

AR 99-311

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 99- 311

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDING
2 REGULATING THE LEVEL OF CHENEY LAKE TO PROTECT PUBLIC AND
3 PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE
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6 WHEREAS, Cheney Lake is an attractive, usable body of water that is home to
7 various species of birds and fish as well as a pleasant site for recreation by Anchorage
8 residents; and
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10 WHEREAS, Cheney Lake was a gravel pit that has become a man-made lake
11 filled by stormwater runoff and springs, which no longer has an outlet and consequently
12 has a rising water level; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Municipality has constructed substantial roadway, drainage and
15 parks improvements based on the historic 207-foot lake elevation; and
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17 WHEREAS, the existing roadway is subject to frequent flooding, frost heaves
18 and pavement failure; and
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20 WHEREAS, the existing storm drain outfalling into the lake is submerged which
21 results in inadequate capacity during periods of high rainfall and, further, is blocked
22 with ice during Spring breakup; and
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24 WHEREAS, the storm drain outfalls into Cheney Lake without treatment of
25 pollutants; and
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27 WHEREAS, the current lake level results in erosion of the lakeshore adjacent to
28 the existing pathway; and
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30 WHEREAS, the park benches, trees and other landscaping are frequently
31 submerged; and
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33 WHEREAS, administrative staff of the Municipality has determined through
34 thorough and extensive engineering studies that in order to make Baxter Road and
35 Beaver Place safer and more passable, and to reduce maintenance, the level of
36 Cheney Lake should be lowered three feet; and
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38 ~~WHEREAS, ongoing notice was given through numerous meetings, newsletters~~
39 ~~and mail-outs, and through numerous consultations with local residents affected by this~~
40 ~~project, and through thorough consideration of viable alternative solutions;~~ the
41 Municipality has already commenced repairs of the two roadways and related facilities
42 in such a way that will not cause permanent environmental, recreational, and aesthetic
43 degradation to the lake and surrounding residential areas; and
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45 WHEREAS, alternative means of accomplishing the roadway improvements and
46 facilitating safe and efficient use of nearby roads and reducing groundwater infiltration
47 cannot be implemented without lowering the level of Cheney Lake; and
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49 WHEREAS, the project plan has been reviewed by numerous Federal, state and
50 local agencies and necessary approvals and permits have been acquired.

1 NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

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3 Section 1. Road construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance as well
4 as other public projects undertaken by the Municipality in the vicinity of Cheney Lake
5 shall be accomplished in such a way as to ensure that the surface of Cheney Lake is
6 maintained at the highest possible level that protects the public and private
7 infrastructure from high-water damage.

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9 Section 2. That the Municipality install a vertically adjustable lake overflow
10 weir, should it become necessary at some future time to raise the lake surface
11 elevation.

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13 Section 3. That the Municipality shall effect appropriate revegetation and
14 restoration of riparian habitat as part of the project in consultation with the project's
15 community advisory committee and habitat specialists.

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17 Section 4. That the Municipality shall increase public involvement in Phase 2
18 of the project and seek consultation on pathways, landscaping, traffic calming and
19 other amenities.

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21 Section 5. That the Municipality shall consult with the public on boating and
22 other recreational activities at the lake with regard to impacts on waterfowl and habitat.

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24 Section 6. That this resolution shall become effective upon passage and
25 approval.

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27 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this
28 day of _____, 1999.

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33 Chair

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36 ATTEST:

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41 Municipal Clerk

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING REGULATING THE	DATE PREPARED	
	LEVEL OF CHENEY LAKE TO PROTECT PUBLIC AND	Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM	
	PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE		
2	DEPARTMENT NAME ASSEMBLY	DIRECTOR'S NAME GEORGE WUERCH, CHAIRMAN	
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER	
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS	DATE
	Mayor		
	Municipal Clerk		
	Municipal Attorney		
	Employee Relations		
	Municipal Manager		
	Community Planning & Development		
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer		
	Management Information Services		
	Office of Management & Budget		
	Property & Facility Management		
	Purchasing		
	Operations Manager		
	Cultural & Recreational Services		
	Fire		
	Health & Human Services		
	Merrill Field Airport		
	Municipal Light & Power		
	Police		
	Port of Anchorage		
	Public Works		
	Solid Waste Services		
	Transit		
	Water & Wastewater Utility		
	Other		
5	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS		
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6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED 10-12-99	7	PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED N/A