NON-CODE ORDINANCE

By: Borough Manager
Introduced: 05/03/16
Public Hearing: 05/17/16
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Adopted: 05/17/16

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 16-063

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATING UP TO $1,000,000 FROM THE LAND MANAGEMENT PERMANENT FUND, FUND 203, TO PARKS AND RECREATION SHOP UPGRADES, FUND 440, PROJECT NO. 15039; AND APPROPRIATE 200,000 FOR WILLOW LOG CABIN REHABILITATION PROJECT, FUND 435, PROJECT NO. 10182.

WHEREAS, the Borough's park and recreation maintenance shop is currently located within the city limits of Palmer and is zoned for residential use; and

WHEREAS, because of the zoning, the shop is operating under a city conditional use permit for a greenhouse; however, the greenhouse was taken down due to its deteriorated state and inability to meet OSHA standards without significant cost; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer would like to see the shop removed from its current location at the soonest possible time; and

WHEREAS, compounding the zoning issue is the difficulty to secure and adequately store expensive equipment. The current parks and recreation maintenance shop is approximately 3000 square feet, which is not a large enough space to perform essential maintenance on equipment, seat up to 25 Parks and Trails staff, or to store the Division's equipment; and

WHEREAS, heated storage is required to protect the borough's large equipment from environmental damages and potential vandalism it could otherwise incur if stored outside; and

WHEREAS, lacking this type of required storage at the current location, the Community Development Department has been compelled to rent additional heated storage space in the amount of $2,080/month for equipment overflow, which is actually priced below rental market value per square foot price; and

WHEREAS, there is no guarantee of continued use of the rental space and the agreement is on a month-to-month basis; and

WHEREAS, due to this situation, Community Development has spent the last three plus years trying to accumulate adequate funds to construct a new facility; and

WHEREAS, the primary cost estimate place the cost of a new facility at approximately $1.3 million. At the current savings rate, the funds that have been appropriated for this project will begin to expire in 2017, long before sufficient funds are available to construct the new building; and

WHEREAS, the new parks and recreation maintenance shop is to be located on Borough land next to Teeland Middle School, with access onto Seldon Road; and

WHEREAS, adding up to $1,000,000 from the Land Management Permanent fund, fund 203, to money already appropriated by the Assembly for the new parks and recreation maintenance shop carries huge public benefit through annual cost-savings of $24,960, in addition to providing an efficient secure building with adequate storage and office space at a central location, which will allow for more efficient operations; and

WHEREAS, once the new parks and recreation maintenance shop is built, the old parcel located in Palmer will be sold; and

WHEREAS, funds from the sale of the property will be reappropriated back to the Land Management Permanent Fund, fund 203; and

WHEREAS, current appraised value of the existing parks and recreation maintenance shop property is $916,000; and

WHEREAS, an additional $200,000 will be appropriated from the Land Management fund, fund 203, to the Willow Log Cabin Rehabilitation Project, fund 435, project no. 10182; and

WHEREAS, because of prior claims of ownership by others, the availability of these funds will be contingent upon delivery of quitclaim deeds in favor of the Borough from both WACO and WHWF.

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Classification. This Ordinance is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Appropriation Source. It is hereby appropriated by the Assembly $1,000,000 from the Land Management Permanent Fund, fund 203, to Parks and Recreation Shop Upgrades, fund 440, project no. 15039; and $200,000 from the Land Management Permanent Fund, fund 203, to the Willow Log Cabin Rehabilitation Project, fund 435, project no. 10182.

Section 3. Reappropriation Sources. Upon sale of the current parks and recreation maintenance shop property, there is hereby reappropriated by the Assembly the funds of the sale to the Land Management permanent fund, fund 203.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

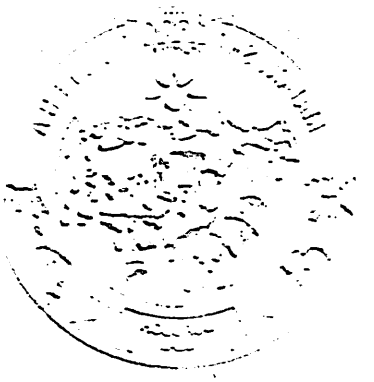
ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 17 day of May, 2016.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Beck, Colligan, Mayfield, and Kowalke

NO: Sykes and McKee