department Heads and the Mayor met to discuss budget issues. While there is nothing that raises urgent alarms regarding the budget, I have concern that escalating prices will require the City to re-assess how, and to what extent, we deliver services. One of the budget tools would be the creation of reserve funds for specific types of purchases that would be required and protected by changes to City Code. A number of fees were suggested, for example, a fuel surcharge on citations and ambulance calls similar to what we encounter on our GVEA billing; the Impound Lot resurfaced, as did a dorm to attract NPFD volunteers. Energy savings modifications are being made where possible, and staff in all departments are being encouraged to turn off unused lights, unplug vehicles in the Spring, and turn down the thermostats.

We are in discussions with the City of Fairbanks regarding their proposal to more than double the current fee billed us; our current discussions have reduced that amount. Our discussions continue and options are being considered and the outcome will be reported to Council once a number has been formally proposed by Fairbanks. Any decision will have to be approved by the Fairbanks City Council before a rate hike is imposed upon us.

- Members of the Beautification Committee, NPEDC, and City Staff met to discuss and prioritize the various projects underway. The City is going ahead with beautification plans of the roundabouts, subject to final permitting being granted by DOT and the Federal Highway Administration (who funded the original project); NPEDC will be working on beautifying the area between the off-ramp from Fairbanks and the Safeway parking lot and expects to be done before the end of summer, pending cooperation with DOT, and the Beautification Committee will focus their efforts on transforming the vacant property on 5th and Davis into a park, as authorized previously by the Council.

- Alaska Railroad (ARRC) President/CEO Chris Aadnesen; and his staff met with the three local mayors and discussed a wide ranging list of topics important to our community, including the bridge over the Tanana in Salcha, funding sources and priorities for the Phase 1 rail-road realignment from North Pole to 9 mile, Flint Hills North Pole Oil Refinery, Ice Alaska relocation, connections to Canada, tourism, and much more. Mr. Aadnesen kept drumming a particular theme, that a State Rail Plan is essential to the future success of prioritizing and funding rail projects in Alaska. Most states have their plans updated every 5 years. Alaska has not updated its plan since about 1984.

- Regarding the bridge over the Tanana, work is expected to begin this week on the new levy. The project will employ up to 200 direct jobs and approximately 1000 indirect jobs.

- Funding sources for Phase 1 may come from a variety of pots, some of those pots are only accessible when referenced in an updated State Rail Plan.
 - Flint Hills North Pole refinery (FHR), only a couple years ago, accounted for 55% of ARRC's revenue; today FHR is still the railroad's number one customer but only accounts for 30% of their revenue, in part to reduced production at the refinery, and in part due to more transporting of coal and containers.
 - Connecting to Canada may become driven by Canadian companies who are pressing for a rail link to Alaska due to right of way disputes with First Nations Canada. There are also economic interests that may eventually push the rail EAST from Nome, connecting it with Russia, that may "make more sense than pushing WEST from Fairbanks." ** Just an historical note: E.T. Barnette accidentally founded Fairbanks because he was seeking to establish a trading post at Tanacross which was supposed to become a major hub along the proposed Chicago to Moscow rail project.
 - Of concern, current Highway Authorization bills going through Congress may leave the ARRC out of the funding loop—putting Alaska at a \$40 million loss of revenue, a loss most other states are not having to deal with.
- Former Sen. Stevens staffer, Kevin Simpson, who now works for the Senate Energy Committee, met with community leaders to discuss issues related to minimizing federal obstacles that may be hampering getting affordable energy resources to market. He noted that the Administration is taking an average of five months to reply to questions from Congress, a length of time that was unacceptable in prior Administrations. The EPA, an agency that has been very aggressive in Alaska, is also coming under scrutiny in other states but there are numerous hurdles in the effort to limit the authority assumed by the Agency. He noted the importance of Alaskans to make comments on the projects that affect us, such as Outer Continental Shelf development.
- Red Flag Alaska is underway. I attended a dinner hosted by FEDC and the Binkley's to honor the Executive Observers, who are usually Generals from foreign countries here to evaluate and plan for future involvement in Red Flag Alaska exercises. Of the 16 or so EO's, I sat at a table with a General from Poland who is hoping to bring 8 fighter aircraft next year. With me at Table Seven were FNSB Chief of Staff Jeff Jacobson and Lt. Col. Tom Daack, the new 354th Fighter Wing equivalent of our Director of City Services.
- The Jingle Bell Run was held on July 9 and many volunteers, generous contributors, and outstanding participants are to be commended. The Arthritis Foundation's "Monday Morning Notes" led off with the following story:
- The Jingle Bell Run/Walk season kicked off last weekend in the Great West Region with the 2nd Annual *Jingle in July* in North Pole, Alaska. 455 participants (up from 208 in 2010) turned out

with bells on their shoes for a festive start in front of Santa Claus's house and workshop (see pictures attached). Honorary event chair, Mayor Doug Isaacson, AF staff members Laura Goss and Laura Rosseisen and of course Santa Claus, led the runners and walkers on a scenic 5k course through the town of North Pole. ***Thanks to the generosity of local sponsors, donors and participants the event raised \$37,576 surpassing the 2010 event revenue by over \$20,000!*** Both the number of participants and money raised is an impressive accomplishment considering the population of North Pole is 2,300, many of whom are elves.

To compare, the 2010 Anchorage JBRW had 495 participants, 39 Teams, and raised \$34,584.64. Great Job! North Pole and Friends!

FNSB ASSEMBLY MEETING:

FNSB Assembly met for a special session on Thursday, July 7, attended by Council member Sharron Hunter. There was a briefing given on the North Pole Library project. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 21. On the Agenda are several items affecting service districts in the area and two that have some impact on the City:

- ORDINANCE NO. 2011-20-1B. An Ordinance Amending The FY 2011-12 Budget By Appropriating An Additional \$340,000 In Federal Pass-Through Capitalization Grant Funding To The Solid Waste Disposal Enterprise Projects Fund For Solid Waste Cell 1 And South Cushman Landfill Partial Closure And Landfill Gas-To-Energy Project Design And Construction. And,
- ORDINANCE NO. 2011-20-1D. An Ordinance Amending The FY 2011-12 Budget By Appropriating \$500,000 In State Grant Funding To the Capital Projects And/Or Special Revenue Funds For A Natural Gas Distribution Study And A Feasibility And Pre-Due Diligence Study. For a list of meeting times and agendas, go to <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/meetings/Assembly>.

MEDIA:

July 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)

- **July 20, 5 p.m.**, Kickoff party for Golden Days—Fundraiser for Itadori Sister City @ Pioneer Park
- **July 20, 6 p.m.**, the mayor will be greeting participants and attendees during the Opening Ceremony of the 50th Anniversary World Eskimo-Indian Olympics (WEIO)
- **July 21, 2 p.m.**, Reception for past WEIO queens and current contenders for Miss WEIO @ Hotel North Pole
- **July 26, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**, FMATS Public Open House @ North Pole City Hall. Call 459-6805 for details.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

Mr. Jones asked about the Fairbanks Daily Newsminer article concerning the state aid and how North Pole made out.

Mayor Isaacson said that the city received \$207,000 so far and that we still haven't received any other monies but we are close to what was budgeted for 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Accountant

Lisa Vaughn went over the financial statements including the percentages of how the fund is split up between the general fund and the utility fund.

Police Dept

None

Fire Dept

None

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

July, 2011 Council Report

Bill Butler

Director of City Services

Building Department

- 1 residential building permit issued since my June 20 report

Public Works

- City-wide pavement rehabilitation project has begun (Finnel, H&H, North Pole High School Blvd., Cross Way, Snowman, Davis, 6th & 7th.)
 - Originally estimated to be finished this week, apparently behind schedule
- Increased rainfall has lessened need for turf watering, but has resulted in increased need for mowing
- Permit application drafted to ADOT for main street initiative that encompasses roundabouts

Utility Department

- Lift station renovation project proceeding
 - Old Richardson Highway, Kit Blvd. and Holiday Road lift stations progressing with no significant problems
 - Yukon lift station discovered corrosion on interior of can that will result in a delay and relative small cost overrun—estimated at \$34,000

- Sludge removal project completed
- Engineering analysis and design project for waste water treatment plant proceeding in generation of USDA mandated preliminary engineering and environmental reports

Cash flow issue related to utility construction projects has been proceeding well with cooperation of EPA, ADEC, GNI

Borough Representative, Mayor Isaacson

The library concept plan will be presented on August 1, 2011 during mayors communications. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 21, 2011.

City Clerk, Kathy Weber

- The utility position closed today at 5:00 p.m. We will be conducting interviews within the next two weeks.
- The election is drawing near. Filing for 2 City Council seats will begin on July 25, 2011 and closes on August 12, 2011. Kevin McCarthy is term limited and Bonnie Arnold's seat was for a 1 year term. Packets will be available for anyone wishing to file for those seats in the clerks office on July 25, 2011.
- I will be out of the office from July 13 – 20, 2011 vacationing with family.

ONGOING PROJECTS

- None

CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes

- None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McGhee moved to Consent the following items and to move into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

a. **Resolution 11-18, A Resolution To Place An Initiative On The October 4, 2011 City Of North Pole Ballot Authorizing The City To Incur \$1,416,500 Of Debt In The Form Of A Low-Interest Alaska Department Of Environmental Conservation Loan For The Purpose Of Reducing Inflow And Infiltration Of Ground Water Into The Waste Water Collection System.**

b. **Resolution 11-19, A Resolution Authorizing The Utility Department To Distribute Educational Materials Explaining The Ballot Initiative Related To The Alaska Department**

Of Environmental Conservation Loan For The Utility Project To Reduce Inflow And Infiltration Of Ground Water Into The Waste Water Collection System

c. Resolution 11-20, A Resolution Establishing The City Of North Pole Utility Department Priority Capital Project For Calendar Year 2012: North Pole Sewer Line And Manhole Rehabilitation And Replacement Project

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES – 6- Hunter, McGhee, Holm, Arnold, Jones, Isaacson

NO – 0

Abstained - 0

Mayor Isaacson brought the meeting back to order at 8:05 p.m.

Ms. Hunter *moved to* Approve The Resolution Of The Lawsuit Of Tesla And USKH For The Approximate Amount Of \$87,000 In Which If DEC Covers That Payment It Will Only Amount To \$8,700 To City Of North Pole.

Seconded *by* Mr. Jones

Discussion

Mr. Holm asked what the timeframe was for this.

Mr. Wilson said there was no timeframe.

Mr. McGhee said he didn't want to bring it back for discussion and that this was pretty simple to understand.

Mr. McGhee *moved to* amend the motion to accept the second solution that if DEC does not accept the payment that the City of North Pole will pay the \$29,000.

Seconded *by* Holm

Discussion

Mr. Jones wanted clarification of the actual resolution.

Mayor Isaacson said it doesn't affect our negotiating as it is in the hands of DEC.

Ms. Hunter said she felt it would send a message to the other party's that we were not ready to pay the whole amount.

Mr. Wilson said that there is no more negotiating at this point.

PASSED

YES – 6- Hunter, McGhee, Holm, Arnold, Jones, Isaacson

NO – 0

Abstained - 0

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Hunter – Ms. Hunter said she is a little hesitant to put major items on a consent agenda even though they discuss things thoroughly during Committee of the Whole. It looks as though the council is rushing through things when it isn't covered in the minutes. She had no problem voting for the consent agenda this time as she didn't know how long the Executive Session would last. Ms. Hunter is looking forward to the Committee Report on the library during the August 1st meeting. The legislature will be matching 50% of the funds for this project and they are looking to see what kind of contribution the community is making towards this too.

Mr. McGhee – The Finance Committee had a good meeting. He had considered resigning from the committee because he felt it was too in depth for what it should be and would require too much time. The Committee changed its forum and is not the same as the borough as they don't get \$900 per month to be a part of it. He stated that they talked about giving back 10% of the EMS Contract to the fire department, removing the sales tax from fuel, doing tax audits, and invite the NPEDC to see what they are doing to generate revenues for the City of North Pole without it being an amusement affair or a duplicated winter festival as that is the Chambers function, not the NPEDC function. The majority of this committee is made up of council members and they didn't feel that they should have to discuss things again and will set up quarterly meetings and that people who want to attend will be able to.

Mr. Holm – No Comment

Ms. Arnold – stated that one department head was at the meeting and that they felt it was an open forum to be able to speak without having to be governed by Roberts Rules.

Mr. Jones – Apologized for the meeting he missed. He agreed that they should have a tax audit on some of the companies in town and feels that it is well warranted and overdue. He said that the sales tax on the fuel is something that the council should look at. He had a good time at Jingle in July and that they walked it in under an hour. AML is planning on getting together on August 2, 2011 and planning the conference in November.

Mayor Isaacson - said he is happy that the Finance Committee has direction. The city doesn't have the staff to conduct tax audits on businesses in town and it would be an added cost to the city if the council requested this and that they would need to help find funds to do this. He reminded council that on December 8, 2011 they had Tesoro on the phone and they said if they took the sales tax off the fuel prices can still rise. Mayor Isaacson said he would like to meet with Mr. Jones and try and get AML out this way as the Clerks are coming out and that is going to be a fun time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGhee *moved to adjourn the meeting of July 18, 2011*

Seconded by Mr. Jones

No Objection

The regular meeting of July 18, 2011 adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, August 1, 2011.

DOUGLAS W. ISAACSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

KATHRYN M. WEBER, MMC, City Clerk



July 22, 2011

The Honorable Don Young
Fairbanks Federal Building
101 – 12th Avenue, Room 212
Fairbanks, AK 99701

— COPY —

Dear Congressman Young:

As the Mayors representing the Fairbanks, Alaska Urban Area and as sitting members of the Policy Committee of its Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), we are writing to express our serious concern about the future of smaller MPOs. As Congress debates the reauthorization of surface transportation legislation, they are considering changing the MPO population threshold to 200,000 and eliminating existing MPO's under that threshold. It is our recommendation to retain existing MPOs under 200,000 in population regardless of any new MPO threshold changes.

MPOs carry out federally required transportation planning activities, such as the development of multi-modal long range and short range plans, coordinated selection of transportation improvements, and significant public outreach. Removing the decision-making authority from the local level will take away the voice of the government, its citizens and people in the affected regions. Removing the MPO's connection to public participation will lead to decisions being made without citizen involvement, and will increase the distance between citizens and the policy-makers.

Should Congress elect to change the population threshold without including grandfather provisions, 220 of the 385 MPOs would be eliminated. Decades of an open table for the operators, public agencies, state and local officials, and citizens will disappear. Land use decisions would continue to take place on the local level while transportation decisions and investments, critical to economic growth, would be done on a statewide level.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue. Any assistance you can provide to protect the status and existence of smaller MPO's nationwide is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Luke Hopkins, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough

Jerry Cleworth, Mayor
City of Fairbanks

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor
City of North Pole

Doug Isaacson

From: Doug Isaacson **Sent:** Mon 7/25/2011 5:44 PM
To: Leathard, Scott
Cc: Boyles, Rhonda; Padgett, Chad; mayor@co.fairbanks.ak.us; Jerry Cleworth; Donna J. Gardino
Subject: RE: MPO Thsrhold Reform May Eliminate FMATS
Attachments:

Hello Scott,

Thank you for your reply. The three local mayors have just sent off a combined letter supporting the continuance of MPO's such as FMATS. I'm including Mayors Hopkins (FNSB) and Cleworth (Fairbanks) in this reply, and our FMATS Director, Donna Gardino. I think it safe to say we all appreciate the Congressman's insistence on a grandfather clause and will provide you with whatever you need for him to successfully press the point if it comes to a House or Committee vote. Let us know.

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

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From: Leathard, Scott [mailto:Scott.Leathard@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Fri 7/22/2011 10:26 AM
To: Doug Isaacson
Cc: Boyles, Rhonda; Padgett, Chad
Subject: RE: MPO Thsrhold Reform May Eliminate FMATS

Mayor Isaacson,

I apologize for the delay in responding to your email. I wanted to be sure I had received feedback from the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee before I replied.

The concern that is being raised over the altering the MPO population threshold stems from the Administration's proposal to raise the threshold to 200,000. The proposal contains a grandfather clause for those MPOs that wish to remain, as long as there is agreement from the Governor.

As of this moment, the Committee is looking at the different proposals that have been offered over time; however, there are no definite plans to take action in any manner. Notably, the Administration has not contacted the Committee to advocate or explain their proposal on this matter.

On behalf of yourself and the Congressman, we expressed our support for ensuring that if any change occurs, a grandfather clause is contained. We will continue to work to ensure that our interests are secured.

Sincerely,

Scott Leathard

Scott Leathard

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From: Doug Isaacson [mailto:mayor@northpolealaska.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 2:01 PM
To: Boyles, Rhonda
Subject: MPO Thrshold Reform May Eliminate FMATS
Importance: High

Dear Rhonda,

The purpose of this correspondence is to register with the Congressman our serious concerns related to the elimination of MPOs below 200,000 in population without a grandfathering provision for existing MPOs.

Should Congress elect to change the population threshold without including a grandfathering provision, **States will lose MPOs.** In those states, this will shift a large, unfunded burden to the state department of transportation and to adjacent MPOs. In all, the proposed 200,000 threshold would eliminate approximately 220 of the 385 MPOs, or 57 percent. Decades of a collaborative forum where transit operators, public agencies, states officials, local elected officials and the general public discuss long-range transportation issues that could have impacts upon their communities for decades into the future would disappear with no viable replacement.

THE CHANGE WOULD ELIMINATE FMATS! FMATS has been invaluable in enabling small communities, like North Pole, to have an active say where transportation money in the Interior of Alaska should be spent and to be able to see necessary projects within our vicinity be given a priority and brought to completion years earlier than was possible prior to the establishment of the MPO.

As required under U.S. Code Title 23, Chapter 1, Section 134, MPOs are policy boards comprised of local elected officials, representatives of public agencies that administer or operate transportation modes and state officials. The MPO boards are responsible for carrying out federally required transportation planning activities that include, but are not limited to, development of long-term multimodal transportation plans, coordinated selection of transportation improvements in a fiscally constrained manner, public outreach, and coordination with states and numerous public and citizen interests.

As Congress debates the reauthorization of surface transportation legislation, while certain changes in law may be needed to improve the planning process, all existing MPOs must remain in operation to continue their critical roles in planning for the movement of people and goods that supports our national economy. Removing the decision-making authorities from the local level will take away the voice of the local government, its citizens and people in the regions.

I believe I need to direct this email to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair, Rep John Mica--who wouldn't know me or tiny North Pole from Adam--and I'm sure Don is on a first name basis with the Chair and can discuss this onerous proposal with him directly. Please do not hesitate contacting me should you have additional questions. I may be reached at 907-488-8584 or email: mayor@northpolealaska.com. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

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Sprintwood Racing Kennel

**My team and I would like to
personally thank sponsors
of the Alaska State Sport
- Dog Mushing -**

**I participate in
Alaska Dog Mushers Association events,
as well as other races around the state.**

**This is a photo of my main team after a
training run at the Jeff Studdert Race
grounds in Fairbanks.**

**I would like to express my appreciation
of your support. Dog mushing is the
sport that all family members can
participate in and getting out provides
exercise and keeps away cabin fever
throughout the year.**

**We won the 8-dog class points
championship for participating in five
Challenge Series Races however, we
were middle of the pack at most of the
Championship Races this year.
Highlight this year-raced against Lance.**

**I hope to see you at next season's
events.**

Sincerely,

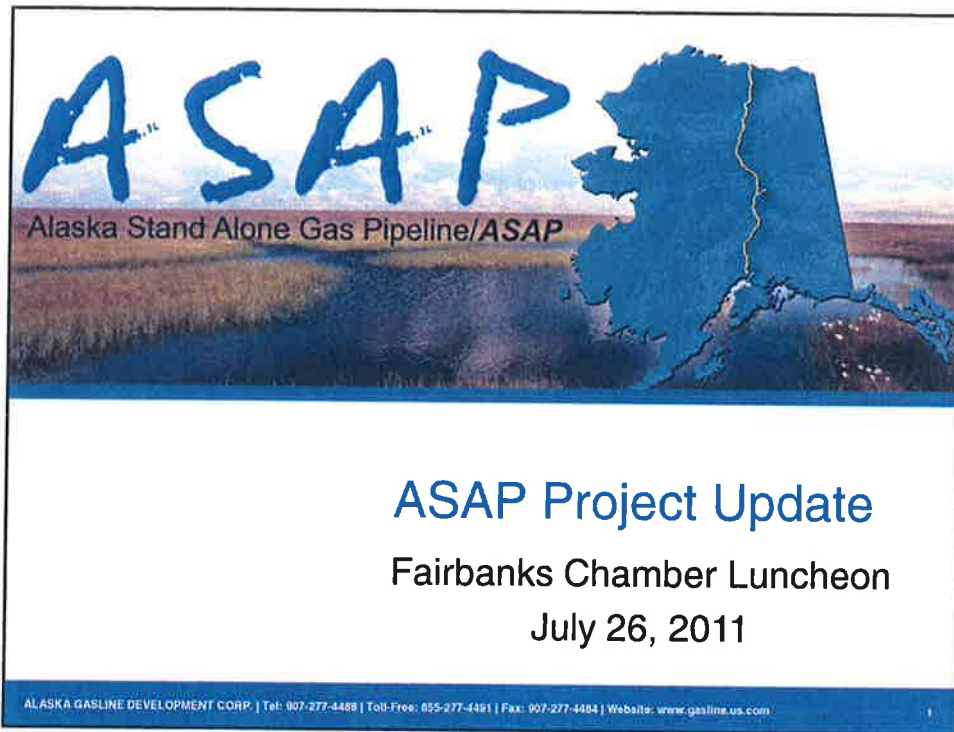
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BP DAY AT THE FAIR

Kids, 13 and under, get in **FREE** during BP Kids' Day
Saturday, August 6, at the Tanana Valley State Fair.



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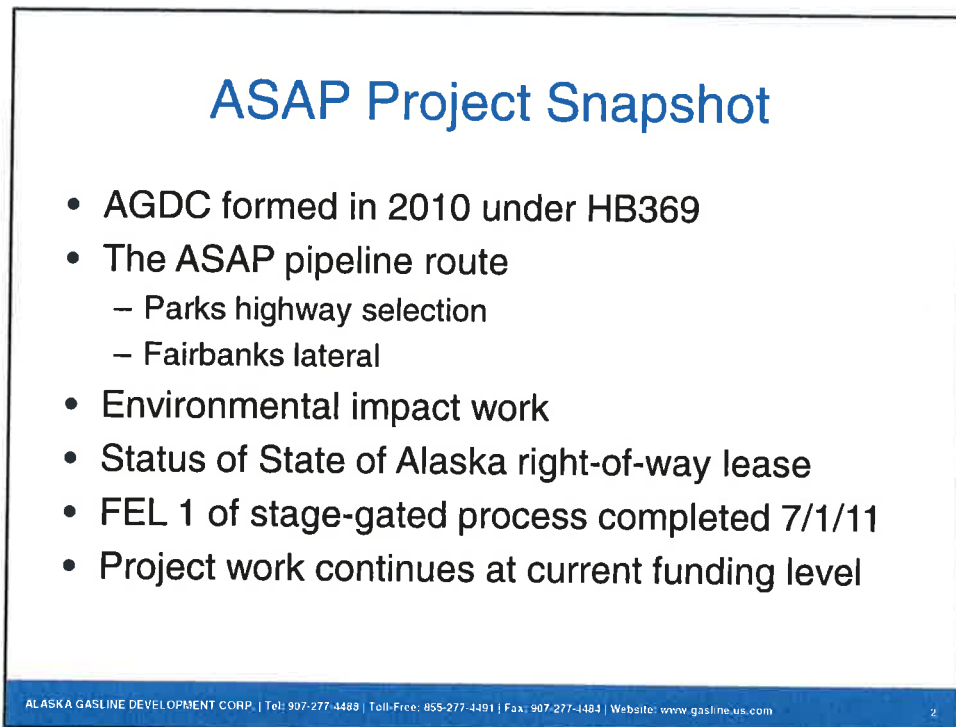
The slide features a header image with the word "ASAP" in large, blue, hand-drawn letters. To the right of the letters is a blue silhouette of the state of Alaska. Below the letters, the text "Alaska Stand Alone Gas Pipeline/ASAP" is written in a smaller, black font. The background of the header image shows a landscape with water and reeds. Below the header image, the text "ASAP Project Update" is centered in a large, blue font. Underneath that, "Fairbanks Chamber Luncheon" and "July 26, 2011" are centered in a smaller, black font. At the bottom of the slide, a blue banner contains the text "ALASKA GASLINE DEVELOPMENT CORP. | Tel: 907-277-4488 | Toll-Free: 855-277-4491 | Fax: 907-277-4484 | Website: www.gasline.us.com" in a small, white font.

ASAP Project Update

Fairbanks Chamber Luncheon

July 26, 2011

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The slide has a white background with a blue border. The title "ASAP Project Snapshot" is centered at the top in a large, blue font. Below the title is a bulleted list of seven items. At the bottom of the slide, a blue banner contains the text "ALASKA GASLINE DEVELOPMENT CORP. | Tel: 907-277-4488 | Toll-Free: 855-277-4491 | Fax: 907-277-4484 | Website: www.gasline.us.com" in a small, white font.

ASAP Project Snapshot

- AGDC formed in 2010 under HB369
- The ASAP pipeline route
 - Parks highway selection
 - Fairbanks lateral
- Environmental impact work
- Status of State of Alaska right-of-way lease
- FEL 1 of stage-gated process completed 7/1/11
- Project work continues at current funding level

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*Read PLAN of Development
on ASAP web site*

Anch - 16 mile
lateral, sm drilled

ASAP Project Plan Findings

- **Cost of Gas to Consumers** – based on reasonable assumptions the tariff models support further ASAP Project work
 - Anchorage \$ 9.63/MMBtu in 2011 dollars
 - Fairbanks \$10.45/MMBtu in 2011 dollars
- **Alternative Project Schedules** – unlikely another single project will address the Cook Inlet energy shortfall in comparable timeframe
- **Project Cost** - \$7.52 Billion, in 2011 dollars - plus/minus 30%

due to straddle
plant @ Dunbar
to send
utility gas
to F&K
divided
by
population

Parks

– Fed preference

Rich

– \$500m +

– can expand

no compelling reason

– WHAT ABOUT

population

or mineral reserves

that can be

commercialized

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Findings, continued (2)

- **Public Ownership Model** – provides lowest tariff due to lower cost of debt and zero equity
- **Builder/Owner/Operator** – there is interest among Builder/Owner/Operators if private ownership model is selected
- **Anchor Tenants** – LNG anchor tenant appears commercially feasible
- **Business Risks** –
 - Failed open season; increased construction costs; or project delay caused by regulatory/environmental permitting

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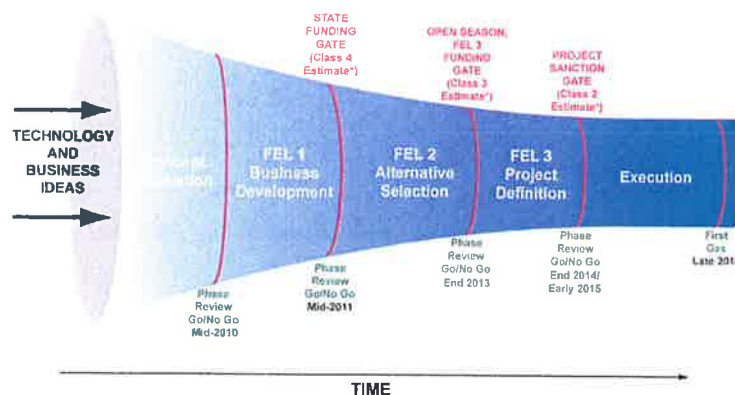
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Findings, continued (3)

- **Route Selection** – Parks meets HB369 requirements and criteria of environmental impact statement
- **Project Schedule** – Optimized to successfully execute an open season and procure financing
- **State Lease ROW** – ASAP granted first non-conditional pipeline right-of-way by the State for the purpose of transporting North Slope natural gas to market

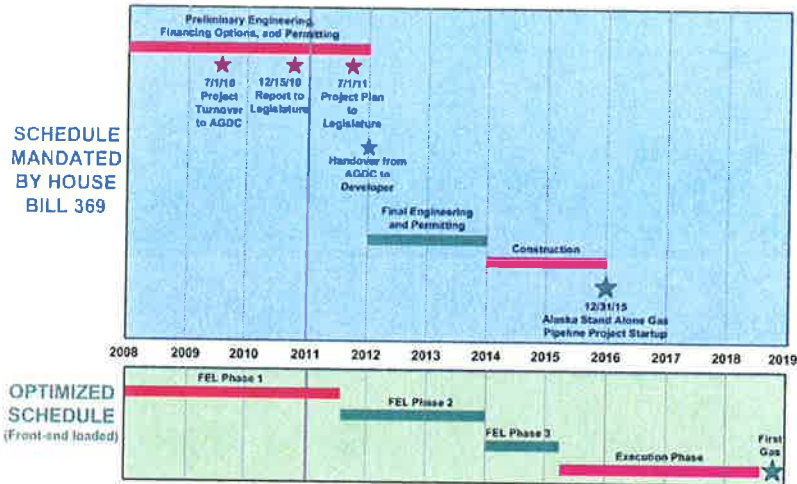
Stage Gate Approach

Front-End Development Progressively Narrows Uncertainty of Cost and Schedule



*Refers to AACE cost estimate classes (Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering)
The lower the class number, the higher the confidence in the accuracy of the estimate.

Project Schedule



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ASAP Recommendations

- **Adjust Project schedule** – first gas 2018, full transmission 2019
- **Fund 2nd phase (FEL2)** of ASAP Project – approximately \$340M
- **Select Ownership Model**
- **Procure Builder/Owner/Operator or Builder/Operator**
- **Execute Plans** included in ASAP Project Plan
- **Refine Alignment**

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DF Blues
ASAP will
peacel out
+ will work

Consider economic values
of imported LNG

~ 10 is the cost of Btu/Mcf
2 or = to employment⁴

What's Next

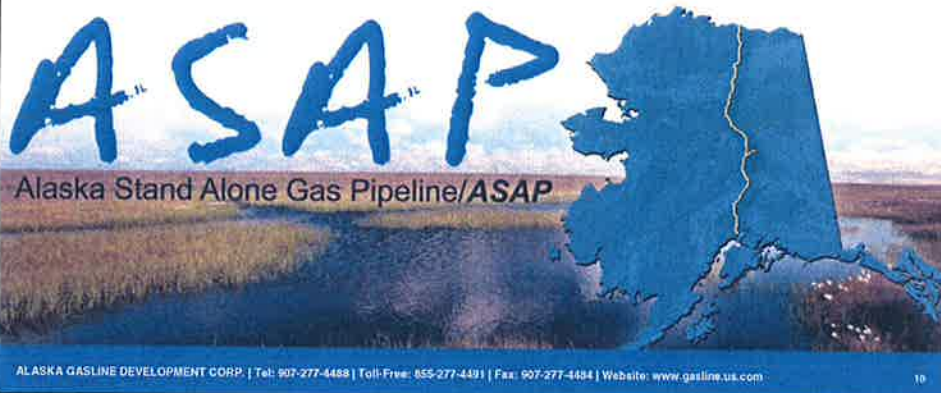
- Continue work on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Perform field work associated with regulatory requirements and pipeline design
- Refine engineering & design to optimize cost models
- Stakeholder Engagement – Continue to educate the public on ASAP activity

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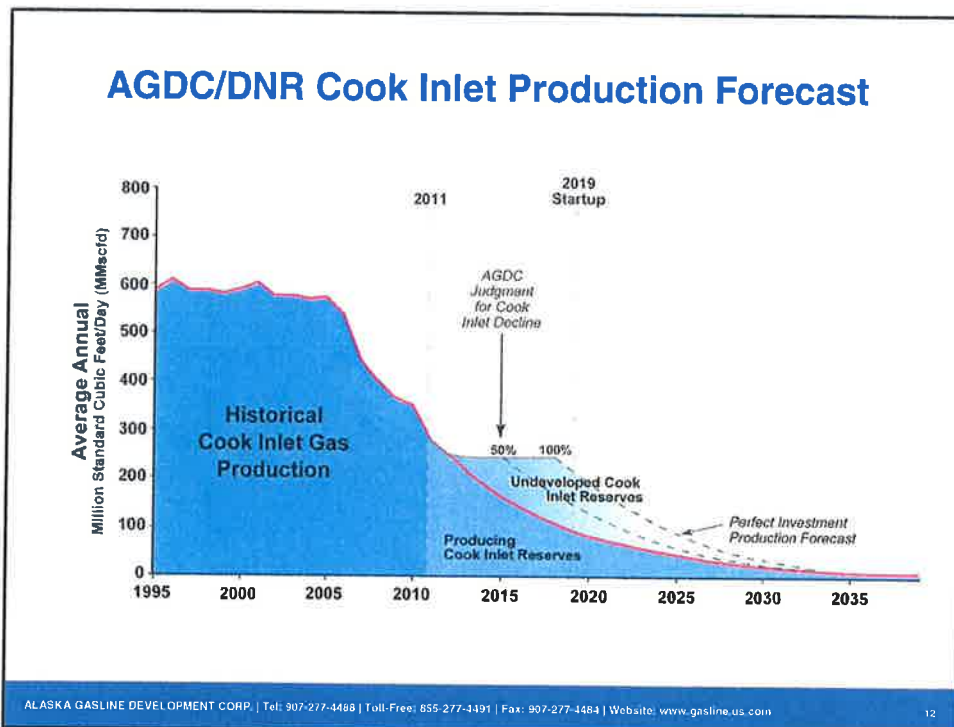
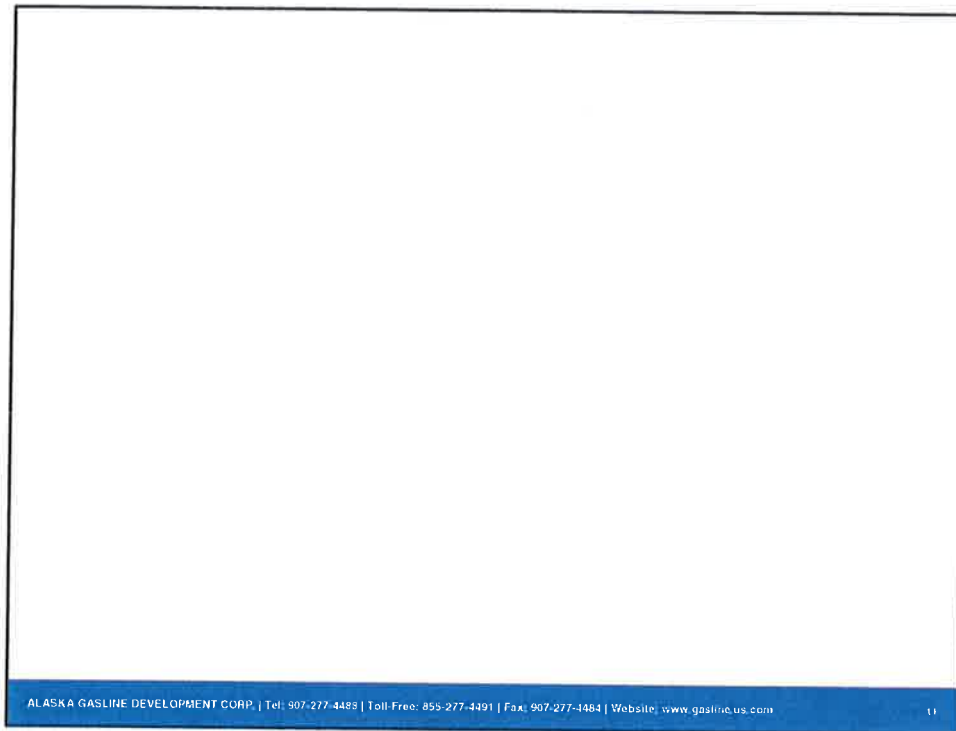
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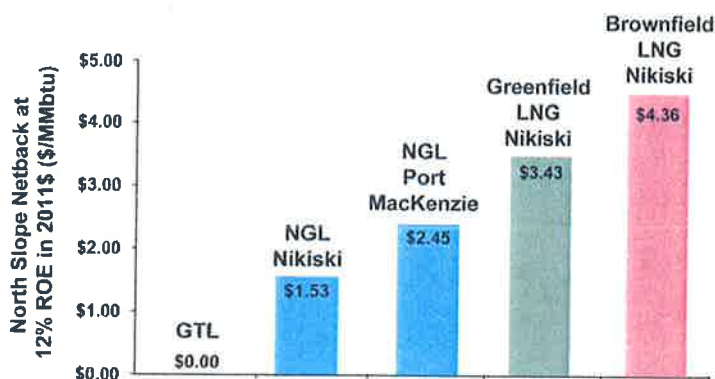


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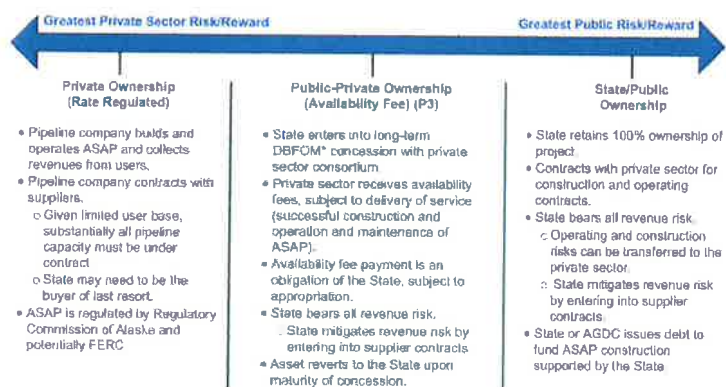
North Slope Netbacks for Industrial Anchors



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Three Financing Scenarios Analyzed by C&R

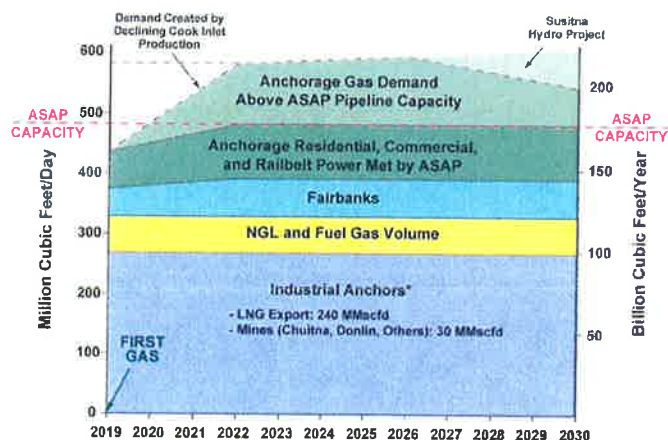


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AGDC Cook Inlet Demand Forecast for ASAP Gas (Demand Net of Cook Inlet Production)



Industrial Anchors wedge assumes only one mining project becomes a gas off-taker for 30 MMscfd



North Pole Fire Department

125 Snowman Lane - North Pole, Alaska 99705

Phone: 907.488.2232 Fax: 907.488.3747

Memo

To: Kathy
From: Buddy
Date: 7/26/2011
Re: August 1 Council Meeting.

Kathy I would like to add the approval to purchase two Autopulses from Zoll medical to the agenda for Monday August 1st. Attached is the quotation I received. Zoll is the only manufacture of this device. Grant money from code blue (\$10,000) and state grant money (\$11,585) will be used to make the purchase.

Council members can log on to www.zoll.com/medical-products/cardiac-support-pump/autopulse to watch a four and a half minute video on the autopulse. If they wish to watch the video once on the site under autopulse resources click on video, play the video under fire department network news.



**GUIDELINES
2010 READY**

ZOLL Medical Corporation

Worldwide Headquarters
269 Mill Rd
Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824-4105
(978) 421-9655 Main
(800) 348-9011
(978) 421-0015 Customer Support
FEDERAL ID#: 04-2711626

TO: North Pole Fire Department

125 Snowman Lane
North Pole, AK 99705

Attn: **Fire Chief Buddy Lane**

email: blane@gci.net
Tel: 907-488-0444

QUOTATION 94720 V:2

DATE: July 26, 2011

TERMS: Net 30 Days

FOB: Shipping Point

FREIGHT: Free Freight

ITEM	MODEL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT PRICE	DISC PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1		<u>Autopulse Promotional Package to include</u>	2	\$11,420.00	\$9,895.00	\$19,790.00 *
1a	8700-0700-01-66	Refurbished AutoPulse® System - Generates consistent and uninterrupted chest compressions, offering improved blood flow during cardiac arrest. Includes Backboard, User Guide, Quick Reference Guide, Shoulder Restraints, Backboard Cable Ties, Head Immobilizer, Grip Strips, In-service Training DVD, and one year warranty . Acceptance of an order for Refurbished Equipment is contingent upon product availability at time of order. Orders are filled on a first come, first serve basis.	1	\$8,796.00	Included	Included
1b	8700-0702-01	AutoPulse® Battery - Original equipment Nickel-metal Hydride (NiMH) battery for use with the AutoPulse Platform.	3	\$575.00	Included	Included
1c	8700-0705-01	AutoPulse® Soft Carry Case - Soft-sided carrying case holds AutoPulse Platform, spare battery, spare LifeBand and Shoulder Restraints.	1	\$395.00	Included	Included
1d	8700-0706-01	LifeBand® 3 pack - Single-use chest compression band. (3 per package)	1	\$375.00	Included	Included
1e	8700-0712-01	AutoPulse® Soft Stretcher - Extrication stretcher suitable to move patient while AutoPulse is deployed.	1	\$129.00	Included	Included
Continued on Page 2						
Page 1 Subtotal						\$19,790.00

This quote is made subject to ZOLL's standard commercial terms and conditions (ZOLL T's + C's) which accompany this quote. Any purchase order (P.O.) issued in response to this quotation will be deemed to incorporate ZOLL T's + C's. Any modification of the ZOLL T's + C's must be set forth or referenced in the customer's P.O. No commercial terms or conditions shall apply to the sale of goods or services governed by this quote and the customer's P.O. unless set forth in or referenced by either document.

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3. PRICES QUOTED ARE VALID UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2011.

4. APPLICABLE TAX, FREIGHT CHARGES & ORDER PROCESSING FEES ADDITIONAL

5. ALL PURCHASE ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL BEFORE ACCEPTANCE BY ZOLL.

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2	8700-0703-01	AutoPulse® Battery Charger, U.S. - Charges and conditions up to two batteries and automatically assesses battery charge level. Includes User Guide and U.S. power cord. Acceptance of an order for Refurbished Equipment is contingent upon product availability at time of order. Orders are filled on a first come, first serve basis. *Reflects Discount Pricing. <u>Package Pricing valid until October 1, 2011.</u>	1	\$1,795.00	\$1,795.00	\$1,795.00
TOTAL						\$21,585.00

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North Pole

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

July 13, 2011

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

RE: NPEDC Second Quarter Bed Tax Request

Dear Mayor Isaacson & City Council Members,

Pursuant to North Pole City Ordinance 4.09, North Pole Economic Development Corporation (NPEDC) is requesting its share of the 2011 Second Quarter Bed Tax. A brief description of our varied activities follows.

NPEDC cooperated with the North Pole Beautification Committee in putting up the repainted candy canes by providing labor to help place the candy canes as well as hardware to secure them to the light posts. We provided a dumpster for both Cruisin' with Santa and the North Pole Summer Festival and had representatives at both events.

NPEDC updated the rack card and had 5000 more printed. These rack cards continue to be a "hot ticket" and we distribute them to Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, who makes them available at the Morris Thompson Center as well as at the International Airport. They are also available locally at the North Pole Chambers Visitor Cabin and at Santa Claus House!

We have been working with the State of Alaska to obtain beautification permits for the North Pole Plaza and the 5th Avenue and Richardson Highway upgrades. We have been given the go ahead for these two projects and are working up an estimate for a Welcome to North Pole sign that will require a separate permit at the 5th and Richardson site. We have also been in touch with the North Pole Plaza owners and have received permission to use part of their private property for the beautification project and are working on getting access to their electricity to light the trees.

NPEDC worked closely with Christmas in Ice to monitor the Ice Alaska situation and offered a North Pole solution to their challenges with their location on the Alaska Railroad property.

Moving forward we will be working on our two beautification projects and raising money for the projects from both the public and private sector. We will also continue to raise money for Christmas in Ice and NPEDC.

Saving the best for last I have hired an assistant, Kathy Fitzgerald, who comes to North Pole Economic Development Corporation with many skills as an entrepreneur, the main organizer for the North American, and a very positive attitude. You can call NPEDC's number, 488-4558 and Kathy will answer, even if out of the office, as it is forwarded to her cell. Please join me in welcoming her to our community when you see her around!

Respectfully,



Buzz Otis, Executive Director

North Pole Economic Development Corp.

Profit & Loss

January through June 2011

	Jan - Jun 11
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
2000 - Ordinary Income	
2010 - Government Contributions	28,383.50
2020 - Corporate Contributions	14,650.00
2070 - Reimbursements	10,000.00
Total 2000 - Ordinary Income	53,033.50
Total Income	53,033.50
Expense	
3000 - Administration	
3010 - Executive Director	15,000.00
3020 - Administrative Support	572.00
3030 - Vehicle & Mileage Reimb.	3,300.00
3040 - Expense Reimbursement	5,285.60
Total 3000 - Administration	24,157.60
4000 - Operations	
4020 - Office Supplies	333.19
4040 - Postage & Mailing	107.94
Total 4000 - Operations	441.13
5000 - Facilities & Equipment	
5010 - Rent	2,500.00
Total 5000 - Facilities & Equipment	2,500.00
5100 - Utilities	
5110 - Electricity	250.00
5130 - Phones & Internet	481.96
Total 5100 - Utilities	731.96
6000 - Marketing & Outreach	
6010 - Advertising	550.80
6040 - Donations & Sponsorships	13,400.00
Total 6000 - Marketing & Outreach	13,950.80
6100 - Events	8,568.66
6200 - Programs	
6210 - Spirit of North Pole	2,125.00
6220 - Beautification Projects	14,506.90
Total 6200 - Programs	16,631.90
7000 - Professional Services	
7020 - Accounting Fees	2,060.48
Total 7000 - Professional Services	2,060.48
Pending	2,618.41
Total Expense	71,660.94
Net Ordinary Income	-18,627.44
Net Income	-18,627.44

North Pole Economic Development Corp.
Balance Sheet
 As of July 12, 2011

	Jul 12, 11
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
NPEDC	1,056.60
Total Checking/Savings	1,056.60
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	8,100.00
Total Accounts Receivable	8,100.00
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	10,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	10,000.00
Total Current Assets	19,156.60
TOTAL ASSETS	19,156.60
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	1,706.25
Total Accounts Payable	1,706.25
Total Current Liabilities	1,706.25
Total Liabilities	1,706.25
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	33,376.83
Unrestricted Net Assets	7,957.21
Net Income	-23,883.69
Total Equity	17,450.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	19,156.60

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bill@northpolealaska.com

City of North Pole
Director of City Services

Memo

To: North Pole City Council
From: William Butler *WB*
Director of City Services
Date: July 27, 2011
Subject: North Pole Economic Development Corporation beautification project funding

North Pole Economic Development Corporation (NPEDC) has requested that the City of North Pole provide financial support for a beautification project along Santa Claus Lane. The project will be an installation in the mall parking lot facing Santa Claus Lane extending from the fence at the Richard Highway off ramp south to the entrance to the mall parking lot. The installation will use landscaping block to create elevated planting beds. The landscaping blocks will match the style used to surround the elevated mall sign. The installation will remove the lower section of the off ramp fence and will provide a deterrent to off-road vehicles using this route to access the City. By removing the lower section of fence, the installation would eliminate the posting of advertising signs. Deterring off-road vehicle travel will reduce the volume of gravel in the road way.

The funding request is for \$15,000 and is explained in the attached submissions from NPEDC. The project will be the first step in enacting the Main Street Development Initiative. Funding for the project could be drawn from the Public Works department, Streets Maintenance budget line (01-08-00-7012). The current balance of this budget line as of July 27, 2011 is \$122,025.51. The significant number of FMATS roads projects in the City this year has permitted budget saving. This budget line will be used to fund several remaining street maintenance project like brushing and it will be used to support the City's Main Street Development Initiative efforts.

North Pole

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

July 26, 2011

Mr. Doug Isaacson, Mayor
Mr. Bill Butler, Director of City Services
City of North Pole
North Pole, Alaska 99705

RE: Beautification funding for North Pole Plaza Project

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the opportunity to follow up on my email of July 21, 2011 requesting the City of North Pole participation in the beautification project at North Pole Plaza along Santa Claus Lane. As you are aware, North Pole Economic Development Corporation (NPEDC), designed a project behind and along the sidewalk between Key Bank and the North Pole Plaza. The project includes both private land owned by the North Pole Plaza and State of Alaska right of way. At the end of February NPEDC requested funding from the state legislature for this project in the amount of \$70,000., which went unfunded.

NPEDC has found a way to move forward and get this significant part of North Pole beautified. We have approximately \$25,000.00 remaining in a state grant that was received the year prior to this last session. I am requesting an amount of 15,000.00 participation money from the City of North Pole to purchase the retaining wall block, the weed control fabric, and the remainder to be used for plant material, all at cost. We are also expecting a private donation from the Gavora's for the fill dirt to build landscaping mounds, power to light the trees in the winter, as well as other contributions to bring this project into existence.

We would also like your consideration of procuring four benches and two trash receptacles that will match the others you intend to place along Santa Claus Lane.

Our goal is to have this project substantially complete this fall.

Respectfully,



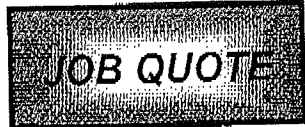
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11-BUZZ

CONTRACTOR: BUZZ OTIS

DATE:

JOB LOCATION:

TO:

DATE EFFECTIVE:

PHONE NO:

FAX NO:

ATTENTION:

MAILING ADDRESS: Kama.patterson@kniferiver.com

Items not specifically quoted herein will be charged at current catalog prices.
Job quote is void during spring road restrictions or when roads become icy, slippery or snow covered. The prices, quantities and delivery dates quoted herein will be maintained to the best of our ability; however, due to the effects of current shortages and cost increases, changes may be necessary. No change will be made with our notification. Should buyer tender his own purchase order, all terms and conditions therein are superseded by the terms and conditions herein.
Material herein quoted, unless otherwise stated, does not meet any specifications. Notice of right to lien required.

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXT PRICE
	KEYSTONE COMPAC II TAN TRI/FACE 36/PLT	EA	1275	\$6.80	\$8,670.00
	KEYSTONE 4" CAP TAN TRI/FACE 64/PLT	EA	575	\$4.45	\$2,558.75
	KEYSTONE PIN 100/BX	EA	2550	\$1.23	\$586.50
	MIRAFI 140N 15' X 360'	EA	2	\$469.00	\$938.00
	DELIVERY TRACTOR	EA	3	\$200.00	\$600.00

ALL KEYSTONE PRODUCTS ARE IN STOCK.

ALL PALLETS WILL HAVE A \$25.00 DEPOSIT.

TERMS: Billing closes on the 25th of each month (upon approval of credit).
Net 30 days.
1% service charge on balances over 30 days, but not in excess of lawful maximum.

BY: KAMA PATTERSON 378-0976

Contractor has read, understands and agrees to the standard terms and conditions on the reverse side hereof as well as the foregoing special terms and conditions.

CONTRACTOR:

(Acceptance required within 10 days)

Date

Siberian Larch 10' 180°

Lodgepole 6-8' 185°

Amur cherry 6-8' 76°

Mancana ash 8-10' 149

Canary arborescens ^{weeping} walker 160°

Schuber 100-

Acer ginnala flava 159 50

Lilac 2-3' 20-25-

Juniper Bar Harbor 14 95

Common Juniper 19 95

Buttelo Juniper 19 95

Sea


Canaday —

Edg^{es} Sedum Veronica 10' Day Lily 13°
Peony 16° City



City of North Pole Office of the Mayor

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

Date: August 1, 2011
To: Council Members
Cc: Kathy Weber, MMC
From: Mayor Douglas W. Isaacson 
RE: **Request authorization to pre-fund travel costs to Anchorage for Mayor to participate in ADOT's Strategic Traffic Safety Plan, Team Meeting Two, as a member of the Leadership Group**

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) has asked me to participate on the Strategic Highway (Traffic) Safety Plan Leadership Group. Our work to date has been by teleconference. The value to North Pole is that our concerns are directly addressed in the planning of the Safety Plan and not addressed as an afterthought, and we increase our awareness of available resources in order to provide a more professional level of service to the public.

According to DOT, we have made significant progress in the past few months as each of the Emphasis Areas have reviewed, revised, and developed new strategies and action steps to be incorporated into the 2011 Update of the STSP.

Our next set of meetings, called "Team Meetings Two", will be held in Anchorage on **August 16-18, 2011** where each of the emphasis areas will finalize their strategies, action steps, and accompanying performance measures.

Team Meeting Two Schedule:

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

Welcoming remarks

Emphasis Area & Task Force Discussions (Break outs)

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Emphasis Area teams finalize their strategies, action steps, and performance measures
Lunch is provided!

Thursday, August 18, 2011 (8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

Emphasis Area teams present their final strategies, action steps, and performance measures to the Leadership Group & Task Force Leaders

(All meetings at **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 109 W. International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK, 99518.)

This request is to pre-fund the travel costs which will be reimbursed by ADOT&PF after travel is completed, see the attached Forms: Post Travel Checklist, Alaska STSP Meeting Reimbursable Expenses. Also attached is the letter requesting my participation. I appreciate your consideration and approval.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

DIVISION OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

July 20, 2011

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3132 CHANNEL DRIVE
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Doug Isaacson
Mayor
City of North Pole
125 Snowman Lane
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Dear STSP Leadership Member:

Please join us on the morning of **Thursday August 18th** at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel in Anchorage** where each Strategic Traffic Safety Plan (STSP) Emphasis Area team will present their final plan to you and your fellow safety leaders. They need your questions, guidance, and input. The *Leadership Briefing* is scheduled for 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM. You are also welcome to join us for the entire Team Meeting Two. For schedule see: <http://stsp.alaska.gov> select 2011 Update/Schedule.

We need your input into this important safety plan. The STSP will detail the steps to reduce Alaska's most serious transportation safety problems. The document is a statewide, comprehensive, and data driven effort that addresses the 5Es of safety: Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Emergency Response, and Evaluation. **As leaders in Alaska you have the ability to allocate resources and tackle obstacles that can influence the successful implementation of this lifesaving plan.**

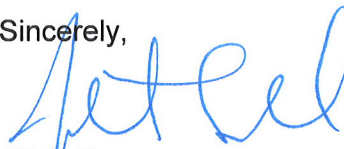
We have already received extensive input from safety stakeholders about the updated plan, which resulted in the identification of four emphasis areas. These following emphasis areas will be the focus of the 2011 STSP:

- **Driver Behavior** (includes Impaired Driving and Young Drivers)
- **Roadways** (includes Lane Departure and Intersections)
- **Special Users** (includes Bicyclists, Pedestrians, and Motorcyclists)
- **Remote Public Roads** (remote communities off the contiguous highway system)

Over the summer, Emphasis Area teams developed elements of the STSP including identifying strategies, action steps, and performance measures based upon the data for their respective area. This effort will culminate with an in-person Team Meeting, on August 16-18 in Anchorage, where final details of the update will be determined by each Emphasis Area team.

Please **RSVP** your intent to attend the STSP Leadership Briefing by **August 15, 2011**. For additional information about the STSP, please visit the **Alaska Strategic Traffic Safety Plan** at <http://stsp.alaska.gov>; emails may be sent to: dot.stsp@alaska.gov
We look forward to working with you to improve traffic safety for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,



Jill Sullivan
Highway Data Programs Manager

"Providing for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods and the delivery of state services."

Alaska STSP Meeting

Please attach receipts

Name: _____

Send reimbursement to (clearly state payee: agency or traveler)

Signature: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Agency: _____

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES														TOTAL
LINE/ EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	DATE	HOTEL		MEALS			TRANSPORTATION					OTHER		
		Room/ Tax	Phone/ Data	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner/ Per Diem*	Air/Rail/ Transit Fare	Car Rental/ Cab	Gas/ Parking/ Tolls	Mileage				
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Additional Notes / Comments:

To be Completed by CS: 8420-001

Approver Name: Eric Tang

Approver Signature: _____

Submit this form to:

Eric Tang
Cambridge Systematics
555 12th Street, Ste. 1600
Oakland, CA 94607
510-873-8700

POST-TRAVEL CHECKLIST

Traveler Name:

Dates of Travel:

Were there ANY changes to your itinerary? Y N
If YES, please attach any documentation showing (change fee & airfare receipts/boarding passes/etc.)

Were you charged for phone calls/internet use? Y N
If YES, were they business-related or personal? _____

Were ANY meals provided for you at the function you attended? Y N
If YES, please list the meals and dates of those that were provided:

Rec'd by ProgDev Travel Desk:

Date/Initials: _____

Ground Transportation Expenses (please list ALL that apply):

Expense	Amount (Dollars/Miles)	Indicate Method of Payment (One Card/Cash/Personal Card)	Receipt Attached Y/N
Taxi/Shuttle/Etc.	\$		
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Rental Car(s)	\$		
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Gasoline	\$		
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Mileage From: To:	Miles	-----	-----

Hotel Name (For Non-Commercial Lodging, indicate "NCL")	Amount (Dollars)	Indicate Method of Payment (One Card/Cash/Personal Card)	Receipt Attached Y/N
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Missing Receipts (please include the date and type of expense, amount, & method of payment):

Other Important Information (please include any miscellaneous expenses):

CITY OF NORTH POLE
RESOLUTION 11-21

**A Resolution of the City of North Pole Relating to the Alaska State Rail Plan and its
Timely Update**

WHEREAS, The City of North Pole is represented on the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) Technical and Policy Committees; FMATS is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and is responsible for transportation planning in the Fairbanks Urban area; and

WHEREAS, rail improvements generate significant benefits to the road network by extending the operating life of highways subjected to extensive freight movements, and improving roadway capacity by providing a multi-modal transportation alternative, and

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole is beneficially impacted by several rail projects currently under development, i.e., the North Pole Road/Rail Crossing Reduction (FARLR Phase One), the Northern Rail Extension, including Phase One: Tanana River Crossing at Salcha, and other rail projects under consideration which may have state-wide economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the federal government provides funding programs to assist in the development, planning, and construction of such rail projects, and eligibility for this federal assistance per the Clean Railroads Act of 2008 and the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 requires a current State Rail Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is the designated State Rail Planning Agency under AS 44.42.020, AS 44.42.900, 17 AAC 05.120; and

WHEREAS, the last State Rail Plan was completed in 1986 and amended in 1990 and much has changed in the last 21 years and under current federal law (P.L. 110-432 div. B, Title III, Sec. 303(a) and 49 USC 227, Section 22705 as enacted in the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act) the State Rail Plan should be updated every five years; and

WHEREAS, FMATS Policy Committee passed Resolution No. 2011-02 requesting the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to update the State Rail Plan in a timely manner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Pole City Council joins FMATS in requesting the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to update the State Rail Plan in cooperation with local communities and the Alaska Railroad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Pole City Council joins FMATS in requesting the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to update the State Rail Plan in a timely manner so as to make investments in Alaska's rail infrastructure eligible for local and State participation in appropriate federal assistance programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be sent to the Governor, the Alaska State Legislature, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Facilities, Commissioner of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, and the Chairman, Alaska Railroad Corporation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 1st day of August, 2011.

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

Kathryn M. Weber, CMC, City Clerk