

# CITY OF NORTH POLE Alaska

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, June 6, 2011

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS		<u>MAYOR</u>
Bonnie Arnold	488-9246	Doug Isaacson 488-8584
Richard Holm	488-1776	
Sharron Hunter	488-4282	
Kevin McCarthy- Dep. Mayor Pro Tem	490-9039	
Ronald Jones – Alt. Dep Mayor Pro Tem	488-3579	
Thomas McGhee - Mayor Pro Tem	455-0010	<u>CITY CLERK</u>
		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 of the 2009 audit by Mikunda Cottrell
- 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

a) Ordinance 11-05, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska Amending Chapter 13.08, Administrative Provisions

#### 12. New Business

a) Award of RFP for Roundabouts to Hawks Farm & Garden Center, Inc.

#### 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, May 16, 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, May 16, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present: Absent/Excused

Ms. Arnold

Mr. McGhee

Ms. Hunter

Mr. Jones

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 Sharron Hunter** 

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jones moved to Approve the Agenda of May 16, 2011

Seconded by Ms. Hunter

#### **Discussion**

None

Mr. Jones moved to have item B under New Business on Consent Agenda:

B. Ordinance 11-05, An Ordinance Of The City Of North Pole, Alaska Amending Chapter 13.08, Administrative Provisions

Seconded by Ms. Hunter

#### **Discussion**

None

#### On the Amendment

#### **PASSED**

YES -6 -Holm, McCarthy, Jones, Arnold, Hunter, McGhee

NO - 0

#### **Abstained-0**

On the main motion as amended

PASSED
YES -6 -Holm, McCarthy, Jones, Arnold, Hunter, McGhee
NO - 0
Abstained- 0

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Holm moved to Approve the Minutes of May 2, 2011

Seconded by Mr. Jones

#### **Discussion**

None

PASSED
YES -6 -Holm, McCarthy, Jones, Arnold, Hunter, McGhee NO - 0
Abstained- 0

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending May 16, 2011 ISSUES:

• <u>Update Juneau:</u> The Legislature adjourned on Saturday, as you may have read in the paper today. Representative Wilson visited with me this morning, reviewing the session and discussing the strategies needed to get a positive result on our funding requests and on a bullet line. She and Rep. Steve Thompson were vital to getting the funds to complete the bridge over the Tanana for access to the military's Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC). However, the House removed funding for local area schools. Money was set aside for area PM2.5 issues, including \$3 million for additional woodstove replacement. The effort to add more money to DEC funding, in order to assist us with our sewer line repairs failed, but we will discuss with her and DEC over the summer how to make sure it is a high enough priority to be inserted in the Governor's budget proposal, if possible. \$10 million was included for FMATS transportation projects, however, the Legislature intends for \$7 million to go to Fairbanks specific problems. I have discussed that with the other mayors and am hopeful that North Pole specific projects will not be delayed next summer.

- <u>Audit Update:</u> Copies of the Basic Financial Statements of the Audit Report conducted by Mikunda, Cottrell & Co are available for review. For the first time in a decade, probably ever, there were no, NO, findings! Congratulations to City Accountant Lisa Vaughn, Accounts Payables Clerk Marilyn Zrucky, Accounts Receivables/Utilities Billing Clerk Tricia Fogarty, and all of City Staff and Council who worked diligently on this product. Council will be discussing the Audit and possibly accepting the report on the meeting of June 6.
- <u>City-Wide Open House this Saturday, May 21:</u> As previously discussed, we are holding a city-wide open house this Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in conjunction with Cruis'n With Santa and the North Pole Grange Third Friday/Saturday Art Show. I encourage Council members to attend this event and be available to the public. In addition to the annual NPFD Open House, which is being very well organized this year by Kyle Green, there will be booths at City Hall and the NPPD. A City "Passport" will be issued and small prizes given for visiting all the functions. Tom Ertel will be bringing his Santa Sleigh Train, developed for NP Christmas In Ice, to provide transportation between locations. Rides, information, static and interactive displays, and city staff will be on hand to answer questions from the public.

Overflow parking is available to the public at the North Pole Elementary School and in the property between Mt. McKinley Bank and AT&T (park at your own risk).

#### • A Community Workshop on Sulfolane

What: Community Workshop on Sulfolane

When: Monday, May 16, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Where:** The North Pole Grange on Grange Road in North Pole (off Eighth Avenue)

The North Pole Sulfolane Technical Project Team will hold a public workshop to discuss the health issues of sulfolane. The workshop will be held Monday, May 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The North Pole Grange.

James Durant, an environmental health scientist with the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, will discuss ATSDR's recently released health consultation on sulfolane in drinking water.

Nim Ha and Cassandra Kirk of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services will discuss community concerns about sulfolane exposure in North Pole. Ha is a program manager, and Kirk is a health assessor, both in the Division of Public Health, Epidemiology Section.

After the presentations, TPT members will be available to answer questions, and provide information on the progress of the sulfolane investigation and next steps, sulfolane sampling

methods, 2010 garden sampling project, and ongoing cleanup and remediation efforts on the refinery site.

The TPT includes technical experts from DEC and DHSS, the City of North Pole, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Flint Hills Resources and various contractors. Sulfolane is an industrial solvent that was found in wells near the Flint Hills refinery in the fall of 2009.

For more information, contact Susan Erben, a public involvement coordinator in the DEC's Contaminated Sites Program: (907) 465-5206 in Juneau, (907) 451-2269 in Fairbanks or at <a href="mailto:susan.erben@alaska.gov">susan.erben@alaska.gov</a>.

- <u>Summer Festival Committee:</u> Met on May 10. Thank you to new sponsor Birchwood Homes, who has contributed \$500. 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 <u>the next</u> <u>meeting is: May 24, 6 pm, at City Hall</u>. See you there!
- <u>Flint Hills Refinery</u>: is undergoing a multi-million dollar "shut down" for maintenance. NPFD responded to a minor contained incident in one of the plants. There was no fire. My office was advised of the situation by both FHR representative and by NPFD Chief Lane.
- <u>Tour of Bernie Karl's bio-mass Pelletizer:</u> I toured Bernie Karl's new bio-mass pelletizer plant under construction on his 9 mile Richardson Highway property. The material he uses will primarily be product otherwise destined for the landfill and will not be in competition with the wood chip pelletizer plant operated by Superior Pellet Fuels. This operation will extend the landfill's life, which will save the taxpayers considerably. Additionally, Bernie will be producing 600 KW (gross) electricity by sometime in August, will build one acre greenhouse, will install a glass crushing plant, and is looking at the possibility of building a "briquetter" to make briquettes for use on domestic grills. For more information or for a tour, call Bernie at 378-2967.

#### **COMMUNITY:**

- May 4 & 11: Delivered "Words of Wisdom" and interacted with students and staff at North Pole Middle School.
- May 5: Presented, with other Mayors, Awards recognizing outstanding Seniors at the FNSB Parks & Rec Annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon.
- May 5: Read 3 Mayor Proclamation recognizing National Day of Prayer at Prayer Breakfast hosted by New Jerusalem COGIC.
- May 6: With Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, hosted Col. Lynn Scheel and wife Ro, Deputy 354<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander, at the GFCC Military Appreciation Dinner.

- May 9: Attended EAFB Quarterly Awards Luncheon. Congratulations to Alt. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ron Jones for his nomination as Outstanding Civilian Specialist!
- May 11: Provided telephonic testimony to the House Finance Committee.
- May 13: Along with NPPD Chief Paul Lindhag and many NPPD Officers, attended the CTC Police Academy graduation ceremony. Congratulations to NPPD Officer Alex Sporleder who graduated number ONE in his class!
- May 13: Attended Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction to assist the Dan & Tia Condon family of Salcha with medical & travel expenses for their baby girl, Celah, diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia as a four month old. An account has been set up at Credit Union One under Dan Condon's name for donations. En lieu of money, air miles contributions would also be helpful to allow Dan to travel to Seattle once a month to visit his family.
- May 14: With Fairbanks Mayor Jerry Cleworth, read 3 Mayor Proclamation recognizing National Day of Prayer at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast.

#### **FNSB ASSEMBLY MEETING:**

The Assembly met on May 5 & 12 and passed a budget that was described as "flat" with no property mil rate increases. For a list of meeting times and agendas, go to <a href="http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/meetings/Assembly">http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/meetings/Assembly</a>.

#### **MEDIA:**

**May 7 & 14:** Mayor Isaacson was on KJNP (1170 AM, 100.3 FM) 8-9 a.m. "Over the Coffee Cup."

May 9: Ch 13 News re: fuel prices in North Pole

**May 12:** Fairbanks Daily News Miner re: on-going discussions with the State to install piped water system.

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

- May 16, 6:30 pm, NPMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration (graduation)
- May 18, 6:30 p.m., Mayor to participate in NPHS Graduation Ceremony @ Carlson Center
- May 19, 9:30 a.m., Mayor to participate in NPE Awards Ceremony
- May 19, 6 p.m., Fairbanks Arts Association Mayors Awards Ceremony & Reception @ Centennial Hall
- May 20, 5 p.m., Third Friday Art Show @ NP Grange.
- May 21, 10 a.m. 4 pm, City Wide Open House, also Cruis'n With Santa @ Alaskaland RV Park (until 10 pm) and Third Saturday Art Show @ NP Grange (until 5 pm)
- May 22, 11:30 a.m., Armed Forces Appreciation Service @ New Jerusalem COGIC (Mission Road)

- May 23-28: Mayor taking time off to be with family, including grandkids who are here for a month.
- May 26, 10 a.m., dedication ceremony of the Alaska Territorial Guard, World War II, Korean and Vietnam War Monuments @ Monterey Lakes Memorial Park FT WW
- May 30: MEMORIAL DAY. CITY OFFICES CLOSED. Mayor will participate in Memorial Day Services at 11 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park, see attached schedule for other venues and times.

Councilman Jones gave an update on the AML meeting. He gave information on APOC, Revenue Sharing and items on PERS.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

#### Accountant

Lisa Vaughn

None

#### **Police Dept**

Lt. Dutra

None

#### Fire Dept

**Chief Lane** 

None

#### **Director of City Services, Bill Butler**

May 16, 2011 Council Report

Bill Butler

Director of City Services

#### **Building Department**

- Three residential projects planned, waiting on additional submissions.
- White Eagle Condo project building permit issued.

#### **Public Works**

- City-wide crack sealing project to begin this week (you may have noticed markings in streets)
  - DOT funded with City match.

- Pavement rehabilitation project scheduled to start on 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Finnel, Cross Way, Snowman Lane, North Pole High School Blvd. (section) and H&H Road (section).
  - Two additional roads added: East 6<sup>th</sup> and East 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - DOT funded with City match.
- Main Street initiative
  - Request for Bids for roundabouts ready for release.
  - Contacts with engineer to estimate cost for hanging flower baskets poles (cannot use light poles).
  - Position for a summer hire closes May 18.

#### **Utility Department**

- Sulfolane: DEC public meeting this evening at North Pole Grange 7:00 to 9:00 pm
- Lift station renovation project has started with Old Richardson Highway and Kit Boulevard.
- Sludge removal project is scheduled to begin mid June.

Engineering analysis and design project for waste water treatment plant contract is signed and engineer has begun preliminary analysis; site visit of engineering project team planned for next week.

#### **Borough Representative, Mayor Isaacson**

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#### City Clerk, Kathy Weber

• Mrs. Weber attended the International Institute of Municipal Clerks conference from Friday, May  $6-13^{th}$  to Nashville, TN. She will give a full report on June 6, 2011.

#### **ONGOING PROJECTS**

None

#### <u>CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes</u>

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## RENEWAL OF GREAT WEST LIFE/CIGNA HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF NORTH POLE

During the Committee of the Whole the council spoke with Dianna Stewart where she was able to explain the 3 options the council had from to chose for the city employees.

#### **Citizens Comments**

None

#### **Discussion**

Mr. McCarthy said Option 2 or 3 would be good.

Ms. Hunter said she preferred to go with Option 3.

Mr. Holm said that the city should support our local health care providers or have the opportunity to. He said that as a buyer of the insurance we could make them participate and insurance companies normally give a contract and there is no negotiation. As owner of this policy, the city has the ability to negotiate a reasonable policy. He doesn't know if Dr. Marshall or the dentists in town are participating, and knows he is not participating because he was not given any reasonable opportunity to do so. He would like to see the council, as a group, to have a say and try to get our local people in.

Mr. Jones said he would like to differ to the City Clerk/HR Manager and see if it's in the plan. The council needs to see it and see who is participating and whose not.

Mr. Holm said the plan merely says preferred provider or not. He said the council can say as owners of the policy who they want in the plan. The council can say they want reasonable negotiation to get local merchants in. He said that Diana Stewart gave the lame excuse of some people being given opportunities and not participating, when the actual reason is probably because they have not given the ability to reasonably negotiate. The council needs to direct them towards reasonable opportunity to negotiate participation

Mr. McCarthy said that with Mr. Holm running the local pharmacy, he thought it was important to hear Mr. Holm's voice because he is in the business and the council wants to see his point of view as he is seeing the other side of it. He would also like to see if there is something the council can do for the plan this year that would let them open up local medical opportunities online with our plan.

Ms. Hunter said she didn't understand the negotiation process or the option for that.

Mr. Holm said that pharmacies with 3<sup>rd</sup> party plans or payments, which are usually set up with a PBM who will contract new or non external pharmacies and will send them a contract and say this is what we will pay you. Take it or leave it. There is no negotiation. The insurance companies are setting the price. There are no options but to take it. A lot of such plans end up reimbursing them at a negative number. At a best scenario, a 5-10% gross profit margin. Not many businesses could survive on that profit margin. Which is everything; labor costs, rent, and

heat, light, that's everything. Maybe giving you a number would help. Maybe on a pharmacy basis and base it on one prescription, reimbursing you at 10-15% below average whole sale price. Which means giving up interest. That would give you a two dollar dispensing fee.

Ms.Hunter called for a point of order and said her understanding of ethics code is that the discussion of a matter that could financially benefit us should be processed. She felt like this discussion going too far.

Mr. McCarthy *moved to* Approve The Renewal Of Great West Life/Cigna Health Insurance For The City Of North Pole With Option #3 and to have Great West Life/Cigna Health Insurance negotiate with local medical providers.

Seconded by Jones

On the amendment

**PASSED** 

YES -6 -Holm, McCarthy, Jones, Arnold, Hunter, McGhee NO - 0 Abstained- 0

On the main motion as amended

**PASSED** 

YES -6 –Holm, McCarthy, Jones, Arnold, Hunter, McGhee NO – 0 Abstained- 0

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Holm – No Comment

Ms. Arnold – No Comment

**Mr. Jones** – Thanked two dedicated people for coming out. He agreed with negotiating a contract with GWL and local providers. May 21<sup>st</sup> is the open house and there is a lot going on that day. There will be a car show on the other side of the street. Cruis'in with Santa is on the other side of the road. It will be a fun filled Saturday. He reached out to make it a coordinated city wide event. He encouraged people to go to both halves.

**Ms. Hunter** – Participated in clean up day last weekend and expressed her thanks for the NPFD and their hotdogs. Itadori sister city will have a booth out front of City Hall to talk with people during the open house. They are trying to recruit participants for next May of 2012 and also soliciting to support shelter boxes to go towards the earthquake victims in Japan. Ms. Hunter said she likes to support local doctors, dentists and pharmacies.

**Mr. McCarthy** – Thanked Mcghee for chairing the meeting tonight.

City of North Pole May 2, 2011 **Mr. McGhee** – Financial audit committee meeting on May 31, 2011 at 6:30 pm. Please bring your copy of the findings back to the meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful idea to have two car shows in the area right across the street from each other, and he doesn't see it as a conflict. Motorcycles are out there and he encouraged everyone to watch for them. He appreciates the opportunity to chair the meeting tonight. Mr. McGhee thanked Ms. Weber and state that the council is looking forward to her report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Jone	es moved t	o adjourn	the meeting	of May	16,	2011

Seconded by Mr. Holm

No Objection

The regular meeting of May 16, 2011 adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, June 6, 2011.

	DOUGLAS W. ISAACSON, Mayor
ATTEST:	
	KATHRYN M. WEBER, MMC, City Clerk

#### Dr. Zimmerman's TUESDAY TIP:

## "The way we communicate with others and with ourselves ultimately determines the quality of our lives" Anthony Robbins

Dr. Alan Zimmerman's Personal Commentary:

Growing up in Wisconsin and living much of my life in Minnesota, ice fishing became a rather well-known winter activity. Of course, knowing HOW to ice fish was one thing, but knowing WHERE to fish was just as important.

I'll never forget one man who began drilling a hole in the ice so he could try his luck at ice fishing. Suddenly a voice from above said, "There aren't any fish there."

So the man moved to another spot and started to drill another hole. But once again a voice from above said, "There aren't any fish there."

Of course, this strange, supernatural occurrence caught the man's attention. He stopped drilling and asked, "Are you God?" The voice answered, "No, I'm the rink manager."

The lesson is clear ... to make anything work, you've got to know WHAT to do, HOW to do it, and WHERE to do it. And this is especially true when it comes to our relationships on and off the job.

Unfortunately, all too many organizations overlook the teaching of relationship skills. They focus most of their time, money, and energy on technical training and product knowledge as they overlook the people aspect of the job.

And does that make a difference? You bet! In one survey conducted by the National Association of Manufacturers, two-thirds of its 14,000 members said employee relationship skills have become so bad that there has been a noticeable decrease in such things as timeliness, attendance, productivity, customer relations, and an overall work ethic. And the cash register company NCR now has a software function that prompts cashiers to say "Hello" and "Thank you" to customers in the checkout line ... which should be an automatic no-brainer.

To initiate, develop, and maintain caring and productive relationships, certain basic interpersonal skills must be present or must be taught. And the good news is ... everybody can learn these skills ... which fall into four areas. In fact, that's what the second day of my "Journey to the Extraordinary" is all about.

Until then, let me brief you on the four interpersonal skill areas you've got to master if you want an organization, a team, a customer relationship, or even a marriage or friendship to work.

#### 1. You must know and trust one another.

And it all starts with YOU. You've got to have enough self-awareness to know what you really think and feel, and you must have enough self-acceptance to be willing to share your thoughts and feelings instead of hiding them.

When you know yourself and share yourself, and when the other person gives the same thing back to you, the two of you begin the trust-building process ... if the two you listen as well as talk.

And that's not always easy. As educator David Schwartz observed, "Big people monopolize the listening. Small people monopolize the talking." But the payoff is huge. As author Doug Larson points out, "Wisdom is the reward you get from a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk."

So let me ask you, when it comes to your work relationships, do you REALLY listen to your coworkers? Take this test. Every Friday afternoon, write down three things that you learned from your coworkers over the week. Examples might include an insight about a customer, a better way to handle a process, or reasons why a project didn't work.

There's so much to learn from your coworkers that if you can't list at least three things a week, you're probably not listening carefully enough. And you're probably not building enough trust to sustain the relationship.

#### 2. You must communicate with each other clearly.

It's one thing to communicate your thoughts and feelings; it's another thing to communicate them clearly ... without ambiguity.

That's what was needed in one golfing situation. A golfer who thought he was very good went out to a course he'd never played before. He was paired up with another single player, an older gentleman who said he'd been playing the course for years. Thinking that he would benefit from the veteran's knowledge, the golfer began demanding his advice when difficult shots came up. When his shot went well, however, he took the credit; when his shot went astray, he glared at the veteran.

On the last hole, the golfer needed to get to the green on his next shot to ensure a good score for the round. However, he was behind a tall tree. Trying to decide what to do, he asked the course veteran for his advice. The veteran looked at the tree and said, "When I was your age, I'd hit over that tree with a

nine iron."

Thus advised, the golfer swung his nine and hit a towering shot -- which hit the top of the tree and fell right back at his feet. He stood there in shock, staring at it. After a while the veteran said, "Of course, when I was your age, that tree was only three feet tall."

Communication skills begin with sending messages that are phrased so clearly that the other person can easily understand them. They also include listening in ways that ensure that you have fully understood the other person. It is through the sending and receiving of clear messages that all relationships are initiated, developed, and stabilized.

If you're a supervisor or manager, for example, don't let your insecurities or the desire to be polite water down your words. Instead of saying, "Would you mind ... or ... Could you possibly ...?," come right out with it. Say, "Please do ... or ... I'd like you to ..." And then follow up your request by asking whether the employee has sufficient time, is prepared, or has the right materials for the task.

One side note. As you learn to communicate clearly, nothing is more important than communicating your warmth and liking. Unless you believe the other person likes you and the other person believes that you like him, a relationship will not grow.

#### 3. You must accept and support each other.

You must respond to other people's concerns and problems in ways that are encouraging and empowering rather than discouraging and enabling. And they, in turn, must respond to your challenges with equal respect if the relationship is going to survive and thrive.

Personally, I like the way author C. Leslie Charles describes the acceptance and support that are necessary. She writes, "Don't send me flowers when I die -- give them to me now so we can appreciate their beauty together!"

One simple way to show more acceptance and support to your coworkers is to develop a "cheat sheet" of questions to ask. Customize a list for each individual and sit down once a month to go over it. Ask them specific questions about their jobs, such as "Are you still having problems with the Baker account?" and "How did you solve the marketing problem for the new launch?" Also, have a group of "core" questions that you ask everybody, such as "What was the biggest obstacle you encountered last month? ... and ... How did you get around it?"

And one of the best resources for questions that build relationships can be

found in my book, "Brave Questions: Building Stronger Relationships By Asking All The Right Questions." As Denise Wood writes: "I ordered your `BRAVE QUESTIONS' book and gave it to my husband for Father's Day last year. He loves it! I have to admit that I sneak the book away and use it too. In fact, your book has helped me in my business relationships as well as the relationships I have with my four children. Thank you for writing this book."

To get your copy of the "BRAVE QUESTIONS" book, click here.

So ask lots of questions and then listen. As Lord (William Norman) Birkett, an English jurist, put it, "I do not object to people looking at their watches when I am speaking. But I strongly object when they start shaking them to make certain they are still going."

#### 4. You must resolve conflicts constructively.

Finally, learning how to resolve interpersonal conflicts in ways that bring you and the other person closer together is vitally important to maintaining a relationship. After all, conflicts will arise in every relationship, no matter how much the two people care about each other.

So you need to find ways to negotiate solutions that are acceptable and beneficial to the two of you. One customer and a customer service rep had some difficulty in doing that.

The customer wrote to a mail-order company and requested an engine. He wrote, "Please send me the A-1 outboard motor shown on page 200 of your April 2011 catalogue. If the engine is any good, I'll send you a check."

The customer service rep must have had a sense of humor, because she wrote back, "Please send us a check. If it's any good, we'll send you the engine."

One way to resolve conflicts more constructively is to hold monthly gripe sessions. Smart supervisors and managers want their employees to complain ... because they know if they're not complaining, they're telling somebody else or keeping everything inside until they quit.

Encourage complaints. Hold a monthly gripe session where employees can air their concerns. But don't hold gripe sessions in the conference room. Employees will feel like they're "at work" and may not speak freely. Arrange to meet at a local coffeehouse the first Friday of every month. And please note: Do it on company time, not the employees' time. And attack problems rather than individuals.

Of course, it's difficult to listen to others gripe, but it will help if you remember these three "is not" points.

- Hearing is not listening. Many workplace disputes begin -- or get worse -because people hear what others say, but they're not really listening to all
  that is being said and left unsaid. Listen to the words but also listen to the
  other person's gestures, tone of voice, and all his other nonverbal signal
- Acknowledging is not agreeing. Use acknowledgment phrases to recognize
  the other person's positions and feelings without agreeing with her. Try
  such phrases as: "I understand why you're upset ... If I've got this right,
  you believe we should ... and ... That's an interesting idea. Let's look at it
  in more depth."
- Acknowledging is not yielding. Once you acknowledge the other person's views, it's your turn to present yours. Allow the other person to challenge you the way you challenged her. You could say, "I've listened to your views, and now I'd like you to hear what I have to say ... or ... I doubt that plan will work, but what if we ..."

In short, there's no debate. The question is settled. Interpersonal skills are critical at work as well as at home. And if you master the four areas of interpersonal skill mentioned above, you'll be on your way to much more productive relationships.

Just remember what coach Carol-Ann Hamilton says, "What if you considered every interaction with the people in your life to be your last?" It would probably be a very good interaction.

#### **Action:**

Ask three of your colleagues to rank order your effectiveness in the four interpersonal skill areas listed above. Give a "1" to the area they think you are best at and a "4" to the one they think you most need to improve. And then consider the lessons you learned from their feedback and what you're going to do about it.

Make every day your payoff day!

Basic Financial Statements, Supplementary Information, and Single Audit Reports

Year Ended December 31, 2010

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#### Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of North Pole, Alaska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of North Pole, Alaska, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010 which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of North Pole's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of North Pole, Alaska, as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 11, 2011 on our consideration of City of North Pole's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of North Pole, Alaska

City of North Pole has not presented the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to supplement, although not to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of North Pole's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, and the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, listed in the table of contents as supplementary information, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is required by U.S Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of State, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Anchorage, Alaska May 11, 2011 BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2010

Anacha	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business- type Activities	<u>Total</u>
<u>Assets</u>	Activities	Activities	Total
Cash and investments	\$ 1,532,412	718,935	2,251,347
Receivables:			
Sales and property taxes	336,991	<u>.</u>	336,991
Accounts	6,390	141,715	148,105
Grants and shared revenues	152,472	-	152,472
Assessments	1,107,081	-	1,107,081
Other	8,586	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	8,586
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(6,236)	(5,636)	(11,872)
Inventory	~ ~ ~ ~ ~	17,264	17,264
Restricted cash and investments	57,710	285,917	343,627
Unamortized bond issuance costs	<b></b>	5,597	5,597
Capital assets:	265 216	1 246 022	1 711 220
Land and construction in progress	365,316 3,828,506	1,346,023	1,711,339
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	3,828,300	11,190,865	15,019,371
Total assets	\$ 7,389,228	13,700,680	21,089,908
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts payable	177,080	63,693	240,773
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	150,445	-	150,445
Customer deposits	-	16,665	16,665
Accrued interest payable	24,934	14,402	39,336
Unearned revenue	5,557	190,428	195,985
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year:			
Accrued vacation and sick leave	180,206	18,511	198,717
Bonds and loans	60,910	34,970	95,880
Capital leases	67,460	-	67,460
Due in more than one year:			
Loans	_	375,000	375,000
General obligation bonds	1,070,000	-	1,070,000
Special assessment bonds	111,949	-	111,949
Revenue bonds	-	545,900	545,900
Unamortized bond premium	25,554	-	25,554
Capital leases	241,535		241,535
Total liabilities	2,115,630	1,259,569	3,375,199
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,616,414	11,581,018	14,197,432
Unrestricted	2,657,184	860,093	3,517,277
Total net assets	5,273,598	12,441,111	17,714,709
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 7,389,228	13,700,680	21,089,908
See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.			

Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2010

Net (Expense) Revenue and Program Revenues Changes in Net Assets Fees. Operating Capital Fines and Grants Grants Charges and and Govern-Businessfor Contri-Contrimental type Activities Expenses Services **butions butions Activities Activities Total** Governmental: 81,267 General government \$ 862,171 15,128 (765,776)(765,776)Public safety 3,848,456 592,025 238,033 6,379 (3,012,019)(3,012,019)Public works 602,336 390,693 (211,643)(211,643)Culture and recreation 32,477 (32,477)(32,477)Community services 91,066 21,908 (69, 158)(69,158)77,522 (77,522)Interest (77,522)Total governmental activities 5,514,028 673,292 253,161 418,980 (4,168,595)(4,168,595)Business-type water and sewer 1,774,714 2,134,588 2,819,779 2,459,905 2,459,905 Totals 7,648,616 2,448,006 253,161 3,238,759 (4,168,595)2,459,905 (1,708,690)General revenues: Sales taxes \$ 2,793,448 2,793,448 Property taxes 913,593 913,593 Grants and entitlements not restricted to a specific purpose 396,377 19,478 415,855 Investment income 95,674 95,674 Other 107,213 107,213 4,306,305 19,478 Total general revenues 4,325,783 Change in net assets 137,710 2,479,383 2,617,093 Net assets at beginning of year 5,135,888 9,961,728 15,097,616 Net assets at end of year \$ 5,273,598 12,441,111 17,714,709

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet December 31, 2010

<u>Assets</u>	_	Major l	Funds Debt Service	Nonmajor <u>Funds</u>	Total Govern- mental <u>Funds</u>
Cash and investments	\$	1,105,655	195,761	230,996	1,532,412
Receivables, net of allowance: Sales and property taxes Accounts Grants and shared revenues Assessments Other Allowance for doubtful accounts Restricted cash - bond reserve Due from other funds		336,991 - 2,326 - 8,586 - - 46,975	6,390 - 1,107,081 - (6,236) 57,710	150,146 - - - -	336,991 6,390 152,472 1,107,081 8,586 (6,236) 57,710 46,975
Total assets	\$	1,500,533	1,360,706	381,142	3,242,381
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued payroll and related liabilities Due to other funds Deferred revenue Total liabilities		97,677 150,445 - - 248,122	1,107,002 1,107,002	79,403 - 46,975 5,557 131,935	177,080 150,445 46,975 1,112,559 1,487,059
Fund balances: Reserved for bond redemption Unreserved and undesignated: General Fund Debt Service Fund Special Revenue Funds Total fund balances		1,252,411 - - 1,252,411	57,710 - 195,994 - 253,704	- - 249,207 249,207	57,710 1,252,411 195,994 249,207 1,755,322
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	1,500,533	1,360,706	381,142	3,242,381

#### Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2010

Total fund balances for governmental funds			\$	1,755,322
Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets is different because:				
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets and related accumulated depreciation are as follows:	Ф	265.216		
Land and land improvements	\$	365,316		
Buildings		3,540,662		
Office furniture and equipment		1,513,230		
Vehicles and equipment		2,768,508		
Infrastructure		1,733,206		
Accumulated depreciation		(5,727,100)		
				4,193,822
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current				
period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.				
These assets consist of deferred assessments receivable.				1,107,002
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as fund liabilities.				
These liabilities consist of:				
Bonds payable		(1,242,859)		
Capital leases		(308,995)		
Unamortized bond premium		(25,554)		
Accrued interest on bonds		(24,934)		
Accrued leave		(180,206)		
			-	(1,782,548)
Net assets of governmental activities			\$	5,273,598

#### Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended December 31, 2010

					Total
		Major F	unds		Govern-
	-		Debt	Nonmajor	mental
		General	<u>Service</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<b>Funds</b>
Revenues:		<del></del>			
Taxes	\$	3,707,041	-	-	3,707,041
Licenses and permits		10,025	-	_	10,025
Charges for services		376,262	_	71,242	447,504
Intergovernmental:					
Federal government		101,600	-	217,690	319,290
State of Alaska		396,377	-	35,342	431,719
Investment income		5,121	90,553	-	95,674
Special assessments		-	94,922	-	94,922
Other revenues		177,271	_	84,326	261,597
Total revenues		4,773,697	185,475	408,600	5,367,772
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government		766,968	-	56,079	823,047
Public safety		3,287,025	-	234,539	3,521,564
Public works		499,204	-	-	499,204
Culture and recreation		-	-	32,477	32,477
Community services		81,340	-	-	81,340
Debt service:					
Principal		111,334	60,560		171,894
Interest and other		13,230	64,295	-	77,525
Capital outlay		105,316		32,995	138,311
Total expenditures		4,864,417	124,855	356,090	5,345,362
Excess of revenues over					
(under) expenditures		(90,720)	60,620	52,510	22,410
Other financing sources (uses):					
Proceeds from capital leases		105,316	tes	-	105,316
Transfers in		7,688	-		7,688
Transfers out		-	-	(7,688)	(7,688)
Net other financing sources (uses)		113,004	Via .	(7,688)	105,316
Net change in fund balances		22,284	60,620	44,822	127,726
Beginning fund balances		1,230,127	193,084	204,385	1,627,596
Ending fund balances	\$	1,252,411	253,704	249,207	1,755,322

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

#### Reconciliation of Change in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2010

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	9	5	127,726
The change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:			
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, on the Statement of Activities, depreciation expense is recognized to allocate the cost of these items over their estimated useful lives. This is the amount by which capital outlays \$215,509 and contributed capital assets \$385,985, exceeded depreciation \$535,464 and loss on disposal \$8,687.			57,343
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the amount of the decrease in deferred assessments.			(94,922)
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statements of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items:  Proceeds from capital leases Payments on bonds Payments on capital leases Amortization of bond premium	ed (105,316) 60,405 111,334 9,583		76,006
Interest on long-term debt is not recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting until due, rather than as it accrues. This is the amount of the decrease in accrued interest payable.			159
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This amount represents the net increase in accrued leave.		_	(28,602)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$		137,710

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual Year Ended December 31, 2010

		Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$	3,603,868	3,662,351	3,707,041	44,690
Licenses and permits		4,800	6,300	10,025	3,725
Charges for services - ambulance service		341,127	377,639	376,262	(1,377)
Intergovernmental:		2.70 ((1	111000	101 600	(10.700)
Federal government		359,661	114,322	101,600	(12,722)
State of Alaska		401,100	385,179	396,377	11,198
Investment income		45,000	7,000	5,121	(1,879)
Other revenues		239,850	30,600	<u>177,271</u>	146,671
Total revenues	-	4,995,406	4,583,391	4,773,697	190,306
Expenditures:		027 000	664.000	766.060	(100.000)
General government		837,999	664,008	766,968	(102,960)
Public safety		3,518,376	3,490,421	3,287,025	203,396
Public works		639,031	578,593	499,204	79,389
Community services		-	55,336	81,340	(26,004)
Debt service:			440.004	444.004	
Principal		-	119,091	111,334	7,757
Interest		-	-	13,230	(13,230)
Capital outlay			-	105,316	(105,316)
Total expenditures		4,995,406	4,907,449	4,864,417	43,032
Excess of revenues over					
(under) expenditures		_	(324,058)	(90,720)	233,338
(under) emperatories			(52.,500)	(20,7.20)	200,000
Other financing sources:					
Proceeds from capital leases		-	~	105,316	105,316
Transfers in	_	•		7,688	7,688
Total other financing sources	-			113,004	113,004
Net change in fund balance	\$	-	(324,058)	22,284	346,342
Beginning fund balance				1,230,127	
Ending fund balance			\$	1,252,411	

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2010 With Comparative Amounts for 2009

		<u>2010</u>	2009
<u>Assets</u>			
Current assets:			
Cash and investments	\$	718,935	720,293
Receivables:		1 4 4 5 5 7 5	205.000
Accounts		141,715	295,902
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(5,636)	(58,292)
Inventory		17,264	17,264
Total current assets		872,278	975,167
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted cash		285,917	172,800
Unamortized bond issuance costs		5,597	5,804
Property, plant and equipment		34,653,884	31,544,680
Less accumulated depreciation		(22,116,996)	(21,365,235)
Net property, plant and equipment		12,536,888	10,179,445
Total noncurrent assets		12,828,402	10,358,049
Total Holleditelle assets		12,020,102	10,550,015
Total assets	\$	13,700,680	11,333,216
Liabilities and Net Assets			•
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable		63,693	107,068
Accrued vacation and sick leave		18,511	20,359
Customer deposits		16,665	5,415
Accrued interest payable		14,402	14,402
Deferred revenue		190,428	233,758
Current portion of bonds and loans payable		34,970	34,501
Total current liabilities		338,669	415,503
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Noncurrent liabilities, net of current portion:  Revenue bonds		545,000	555 005
ADEC loan		545,900 375,000	555,985
		375,000	400,000
Total noncurrent liabilities		920,900	955,985
Total liabilities		1,259,569	1,371,488
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		11,581,018	8,684,552
Unrestricted	-	860,093	1,277,176
Total net assets	-	12,441,111	9,961,728
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	13,700,680	11,333,216
See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.			

## Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended December 31, 2010 With Comparative Amounts for 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Operating revenues - charges for services	\$ 1,774,714	1,754,085
Operating expenses:		
Water:		
Salaries and benefits	225,713	225,594
Other operating expenses	430,988	375,221
Depreciation	263,116	280,354
Total water	919,817	881,169
Sewer:		
Salaries and benefits	314,498	320,174
Other operating expenses	376,323	463,562
Depreciation	488,645	409,228
Total sewer	1,179,466	1,192,964
Total operating expenses	2,099,283	2,074,133
Loss from operations	(324,569)	(320,048)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest expense	(35,305)	(36,154)
State of Alaska PERS relief	19,478	30,646
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(15,827)	(5,508)
Loss before contributions and transfers	(340,396)	(325,556)
Capital contributions	2,819,779	3,297,648
Transfers in		300,000
Change in net assets	2,479,383	3,272,092
Beginning net assets	9,961,728	6,689,636
Ending net assets	\$ 12,441,111	9,961,728

Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2010 With Comparative Amounts for 2009

Cook flows from an author activities		<u>2010</u>	2009
Cash flows from operating activities:  Receipts from customers and users	\$	1 044 165	1 670 620
•	Э	1,844,165	1,670,520
Payments to suppliers		(850,479)	(760,342)
Payments to employees		(522,581)	(509,255)
Net cash flows from operating activities		471,105	400,923
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities - transfers in		~	300,000
Carlo flavor from agrital and related financias activities			
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		(1.260.055)	(2.225.661)
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(1,369,955)	(2,335,661)
Capital contributions received		1,080,530	2,097,648
Principal and interest paid on long-term debt		(69,921)	(70,215)
Net cash flows from capital			
and related financing activities		(359,346)	(308,228)
Net increase in cash and investments		111,759	392,695
Beginning cash and investments		893,093	500,398
Ending cash and investments	\$	1,004,852	893,093
Cash and investments at end of year:			
Cash and investments	\$	718,935	720 202
Restricted cash	Ф		720,293
Restricted cash	Ф	285,917	172,800
	\$	1,004,852	893,093
Reconciliation of loss from operations to net cash			
flows from operating activities:			
Loss from operations	\$	(324,569)	(320,048)
Adjustments to reconcile loss from operations to			
net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation		751,761	689,582
Noncash expense - PERS relief		19,478	30,646
Amortization of bond issuance costs		207	207
Decrease in allowance for doubtful accounts		(52,656)	-
(Increase) decrease in assets:			
Accounts receivable		154,187	(51,218)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:			
Accounts payable		(43,375)	78,234
Accrued vacation and sick leave		(1,848)	5,867
Customer deposits		11,250	4,336
Deferred revenue		(43,330)	(36,683)
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$	471,105	400,923
Noncash capital and related financing activities - the City received			- <del></del>
a water system from a developer and a water well from a refinery	\$	1,739,249	1,200,000

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

December 31, 2010

#### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Reporting Entity

The City of North Pole was formed by a Home Rule Charter on September 28, 1970 under the provisions of Alaska Statute, Title 29, as amended. The legislative branch of the government is comprised of a mayor and six council members. Individual departments are under the direction of the mayor, with the exception of the city clerk, who is under the direction of the City Council. There are no other entities considered for possible inclusion in the City's financial reporting entity.

#### Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the City. In general, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely primarily on fees and charges to external parties.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) fees, fines and charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Sales taxes, property taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation, continued Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only to the extent they have matured.

Property and sales taxes, charges for services, leases, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when received by the government.

The City reports the following major funds:

#### Major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be reported in another fund.

The *Debt Service Fund* accounts for the proceeds from water and sewer special assessments and the payment of general obligation and special assessment debt principal and interest.

#### Major proprietary fund -

The Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund is used to account for the operations of the City water and sewer systems.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to the same limitation. The City has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are allocated administration fees and charges between the enterprise funds and the various other funds and departments. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation, continued Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. In addition, general revenues include all taxes, investment income, and State of Alaska entitlement revenues.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *nonoperating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Enterprise Fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the Enterprise Fund include the costs of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### Budgets

The annual City operating budget is prepared by management by the eighth week of the preceding year to which it relates. All funds are budgeted on an annual basis encompassing a fiscal year. The Capital Project Funds have project-length budgets. The budget is then submitted to the City Council for review and approval. Amendments to the budget can occur any time during the fiscal year through City Council action. The legal level of budgetary control for all funds is at the function or activity level. Unencumbered funds remaining at the end of the current fiscal year may be reallocated for the purposes set forth in the budget proposal.

An annual budget for the General Fund is legally adopted on the same modified accrual basis used to reflect actual revenues and expenditures.

Annual budgets are also adopted for the Enterprise Fund. However, generally accepted accounting principles do not require the adoption of budgets for Enterprise Funds, and budgetary comparisons are not included for this fund since the measurement focus is upon determination of net income and financial position.

#### Central Treasury

A central treasury is used to account for cash from the funds of the City to maximize interest income. Investments are stated at fair value. Investment earnings are allocated to the funds based on their respective cash balances.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Enterprise Fund considers all cash accounts to be cash and cash equivalents. The central treasury, which holds cash and investments, is used essentially as a cash management pool by each fund.

#### Inventory

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market in the Enterprise Fund, and consist primarily of chemicals for the water and sewer utility.

#### Interfund Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the year are referred to as either "due to / from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to / from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to / from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

#### Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include sales taxes, special assessment receivables, and state and federal grants. Business-type activities report fees for water and sewer services and other receivables from customers as their major receivables.

In the fund financial statements, material receivables in governmental funds include revenue accruals for sales taxes, special assessment receivables, and grants and other similar intergovernmental revenues, since they are usually both measurable and available. Nonexchange transactions measurable but not available are deferred in the fund financial statements in accordance with the modified accrual basis, but not deferred in the government-wide financial statements in accordance with the accrual basis. Proprietary fund material receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Fees for water and sewer services and other receivables from customers compose the majority of proprietary fund receivables. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable.

#### Grants and Other Intergovernmental Revenues

In applying the measurable and available concepts to grants and intergovernmental revenues, the legal and contractual requirements of the numerous individual programs are used as guidance. There are, however, essentially two types of these revenues. In one, monies must be expended on the specific purpose or project before any amounts are considered "earned"; therefore, revenues are recognized based upon expenditures recorded. In the other, monies are virtually unrestricted as to purpose of expenditure and are usually revocable only for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if the measurable and available criteria are met.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Interfund Transactions

During the course of normal operations, the City has numerous transactions between funds, including expenditures and transfers of resources to provide services, construct assets, and service debt. The accompanying financial statements generally reflect such transactions as transfers. Operating subsidies are also recorded as transfers.

#### Compensated Absences

The City allows employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick leave benefits. All vacation and sick leave pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental fund financial statements only if they have matured (e.g. the employee has terminated employment).

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, sidewalks, etc.) have been capitalized on a prospective basis. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the useful life of the asset are not capitalized.

Property, plant, and equipment of the City are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings 40 years
Vehicles 10-40 years
Equipment 5-15 years

#### Deferred Grant Revenue

Amounts received from grantor agencies, which are restricted as to use and have not been expended for the intended uses are shown as deferred revenue.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Long-Term Debt

In the government-wide and the proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

#### Fund Balances

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

#### Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditures are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the General Fund. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

#### Pension Plan

Substantially all employees of the City participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) administered by the State of Alaska.

#### (2) Cash and Investments

The City of North Pole utilizes a central treasury that is available for use by all funds. Each fund's portion of the central treasury is displayed on the balance sheet as "cash and investments" or included in "due to other funds."

#### Investment Policy

The City does not have formal policies governing the types of investments it is authorized to hold.

#### Reconciliation of Deposit and Investment Balances

The following is a reconciliation of the City's deposit and investment balances to the financial statements as of December 31, 2010.

Bank deposits	\$ 456,972	Cash and investments	\$ 2,251,347
Investments	<u>2,138,002</u>	Restricted cash and	
		Investments	<u>343,627</u>
	\$ <u>2,594,974</u>		\$ <u>2,594,974</u>

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Cash and Investments, continued

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates.

Investment maturities in general investments at December 31, 2010 are less than one year and are as follows:

Investment Type	<u>Fair Value</u>
Money market accounts Certificates of deposit	\$ 2,038,002 
Total investments	\$ <u>2,138,002</u>

#### (3) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2010 was as follows:

	Balance January 1, <u>2010</u>	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance December 31, 2010
Governmental activities  Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and land improvements	\$ 365,316	-	-	365,316
Construction in progress	13,316	-	13,316	-
Total capital assets not	270 (22		12.216	265.216
being depreciated	<u>378,632</u>		<u>13,316</u>	365,316
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	3,505,438	35,224	-	3,540,662
Office furniture and equipment	1,519,673	10,117	16,560	1,513,230
Vehicles and equipment	2,711,513	183,484	126,489	2,768,508
Infrastructure	<u>1,347,221</u>	<u>385,985</u>		<u>1,733,206</u>
Total assets being depreciated	9,083,845	<u>614,810</u>	<u>143,049</u>	<u>9,555,606</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	2,238,327	123,415	-	2,361,742
Office furniture and equipment	854,926	115,526	7,873	962,579
Vehicles and equipment	1,972,831	229,162	126,489	2,075,504
Infrastructure	259,914	67,361	<u> </u>	327,275
Total accumulated depreciation		535,464	134,362	5,727,100

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

Capital Assets, continued		Balance			Balance
		January 1, <u>2010</u>	Additions	Deletions	December 31, 2010
Governmental activities, continued  Total capital assets being		<del></del>	-		
depreciated, net	\$.	3,757,847	<u>79,346</u>	8,687	3,828,506
Governmental activity capital					
assets, net	\$	4,136,479	<u>79,346</u>	22,003	4,193,822
Business-type activities  Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land and land improvements	\$	348,415	30,000	_	378,415
Construction in progress	·		967,608		967,608
Total capital assets not					
being depreciated		348,415	997,608		1,346,023
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Sewer and water system		30,097,334	2,285,942	252,694	32,130,582
Machinery and equipment		1,098,931	137,491	59,143	1,177,279
Total assets being depreciated		31,196,265	2,423,433	311,837	33,307,861
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Sewer and water system		20,872,188	690,665	-	21,562,853
Machinery and equipment		493,047	61,096		554,143
Total accumulated depreciation	l	21,365,235	<u>751,761</u>	-	22,116,996
Total capital assets being					
depreciated, net		9,831,030	<u>1,671,672</u>	<u>311,837</u>	11,190,865
Business-type activity capital					
assets, net	\$	10,179,445	<u>2,669,280</u>	<u>311,837</u>	12,536,888
Depreciation expense was charged to the	e fi	unctions as fo	ollows:		
Governmental activities					
General government				\$ 69,043	
Public safety				361,960	
Public works				94,735	
Community services				9,726	
Total depreciation expense - g	gov	ernmental ac	ctivities	\$ <u>535,464</u>	

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Capital Assets, continued

Business-type activities	
Water	\$ 263,116
Sewer	<u>488,645</u>
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	\$ <u>751,761</u>

## (4) <u>Long-Term Debt</u>

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the City for the year ended December 31, 2010:

	Balance			Balance	Due
	January 1,			December 31,	Within
	<u>2010</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>2010</u>	One Year
Governmental activities					
General Obligation Bonds -					
\$1,350,000 2005 Series B bonds	5,				
due in annual installments of					
\$50,000 to \$105,000 through					
May 1, 2025; plus interest at					
4.00% to 5.25%	\$ 1,170,000	-	50,000	1,120,000	50,000
Special Assessment Bonds - \$300,000 2002 utility special assessment bonds, due in annuinstallments of \$16,890 through the 20,2010 including intermediate.	gh				
June 20, 2019; including interest 4.75%	133,264	-	10,405	122,859	10,910
Capital lease obligation for police vehicle, payable in annual inst of \$43,944 including interest					
at 5.40%	41,623	-	41,623	-	-
Capital lease obligation for police vehicle, payable in annual inst of \$16,824 including interest at 6.10%	allments -	47,625	16,824	30,801	14,945
Capital lease obligation for police vehicle, payable in annual inst of \$16,904 including interest	allments				
at 6.75%	-	47,574	16,904	30,670	14,834

#### Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Long-Term Debt, continued Governmental activities Balance Due Balance December 31. Within January 1, Retired 2010 One Year 2010 Additions Capital lease obligation for a copier, payable in various monthly amounts including 341 interest at 15.35% \$ 341 Capital lease obligation for a copier, payable in various monthly amounts including interest at 10,117 1,960 8,157 2,364 10.49% Capital lease obligation for a fire pumper truck, payable in annual installments of \$46,944 including interest at 4.615% through 2016 273,049 33,682 239,367 35,317 209,680 181,078 180,206 180,206 Accrued leave 151,604 Total governmental activities 1,769,881 314,996 <u>352,817</u> 1,732,060 <u>308,576</u> Unamortized bond premium 35,137 25,554 \$ 1,805,018 1,757,614 **Business-type activities** Revenue bonds -\$647,600 1998 utility revenue bonds, due in semi-annual installments of \$18,483 including interest at 4.875% through March 1, 2038 9,616 555,870 9,970 565,486 Note payable -\$500,000 2007 Water Utility Alaska Drinking Water loan, due in annual installments of \$25,000 plus interest at 1.5% through April 1, 2026 425,000 25,000 400,000 25,000 20,359 <u>13,235</u> 15,083 <u> 18,511</u> 18,511 Accrued leave

<u>49,699</u>

974,381

53,481

Total business-type activities \$ 1,010,845 13,235

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

## Long-Term Debt, continued

#### Governmental activities

The annual debt service requirements of the general obligation bonds and loans outstanding at December 31, 2010 that are in repayment status follow:

Year Ending		General Obligation Bonds			Special Assessment Bonds			Bonds :
December 31,		Principal	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pri	incipal	Interest	<u>Total</u>
2011	<b>d</b>	50.000	54,905	104,905	1	0,910	5,980	16,890
2011 2012	\$	50,000 55,000	52,280	104,903		1,440	5,450	16,890
2012		55,000	49,530	107,230		1,995	4,895	16,890
2014		60,000	46,655	106,655		2,577	4,313	16,890
2015		65,000	43,530	108,530	1	3,188	3,702	16,890
2016-2020		360,000	165,456	525,456	6	2,749	8,262	71,011
2021-2025	_	475,000	61,021	<u>536,021</u>				
	φ.	1 100 000	472 277	1 502 277	10	2 950	22 602	155 461
	- \$ _	1,120,000	<u>473,377</u>	<u>1,593,377</u>	12	2,859	<u>32,602</u>	<u>155,461</u>

#### **Business-type activities**

Year Ending	Re	venue Bone	<u>ds</u>	No	te Payable	<u>}</u>
December 31,	Principal	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	<u>Total</u>
2011	\$ 9,970	26,995	36,965	25,000	6,000	31,000
2012	10,462	26,503	36,965	25,000	5,625	30,625
2013	10,978	25,987	36,965	25,000	5,250	30,250
2014	11,520	25,445	36,965	25,000	4,875	29,875
2015	12,088	24,877	36,965	25,000	4,500	29,500
2016-2020	69,998	114,827	184,825	125,000	16,875	141,875
2021-2025	89,060	95,765	184,825	125,000	7,500	132,500
2026-2030	113,310	71,515	184,825	25,000	375	25,375
2031-2035	144,164	40,661	184,825		••	_
2036	84,320	3,727	88,047			-
	\$ <u>555,870</u>	<u>456,302</u>	<u>1,012,172</u>	400,000	<u>51,000</u>	<u>451,000</u>

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### (5) Capital Leases

The City has entered into lease agreements as lessee for financing the acquisition of three police vehicles, a fire engine, and a copier. These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments. The following is a summary of the assets acquired with the capital leases that have an outstanding balance as of December 31, 2010:

	General Fund
Machinery and equipment  Less accumulated depreciation	\$ 675,189 (241,716)
Carrying value	\$ <u>433,473</u>

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under these capital leases and the present value of the net minimum lease payments at December 31, 2010:

Year Ended December 31,	General Fund
2011	\$ 83,781
2012	83,781
2013	50,052
2014	47,203
2015	46,944
2016	46,944
Total minimum lease payments	358,705
Less interest portion	(49,710)
Present value of future minimum	
lease payments	308,995
Less current portion	(67,460)
Long-term portion	\$ <u>241,535</u>

#### (6) <u>Defined Benefit Pension Plan</u>

The City participates in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). PERS is a cost-sharing multiple employer plan which covers eligible State and local government employees, other than teachers. The plan was established and is administered by the State of Alaska Department of Administration to provide pension, postemployment healthcare, death, and disability benefits. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the State Legislature.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued

The Plan is included in a comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and other required supplemental information. The report is available at the following address:

Department of Administration Division of Retirement and Benefits P.O. Box 110203 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0203

Conversion to Cost Sharing

In April 2008, the Alaska Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 125 which converted the existing Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) from an agent-multiple employer plan to a cost-sharing plan with an effective date of July 1, 2008. Under the cost-sharing arrangement, the State of Alaska Division of Retirement and Benefits no longer tracks individual employer assets and liabilities. Rather, all plan costs and past service liabilities are shared among all participating employers. The cost-sharing plan requires a uniform employer contribution rate of 22% of active member wages, subject to a wage floor. Legislation provides for State contributions to meet the annually calculated and board adopted rate for all amounts in excess of 22%. Such additional contributions (on-behalf payments) are recognized in these financial statements as revenue and expenditure/expense.

In addition, in fiscal year 2008, the State of Alaska passed legislation (SB 123) which requires that the employer contribution be calculated on all PERS eligible wages, including wages attributable to the Tier IV defined contribution plan, described later in these footnotes.

Funding Policy

Regular employees are required to contribute 6.75% of their annual covered salary (2.41% for pension and 4.34% for healthcare). Police and firefighters are required to contribute 7.5% of their annual covered salary (2.67% for pension and 4.83% for healthcare).

The funding policy provides for periodic contributions based on actuarially determined rates that, expressed as a percentage of annual covered payroll, are sufficient to accumulate sufficient assets to pay both pension and postemployment healthcare benefits when due.

Under current legislation the employer contribution rate is statutorily capped at 22%, however, the State of Alaska will contribute any amount over 22% such that the total contribution equals the Alaska Retirement Management Board adopted rate, generally consistent with the actuarially determined rate.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued

The City's contribution rates for 2010 were as follows:

	Employer	Actuarial	GASB 45
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Rate*
January to June Pension Postemployment healthcare	8.16%	10.25%	10.72%
	13.84%	<u>17.40</u> %	53.96%
Total contribution rate	<u>22.00</u> %	<u>27.65</u> %	<u>64.68</u> %
Liliu ta Dagamban	Employer	Actuarial	GASB 45
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Rate*
July to December Pension Postemployment healthcare	7.85%	9.98%	13.49%
	14.15%	<u>17.98</u> %	55.87%
Total contribution rate	<u>22.00</u> %	<u>27.96</u> %	<u>69.36</u> %

<sup>\*</sup> The GASB 45 rate uses a 4.5% OPEB discount rate and disregards all future Medicare Part D payments.

The projection of future benefits for an ongoing plan involves estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits in force at the valuation date and the pattern of sharing benefit costs between the City and the plan members at that point. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and employ methods and assumptions that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial values of assets.

Projected benefits for financial reporting purposes do not incorporate any potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### **Defined Benefit Pension Plan, continued**

#### Annual Pension and Postemployment Healthcare Cost

The City is required to contribute 22% of covered payroll, subject to a wage floor. In addition, State of Alaska contributions totaled approximately 5.65% and 5.96% of covered wages for the January to June and July to December timeframes, respectively. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement Number 24, the City has recorded the State on-behalf payment in the amount of \$144,135 as revenue and expenditure/expense in these financial statements. However, because the City is not statutorily responsible for these payments, this amount is excluded from pension and OPEB cost as described here. Only two years of information are available at this time.

			Total		
	Annual	Annual	Benefit	City	% of
Year Ended	Pension	OPEB	Cost	Contri-	TBC
December 31	<u>Cost</u>	Cost	(TBC)	<u>butions</u>	Contributed
2010	\$ 198,562	\$ 255,343	\$ 453,905	\$ 453,905	100%
2009	\$ 147,573	\$ 300,522	\$ 448,095	\$ 448,095	100%

#### (7) Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The State of Alaska Legislature approved Senate Bill 141 to create the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Tier IV for employees hired after July 1, 2006 or for employees converting from the PERS Tier I, II or III defined benefit plans. The plan is administered by the State of Alaska, Department of Administration, and benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the State Legislature. The Alaska Retirement Management Board may also amend contribution requirements. Included in the plan are individual pension accounts, retiree medical insurance plan and a separate health reimbursement arrangement account that will help retired members pay medical premiums and other eligible medical expenses not covered by the medical plan. Employees are required to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salary, and the City is required to make the following contributions:

	Others <u>Tier IV</u>	Police/Fire <u>Tier IV</u>
Individual account	5.00%	5.00%
Health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) *	3.00	3.00
Retiree medical plan	0.99	0.99
Occupational death and disability benefits	<u>0.58</u>	_1.33
•	<u>9.57</u> %	<u>10.32</u> %

<sup>\*</sup>Health Reimbursement Arrangement – AS 39.30.370 requires that the employer contribute "an amount equal to three percent of the employer's average annual employee compensation." For actual remittance, this amount is calculated as a flat rate for each full time or part-time employee per pay period.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### Defined Contribution Pension Plan, continued

Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions, and after two years of service, vest 25% per year in employer contributions. The City and employee contributions to PERS including the HRA contribution for the year ended December 31, 2010 were \$102,457 and \$81,531, respectively.

#### (8) **Deferred Compensation Plan**

The City offers its employees deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plans are available to all employees and permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. The provisions of the plan require that all assets and income of the plan be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries.

#### (9) Risk Management

The City faces a considerable number of risks of loss, including (a) damage to and loss of property and contents, (b) employee torts, (c) professional liability; i.e., errors and omissions, (d) environmental damage, (e) workers' compensation; i.e., employee injuries, and (f) medical insurance costs of employees.

The City is self-insured for employee health benefits and group life insurance. An umbrella policy covers individual claims in excess of \$25,000 and liabilities are recorded for all claims when they are reported to the City. The self-insurance plan is administered by Great West Life and Annuity Insurance Company and the expenditures are recorded in the General Fund. The City accrues estimated costs of health care based on plan maximums.

The City maintains third party insurance coverage for property and liability risks. Coverage for property insurance exceeds \$7.5 million with 90% coinsurance and a \$10,000 deductible per incident. Liability coverage includes \$2 million in liability insurance and \$3 million in umbrella insurance with a \$10,000 deductible. Workers compensation insurance is in accordance with Alaska statutes. Additionally, the City has \$4 million in emergency medical services professional liability, public officials, and employment practices liability insurance, and auto and other equipment coverage.

#### (10) Interfund Balances and Transfers

A schedule of interfund balances and transfers for the year ended December 31, 2010, follows:

#### Due to other funds:

Due to the General Fund from nonmajor funds for short-term advances to cover operating costs

\$ 46,975

#### Transfers:

From nonmajor funds to General Fund to close funds

\$ <u>7,688</u>

Notes to Basic Financial Statements, continued

#### (11) Contingencies

Grants

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies, principally the federal and state governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, would become a liability.

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### **GENERAL FUND**

The General Fund is established to account for the revenues and expenditures necessary to carry out basic governmental activities of the City such as police and fire protection, public works, planning, legal services, administrative services, etc. Appropriations are made from the fund annually. The fund will continue to exist indefinitely.

Revenue, for this and other funds, is recorded by source, i.e., taxes, State of Alaska, etc. Expenditures are recorded first by function, then by activity and object of the expenditure.

General Fund expenditures are made primarily for current day-to-day operating expenditures and operating equipment. Capital expenditures for large-scale public improvements, such as buildings, are accounted for elsewhere in the Capital Project or Enterprise Funds.

## CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA General Fund Balance Sheet December 31, 2010 With Comparative Amounts for 2009

Assets	<u>2010</u>	2009
Cash and investments	\$ 1,105,655	1,138,998
Receivables:		
Sales taxes	334,939	241,483
Property taxes	2,052	6,561
Business licenses	7,700	6,525
Grants	2,326	50,034
Other	886	1,942
Total receivables	347,903	306,545
Due from other funds	46,975	38,029
Total assets	\$ 1,500,533	1,483,572
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	97,677	201,031
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	150,445	52,414
Total liabilities	248,122	253,445
Fund balance - unreserved and undesignated	1,252,411	1,230,127
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 1,500,533	1,483,572

## CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA General Fund

### Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -Budget and Actual

## Year Ended December 31, 2010

With Comparative Amounts for 2009

		2010		<u>2009</u>
			Variance	
	Budget	Actual	Positive (Negative)	Actual
Revenues:	Duager	Actual	(ivegative)	Actual
Taxes:				
Sales, alcohol and bed taxes	\$ 2,752,351	2,793,448	41,097	2,398,544
Property taxes	910,000	913,593	3,593	939,603
Total taxes	3,662,351	3,707,041	44,690	3,338,147
Business licenses	6,300	10,025	3,725	7,975
Charges for services - ambulance service	377,639	376,262	(1,377)	389,336
Federal government:				
Alaska Highway Safety Office	28,322	17,996	(10,326)	20,402
Corps of Engineers	70,000	68,476	(1,524)	67,632
Economic stimulus grant	16,000	15,128	(872)	47,951
Total Federal government	114,322	101,600	(12,722)	135,985
State of Alaska:				
State revenue sharing	206,334	206,334	-	203,079
Telephone and electric cooperative taxes	67,145	67,145	-	76,305
Liquor taxes	4,200	4,200		4,600
PERS relief	107,500	118,698	11,198	200,634
Total State of Alaska	385,179	396,377	11,198	484,618
Fairbanks North Star Borough	<b>**</b>			10,000
Investment income	7,000	5,121	(1,879)	20,159

#### General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -Budget and Actual, continued

		2010		2009
			Variance	
	Dudget	Actual	Positive (Nagativa)	A otrol
Revenues, continued:	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Negative)	<u>Actual</u>
Other revenues:				
Gaming \$				2,100
Canning Canning Candy cane donations	-	1,200	1,200	2,100
Citation revenues	- -	145,220	145,220	160,229
Fingerprinting	8,650	8,226	(424)	
Police reports	1,200	938	(262)	8,312 1,255
Miscellaneous	20,750	21,687	937	
				34,278
Total other revenues	30,600	<u>177,271</u>	146,671	206,174
Total revenues	4,583,391	4,773,697	190,306	4,592,394
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Administration:				
Salaries and benefits	440,494	430,530	9,964	403,966
Materials and supplies	59,100	69,019	(9,919)	75,504
Purchased services	59,100	162,779	(103,679)	191,245
Vehicle expense	150	77	(103,079)	3,997
Insurance	21,364	21,364	73	22,495
Repairs and maintenance	35,000	35,212	(212)	
Total administration				38,136
Total administration	615,208	718,981	(103,773)	735,343
Municipal building II:				
Purchased services	28,800	32,866	(4,066)	41,391
Repairs and maintenance	20,000	15,121	4,879	13,991
Total municipal building II	48,800	47,987	813	55,382
m . I	664.000		(402.05-	
Total general government	664,008	<u>766,968</u>	(102,960)	790,725

# General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual, continued

			2010		<u>2009</u>
				Variance	
		Dadost	A ofraal	Positive	Astual
The addition and invade		Budget	<u>Actual</u>	(Negative)	<u>Actual</u>
Expenditures, continued: Public safety:					
Police department:					
Salaries and benefits	\$	1,333,938	1,199,799	134,139	1,284,455
Materials and supplies	Ψ	35,950	41,442	(5,492)	27,458
Purchased services		119,772	98,649	21,123	70,288
Vehicle expense		46,000	49,235	(3,235)	49,076
Insurance		125,000	122,359	2,641	103,296
Repairs and maintenance		15,000	14,197	803	13,187
Total police department		1,675,660	1,525,681	149,979	1,547,760
Total police department		1,0,0,00			
Fire department:					
Salaries and benefits		1,570,332	1,516,904	53,428	1,607,751
Materials and supplies		26,457	23,957	2,500	39,747
Purchased services		104,372	106,712	(2,340)	121,195
Vehicle expense		42,500	47,541	(5,041)	53,007
Insurance		54,000	50,498	3,502	64,394
Repairs and maintenance		17,100	15,732	1,368	24,833
Total fire department	•	1,814,761	1,761,344	53,417	1,910,927
1000 Ind department	•				
Total public safety		3,490,421	3,287,025	203,396	3,458,687
,					
Public works:					
Salaries and benefits		239,500	234,485	5,015	248,753
Materials and supplies		23,125	14,196	8,929	10,031
Purchased services		66,200	42,400	23,800	62,562
Vehicle expense		19,000	7,568	11,432	13,588
Insurance		14,000	13,661	339	14,023
Repairs and maintenance		216,768	186,894	<u>29,874</u>	149,107
Total public works		578,593	499,204	79,389	498,064
Debt service:					
Capital lease principal		119,091	111,334	7,757	75,359
Capital lease interest		-	13,230	(13,230)	<u>15,476</u>
Total debt service		119,091	124,564	(5,473)	90,835

#### General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -Budget and Actual, continued

			2010		2009
	_	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
Expenditures, continued:		Daago	riotaar	(110gativo)	Hotta
Community service:					
Department of Economic Development:					
Salaries and benefits	\$	-	-	-	28,192
Materials and supplies		-	-	-	750
Purchased services Vehicle expense		-	_	-	33,700
Total Department of Economic					2,400
Development		==		-	65,042
Contributions:					
North Pole Christmas on Ice		32,563	12,195	20,368	6,102
North Pole Chamber of Commerce		12,545	24,390	(11,845)	11,933
Convention and Visitors		5,354	4,065	1,289	2,034
North Pole Economic Development Council		4,874	40,650	(25 776)	20.229
Other		4,674	40,030	(35,776) (40)	20,338
Total contributions		55,336	81,340	(26,004)	40,407
	•				
Total community service		55,336	81,340	(26,004)	105,449
Capital expenditures:					
Police vehicles		-	95,199	(95,199)	-
Fire department copier		-	10,117	(10,117)	
Total capital expenditures	-		105,316	(105,316)	
Total expenditures	-	4,907,449	4,864,417	43,032	4,943,760
Excess of revenues over					
(under) expenditures		(324,058)	(90,720)	233,338	(351,366)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Proceeds from capital leases		-	105,316	105,316	-
Transfers in			7,688	7,688	-
Transfers out	_			-	(300,000)
Net other financing sources (uses)	-	-	113,004	113,004	(300,000)
Net change in fund balance	\$	(324,058)	22,284	346,342	(651,366)
Beginning fund balance			1,230,127		1,881,493
Ending fund balance		\$	1,252,411		1,230,127

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#### NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds are established to finance particular activities and are created from receipts of designated revenues.

#### **Building Department**

This fund is used to accumulate moneys from the building permits and inspections.

#### **HIPPO**

This fund is used to accumulate monies for the maintenance and improvement of the Hippo Park.

#### **Economic Development**

This fund is used to accumulate monies for funding of local economic projects.

#### **APSC Training**

This fund is used to record training expenses that will be reimbursed by Alaska Police Standards Council.

#### Fire Department

This fund is used to account for the maintenance and improvement of the fire department.

#### North Pole Community Ice Rink

This fund accounts for the activities related to the development of the community ice rink project.

#### North Pole Festival

This fund is used to record donations and expenditures for summer and winter festivals and the Mayor's picnic.

#### <u>Abade</u>

This fund is used to accumulate monies for the multi-jurisdictional task force grant.

#### AHSO

This fund is used to account for the Alaska Highway Safety traffic inspection grants.

#### JAG

This fund is used to account for the State Department of Public Safety JAG grant.

Capital Project Funds are established to account for the resources expended to acquire or construct assets of a relatively permanent nature.

#### Capital Projects

This fund is used to account for the City's various capital improvement projects that are not included in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA

Nonmajor Governmental Funds Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2010

	Capital Projects Fund Totals		78,958       230,996         88,229       150,146	<u>167,187</u> <u>381,142</u>		58,506 79,403 5,557 5,557 - 46,975 64,063 131,935	103,124 249,207	167,187 381,142
	JAG		30,413	30,413		- 30,413 30,413	-	30,413
	AHSO		31,504	31,504		9,735 - 16,562 26,297	5,207	31,504
spur	Abade		20,342	20,342			20,342	20,342
Special Revenue Funds	North Pole Festival		7,638	7,638		5,000	2,638	7,638
Special R	North Pole Community Ice Rink		11,410	11,410		297	11,113	11,410
	Fire Depart- ment		34,654	34,654		4,865	29,789	34,654
	Building Depart- ment		\$ 77,994	\$ 77,994		1,000	76,994	\$ 77,994
		<u>Assets</u>	Cash and investments Grants receivable	Total assets	Liabilities and Fund Balances	Liabilities: Accounts payable Deferred revenue Due to other funds Total liabilities	Fund balances - unreserved	Total liabilities and fund balances

CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended December 31, 2010

		Totals	253 032	71.242	84.326	408,600		56,079	234,539	32,477	32,995	356,090		52,510	(7,688)		44,822	204,385	249,207
	Capital Projects	Fund	32 995		7,500	40,495		ı		,	32,995	32,995		7,500	ı		7,500	95,624	103,124
		<u>JAG</u>	75 637	5	•	72,637		,	72,637	1	ı	72,637			1			•	t
		AHSO	147 400			147,400		•	147,400	,	•	147,400		i			,	5,207	5,207
		Abade	,		6,137	6,137		•	2,012	ı	•	2,012		4,125	L		4,125	16,217	20,342
	North Pole	Festival	,	•	32,265	32,265		,	,	30,307	4	30,307		1,958	ı		1,958	089	2,638
Special Revenue Funds	North Pole Community	Ice Rink		ı	12,660	12,660		•		2,170	ŧ	2,170		10,490	#		10,490	623	11,113
pecial Reve	Fire Depart-	ment		,	16,512	16,512		1	12,490	r	1	12,490		4,022	ŧ		4,022	25,767	29,789
S	APSC	Training	ı	,	ì	1		1	1	ı	•	1		ì	(2,698)		(2,698)	2,698	
	Economic Develop-	ment	•	ı	9	9		•	ā	1	•	1		9	(876)		(870)	870	1
		HIPPO	ı	1		t		i	ı	•		1		ı	(4,114)		(4,114)	4,114	1
	Building Depart-	ment		71,242	9,246	80,488		56,079	ŧ			56,079		24,409			24,409	52,585	76,994
•		Revenues:	Intergovernmental \$	Charges for services	Other revenues	Total revenues	Expenditures:	General government	Public safety	Culture and recreation	Capital outlay	Total expenditures	Excess of revenues over	expenditures	Other financing uses - transfers out	Net change in fund	balances	Beginning fund balances	Ending fund balances

#### DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general obligation bond, and special assessment debt principal, interest and related costs for issuances that are not accounted for in the Enterprise Fund.

Debt Service Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2010 With Comparative Amounts for 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Revenues:		
Special assessments	\$ 94,922	97,713
Investment income	90,553	48,119
Total revenues	185,475	145,832
Expenditures - debt service:		
2005 series B G.O. bonds:		
Principal	50,000	50,000
Interest	57,155	59,155
Total 2005 series B G.O. bonds	107,155	109,155
2002 special assessment bonds:		
Principal	10,560	10,081
Interest	6,330	6,809
Total 2002 special assessment bonds	16,890	16,890
Other	810	<del>-</del>
Total expenditures	124,855	126,045
	121,033	120,013
Net change in fund balance	60,620	19,787
Beginning fund balance	193,084	173,297
Ending fund balance	\$ 253,704	193,084

#### MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUND

The Enterprise Fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise – where the intent of the government's council is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or where the government's council has decided that periodic determination of net income is appropriate for accountability purposes.

#### Water and Sewer

This fund accounts for the operations of the water and sewer system.

# Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended December 31, 2010 With Comparative Amounts for 2009

		<u>2010</u>	2009
Operating revenues - charges for services:	¢t.	0.60 700	000.000
Water Sewer	\$	862,783	828,028
		911,931	926,057
Total operating revenues		1,774,714	1,754,085
Operating expenses:		,	
Water:		225 512	227 721
Salaries and benefits		225,713	225,594
Materials and supplies		79,220	113,273
Purchased services		308,924	221,081
Vehicle expense		5,671	5,107
Insurance		31,707	14,038
Repairs and maintenance		444	4,263
Depreciation		263,116	280,354
Bad debt expense		5,022	17,459
Total water		919,817	881,169
Sewer:			
Salaries and benefits		314,498	320,174
Materials and supplies		28,573	83,674
Purchased services		309,154	353,915
Vehicle expense		7,742	6,709
Insurance		30,012	16,182
Repairs and maintenance		220	2,044
Depreciation		488,645	409,228
Bad debt expense		622	1,038
Total sewer		1,179,466	1,192,964
Total operating expenses		2,099,283	2,074,133
Loss from operations		(324,569)	(320,048)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
State of Alaska PERS relief		19,478	30,646
Interest expense		(35,305)	(36,154)
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)		(15,827)	(5,508)
Loss before contributions and transfers		(340,396)	(325,556)
Loss before continuations and transfers		(340,390)	(323,330)
Capital contributions		2,819,779	3,297,648
Transfers in		-	300,000
Change in net assets		2,479,383	3,272,092
Beginning net assets		9,961,728	6,689,636
Ending net assets	\$	12,441,111	9,961,728
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CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended December 31, 2010

Federal Grant Title	Grant <u>Number</u>	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number	Total Grant <u>Award</u>	Federal Share of Expend- itures
Department of Agriculture Passed through State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources - Cooperative Forestry Assistance 2009	39984	10.664	s 4,842	4,842
Department of Justice Passed through State of Alaska Department of Public Safety: Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program Equitable Sharing - Seized Assets Total Department of Justice	JAG 11-023D	16.738 16.000	86,569 6,137	30,413 6,137 36,550
Department of Transportation Passed through State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities:				
National Motor Carrier Safety	10-PD-008	20.218	3,452	3,452
State and Community Highway Safety - Seatbelt Enforcement 2010 State and Community Highway Safety - Seatbelt Enforcement 2011 Total CFDA 20.600	402 PT 10-06-09 402 PT 11-06-01	20.600 20.600	3,315 4,017	2,045 267 2,312
Alcohol Open Container Requirements Grant - Impaired Driving 2010 Alcohol Open Container Requirements Grant - Impaired Driving 2011 Alcohol Open Container Requirements Grant - Traffic Enforcement Officer 2010 Alcohol Open Container Requirements Grant - Traffic Enforcement Officer 2011 Total CFDA 20.607	154 AL 10-01-01 154 AL 11-01-03 154 AL 10-01-06 154 AL 11-01-15	20.607 20.607 20.607 20.607	14,945 13,530 161,592 156,929	9,405 2,059 112,753 31,504 155,721
Total Department of Transportation				161,485
Environmental Protection Agency Passed through the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation: Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds - Recovery Act - Clean Water Loan - Sewer Lift Station Renovation - ARRA (90% forgiven)	633151	66,458	1,922,222	257,358
Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds - Recovery Act: Drinking Water Loan - Water Meter Replacement - ARRA (100% forgiven) Drinking Water Loan - Water Pump Efficiency Improvements - ARRA (100% forgiven) Total CFDA 66.468	63327 <b>1</b> 633281	66.468 66.468	100,000 600,000	55,115 540,656 595,771
Total Environmental Protection Agency				853,129
Department of Education  Passed through the State of Alaska Department of Commerce,  Community and Economic Development -  ARRA - Community Economic Stimulus Grant	800220	84.397	63,079	15,932
Total Federal Financial Assistance			\$	1,071,938

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended December 31, 2010

#### Note 1: Basis of Presentation

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of City of North Pole and is on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in the schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.* 

#### Note 2: Forgiveness Loans

The City obtained the following forgiveness loans from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Programs. Because the loans are forgiven, they are not reflected in the long-term debt section of the financial statements. The loan portions that were not forgiven (10% on two loans) were paid to the State of Alaska in 2009 and are also not reflected in long-term debt.

ARRA – Clean Water – CFDA 66.458

Sewer Lift Station Renovation
Jet Vac Truck

90% forgiveness 90% forgiveness

ARRA – Drinking Water – CFDA 66.468

Water Meter Replacement
Water Pump Efficiency Improvements

100% forgiveness 100% forgiveness

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION



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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of North Pole, Alaska

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of North Pole, Alaska as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the City of North Pole's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2011. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of North Pole, Alaska

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the City of North Pole's management, Honorable Mayor and City Council, others within the entity, federal and state awarding agencies and, if applicable, pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Anchorage, Alaska

Mikunda, Cottrell & Co.

May 11, 2011



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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements That Could Have a Direct and Material Effect on Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of North Pole, Alaska

#### Compliance

We have audited the compliance of City of North Pole with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2010. City of North Pole's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of City of North Pole's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on City of North Pole's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about City of North Pole's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the City of North Pole's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the City of North Pole complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of North Pole, Alaska

### Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of City of North Pole is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered City of North Pole's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City of North Pole's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of City of North Pole's management, Honorable Mayor and City Council, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Anchorage, Alaska

Mikunda, Cottrell & Co.

May 11, 2011

### Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended December 31, 2010

ſ.	Summary of Auditor's Results Financial Statements Type of auditor's report issued		Unqualified	
	<ul> <li>Internal control over financial reportin</li> <li>Material weakness(es) identified?</li> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weather.</li> <li>Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?</li> </ul>	ed that are akness(es)?	yesX _ no yesX _ no yesX _ no	ed
	<ul> <li>Federal Financial Assistance</li> <li>Internal control over major programs:         <ul> <li>Material weakness(es) identified?</li> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weather the major programs?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	akness(es)?	$\frac{1}{2}$ yes $\frac{X}{X}$ no $\frac{X}{X}$ none reported Unqualified	÷d
	Any audit findings disclosed that are rebe reported in accordance with section Circular A-133?  Identification of major programs:		yes <u>X</u> no	
	Agency Environmental Protection Agency	CFDA Number 66.468	Name of Federal Program or Cluster  Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds –	
	Dollar threshold used to distinguish be Type A and Type B programs:	tween	Recovery Act \$300,000	
	Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		ves X no	

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, continued

### II. Financial Statement Findings

None noted.

### III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None noted.

### Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

Year Ended December 31, 2010

### **Financial Statement Findings**

Finding 09-01 Internal Controls over Journal Entries – Significant Deficiency

Condition: Adjusting journal entries are generally initiated, recorded, reconciled, and

approved by one individual.

Status: This finding was resolved in 2010.

Finding 09-02 Internal Controls over Financial Statement Preparation - Significant

**Deficiency** 

Condition: Deferred assessments, capital assets, depreciation and accrued payroll

accounts were not properly reconciled or recorded in the financial statements.

Cash accounts were not reconciled on a monthly basis for several months

near the end of the year.

Status: This finding was resolved in 2010.

Corrective Action Plan

Year Ended December 31, 2010

There are no current year findings; therefore no corrective action plan is required.

**NP Summer Festival Events Meeting** 

24 May 2011- Start time: 6:00 pm-location: NP City Hall

Facilitated by: Mayor Doug Isaacson

Attendees:

Nancy Uptgraft

Carolyn Maxwell

Jamie Macke

Emily B(NPBT)

**Todd Wentland** 

Sunday Wooden(GSA) Derrick Nelson

Allen Shaw

Leon LaSalle

Daphne Coen

Facilitator thanked everyone for attending and introduced everyone to each other.

Brain stormed on our theme for this year. The theme was voted on and the one picked was

"Sleigh Bells Ring For Freedom"

North Haven donated \$1,000; Birchwood Homes donated \$500.00. Actus Com Fund donated \$1,000 Goal is \$7,500

### Todd Wentland:

Bed race has 3 bed's made that can be used by anyone

Babes in Toyland team requested one bed for themselves to race

Greased pole going well

Elf's run needs table and stop watch/clock for start and a refreshment's table with fruit and Water for half way of the run; Todd to call Joe T for clock and Safeway for refreshments Still need to decided if new t-shirts will be made or just use last years (68 adults & 26 youth)

Mayor Doug will walk the route for the run with Todd and get a map printed

Different categories for run as a contest; to be printed in the paper the winners

### Nancy Uptgraft:

Requested a list from each group on things that they needed

Mary Rawl(PAO) said the band and soldiers can not participate this year. Will get in touch with

Wainwright post Commander about getting some support from Army.

NPHS AFJROTC said they will do the Color Guard again this year

NPFD will lead the parade with their Color Guard

Mayor Isaacson will get in touch with Tom McGee for the Cherakee Riders to be in the parade

Julie e-mailed last year parade participaters the new forms for this year

Julie will be requesting the AF to be in the parade

Parade Grand Marshall needed for this year; discussed asking Lenora Conkle

Discussed having the Santa's Senior center vote for Grand Marshall next year

Derrick Nelson: Entertainment

Has already started getting bands for this

Discussed paying entertainers this year; it all depends on the donations/sponsors

So far we have "No Compromise" and "Ballroom dancers" scheduled

NPBT will do the logo for this year(Mica Hendricks(573-528-6678/Micaangela@mac.com)

Gmail possible donors the different levels of support

Donations to be asked for and collected for media recognition(min \$250.00)

Donations made should send checks made out to North Pole with Summer Fest on memo line

Next meeting is 6-7:30 June 7th at City Hall; weekly meetings in June

Updated forms will be passed out at the next meeting

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm

### June 6, 2011 Council Report

Bill Butler

Director of City Services

### **Building Department**

- 2 new residential projects begun in Ford Subdivision (foundation only permits at this time)
- 1 commercial permit issued: Allstate Office Building on Patricia Court

### **Public Works**

- City-wide crack sealing project completed
- Pavement rehabilitation project scheduled to now not start until July 5
  - Finnel, Cross Way, Snowman Lane, North Pole High School Blvd. (section) and H&H Road (section).
  - Two additional roads added: East 6<sup>th</sup> and East 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - DOT funded with 9.03% City match.
- Mill & Pave project to go to bid June 16
  - FMATS project funded with DOT and 9.03% City match
  - Southern sections of Kit and Beaver Boulevards, Holiday, and West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Hoped for start in late July 2011
- Main Street initiative
  - Meeting with DOT scheduled for Tuesday June 7 to discuss permitted beautification options for Santa Claus Lane
  - Summer hire, Erin Winters, began last week

### **Utility Department**

- Lift station renovation project proceeding
  - Old Richardson Highway scheduled to be substantially complete early next week
  - Kit Boulevard lift station next on list
  - Three of the four control panel boxes received in Anchorage with damage and are being replaced—this will cause some delays
- Sludge removal project should have begun before next Council meeting
- Engineering analysis and design project for waste water treatment plant contract began two weeks ago with engineer site visit
- Cash flow issue projected related to utility construction project
  - Sufficient funding is available with grants and utility cash reserves to pay cost of projects
  - Size of contractor invoices will be large in July and August—larger than City's cash reserves: estimate combined invoices of approximately \$1.5 million each of these months
  - Will need a line of credit to ensure adequate cash flow between time of invoice and grant reimbursement s from DEC and EPA
  - Utility will bear any costs of the lines of credit
  - Will make a formal request at June 20 or July 5 Council meeting (depending upon time for bank to make proposal)

Sponsored by: Mayor Douglas Isaacson Introduced May 16, 2011 Passed June 6, 2011

### **City of North Pole**

### Ordinance 11-05

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA TO AMEND TITLE 13, PUBLIC SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, changes to the public services practices and policies is a continually changing requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Pole Municipal Code should be amended to conform to the requirements of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of North Pole:

**Section 1**. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified.

**Section 2**. Title 13 is amended in the North Pole Code of Ordinances as follows:

# Title 13 PUBLIC SERVICES Chapter 13.08 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

### 13.08.090 Service to areas outside existing assessment districts

A. To the extent that a property or portion thereof is not levied an assessment from an existing assessment district a tie-in fee shall be charged upon application to the city for connection to a municipally approved or constructed water or sewer main. The tie-in charge shall be the product of an area consisting of two hundred feet, or to the limits of the property boundary, whichever is less, on each side of the water or sewer main serving the parcel, times the proper tie in charge rate. In addition, in the case of a developer-financed water and/or sewer system, the tie-in charge shall be two hundred feet each side of the privately financed water and/or sewer mains time the proper tie-in charge rate.

### **Section 3.** Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011.

	DOUGLAS W. ISAACSON, Mayor
ATTEST:	
	KATHRYN M. WEBER, CMC, City Clerk

### North Pole Roundabouts Landscape Design Proposal Requirements

### **Heel LLC Proposal**

Identification of plant species/varieties, including colors and
expected mature height
Landscape design narrative that describes the steps the applicant will
follow in the implementation of their design.
Timeline that identifies when major milestones of the project will be
achieved.
Designs do not need to be drawn by a professional, but should be
drawn to scale (scale identified on drawings) and provide sufficient
detail to assess the appearance of the final product.
The design must clearly locate each design element.
The landscape design must meet DOT restrictions related to height
and affect on visibility and City requirements on design elements.
Necessary soil enhancements required in the landscape design must
be explained in the proposal narrative.
A minimum of one-year warranty is required for any biannual and
perennial plants included in the landscape installation.
Landscape design must include a detailed watering plan—
frequency, quantity, timing, etcsufficient for the City to water the
installation.
The landscape design shall include no signage or advertisements
within the roundabouts other than an approve recognition plaque no
larger than 6 inches high by 12 inches wide.
Applicant Information Form
Proposal Form
Landsoana dasign
Landscape design

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Applicant Information
City of North Pole
Roundabout Landscaping Project 2011

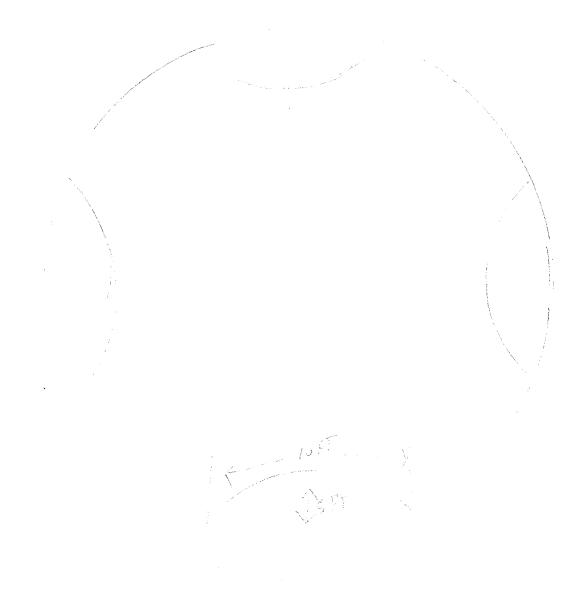
Hawks Farm & Garden Center, Inc.	
Company/Organization name	
2260 Old Richardson they	
Address	Market Control of the
North Pol An 99705	
City/State/ZIP	
488-6119 488-9595	
Telephone number Fax number	
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Our design will be to frame each roundabout with *Legacy* bricks (16"wide x4"tall) and make 4 equally spaced flower beds framed with the same brick. Each semi-circular bed will be 10 ft wide and 5 ft at its deepest point and filled with annuals. The remaining space will be covered with landscape fabric topped with ¾ and 1 ½ inch washed rock.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Hawks

\$35,000



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## Proposal Form City of North Pole Roundabout Landscaping Project 2011

Company/Organization name:	Hawks	Farm &	Garden	Center Inc.

	Proposal price in words	Proposal price numerically
Roundabout landscaping		
Added optional watering system (include only if proposing to install a watering system as part of design)		

### Addenda

Applicant has received and examined the following Addenda, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by listing the Addenda Numbers and Addenda Dates.

Addendum Number	Addendum Date	
Facility 10 and		



### City of North Pole Office of the Mayor

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

Date:

June 6, 2011

To:

Council Members

Cc:

City Clerk

From:

Mayor Douglas W. Isaacson

RE:

Request for Mayor to Observe Northern Edge 2011 DV Day

I am requesting funds to travel to Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson in Anchorage on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 to Thursday, June 16, 2011 to participate in the Northern Edge 2011 DV Day (see schedule attached).

I received the attached letter late last week from Lieutenant General Dana Atkins, Commander of the Alaskan Command, inviting me to observe up close "Alaska's premier joint field training exercise. The exercise incorporates units from Eielson, allowing me to see our residents and neighbors at work, and better understand the complexities and vitality of military training issues in Alaska.

To minimize the expense of travel, I propose to drive the Admin car to Anchorage and stay overnight in a cheap hotel. Funds have been budgeted and will come from line item 01-01-00-7004 / Travel as follows:

Item	Cost per Day	Estimated Total
Hotel (tbd)	est. \$125	\$125
Per Diem	est. 2 days @ \$42	\$84
Gas	est. 3 tanks (15 gals/per @ \$4.25/gal)	\$191.25
	Estimated total:	\$400.25

This is an important outreach to a large portion of our community and I've been asked to attend by the senior ranking Air Force officer in Alaska. I appreciate your consideration and request your approval.

Thank you.



### HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN COMMAND (ALCOM) ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA 99506

25 May 2011

Lieutenant General Dana T. Atkins Commander, Alaskan Command 9480 Pease Avenue, Suite 110 JBER, AK 99506-2101

16 June

The Honorable Douglas Isaacson Mayor, North Pole 125 Snowman Lane North Pole, AK 99705

Dear Mayor Isaacson

Alaska's premier joint field training exercise, NORTHERN EDGE 2011, will be held from 13 June to 24 June 2011. With an emphasis on integrating Joint Forces for real-world contingencies, the exercise is designed to sharpen participant skills, practice operations, techniques and procedures; improve command, control and communications and to develop interoperable plans and programs. This year's exercise is focused on execution of Asia-Pacific training modules. Flight operations will be conducted from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Eielson AFB, and training areas over both the Gulf of Alaska and the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex. Robust Personnel Recovery training will also occur throughout the exercise.

You are invited to observe NORTHERN EDGE 2011. I believe you will find this both memorable and informative. For additional information, please contact our Joint Visitor Bureau Director, Colonel George Hays, at (907) 552-8350, or his Deputy, Lieutenant Colonel Dave Elder, at (907) 552-1438. If you plan to attend, please let us know by 8 June 2011.

I look forward to seeing you during NORTHERN EDGE 2011.

Respectfully

DANA T. ATKINS

Lieutenant General, USAF

Commander



# 16 June 2011

# NE 11 DV Day Schedule (Unclass)

Event	Duration	Location
Donuts and Coffee (For during briefs)	0645-0700	Bldg 9480 - Reeves Conf Rm
Welcome to NE 11 – LTG Atkins	0700-0715	Reeves Conf Rm
NE 11 and JPARC Briefing	0715-0755	Reeves Conf Rm
Joint Ops Center/Joint Exercise	0755-0820	Bldg 9480 - JOC
Control Group Tour		
Board Trans to move to Airport Tower	0820-0845	Movement
Observe Launch Ops (10-15 pax on top)	0845-1000	Airfield Tower
Move from Tower to flight line/displays	1000-1015	Movement
Bathroom / Coffee Break	1015-1045	Display area
Static Aircraft Displays	1045-1145	Flight Line
Lunch- (\$5-9)	1145-1300	Dining Facility
Rescue Squadron Tour	1300-1430	Hangar 18
Move from Tour area to Drop off point	1430-1445	Trans to Bldg 9480