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For reading: December 17, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2002-391

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE
OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF VICTIMS'
RIGHTS IN THE GODFREY CASE, REQUIRING PERIODIC REPORTS FROM THE
MAYOR'S NEW E-911 TASK FORCE, AND AN AUDIT ON UTILIZATION OF E-911
SURCHARGE REVENUES, ACKNOWLEDGING THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF
VICTIMS' RIGHTS OVER THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, AND PLEDGING
SUPPORT OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE
MUNICIPALITY'S E-911 RESPONSE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, under Art. I Sec. 24 of the Constitution of Alaska, the Alaska Legislature
created the Office of Victims' Rights (OVR) to advocate for crime victims throughout Alaska,
including those protected by Alaska's largest law enforcement agency, the Anchorage Police
Department; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2002, the Office of Victims' Rights released a
comprehensive and well documented Investigative Report regarding the Anchorage Police
Department's E-911 response to the Patricia Godfrey residence on August 3, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City's terse official response to the Investigative Report did not
answer any of the specific findings made by the OVR, did not provide information which
could have contributed to a constructive dialogue among Anchorage residents over how to
improve an essential service that makes a difference between life and death and, in the
words of OVR, was "simply not commensurate with the seriousness of the subject matter at
hand"; and

WHEREAS, the official response to OVR has left the Godfrey family discouraged,
frustrated, and distrustful of official resolve to improve the E-911 system and shaken the
family's confidence in our commitment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor on December 6, 2002 formed another citizens' task force to
address improvements to the Municipality's E-911 System.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: For all of Anchorage and the dedicated employees of the Anchorage
Police Department whose commitment to protecting life and property remains undeterred,
an official apology is hereby extended to Patricia Godfrey and her family for the renewed
sense of frustration, abandonment, and neglect the family feels after reading the City's
official response to the November 26, 2002 Investigative Report issued by the Office of
Victims' Rights.

Section 2: Within thirty days after passage of this resolution, the Municipal Administration shall supplement its official response to the November 26, 2002 report of the Office of Victims' Rights answering each and every finding with specificity. The Municipal Administration shall also state and explain its intentions with respect to implementation of the recommendations made by OVR by providing an action plan and timetable for recommendations the Administration accepts, and a detailed explanation of the reasons underlying those recommendations the Administration will not accept or implement. The Administration's response shall be documented, with appropriate references to documents of record with the Office of Victims' Rights.

Section 3: The Mayor's E-911 Task Force shall provide a written report to the Assembly on January 1, 2003 and every 30 days thereafter, on the City's progress, in completing the E-911 Improvement Plan required under Section 2 above.

Section 4: Within thirty days following passage of this resolution and as required by AMC 25.60.050 - .075, the Chief of Police and the Office of Management and Budget shall submit to the Assembly a complete and thorough review of the E-911 surcharge. The review required under this section shall be first submitted to the Internal Auditor for additional recommendations to the Assembly.

Section 5: The Assembly acknowledges the Municipality of Anchorage is subject to the jurisdiction of the Office of Victims' Rights under AS 24.65.010 - .250. Accordingly, the municipality, its departments, agencies, officials, employees, and staff shall fully comply with all efforts of that office undertaken on behalf of all victims of crime, including Patricia Godfrey and her family.

Section 6: The Assembly reaffirms its commitment to public safety as the number one priority of the Municipality of Anchorage. Recognizing that there will be real costs associated with improving the City's E-911 response system, it is the Assembly's intent to appropriate or to redirect such appropriated funds and to present such bond propositions to the electorate in April, 2003 as are necessary to that purpose and to fill vacant dispatch and call taker positions with qualified employees as quickly as they can be selected and trained.

Section 7: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2002.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk
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	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM
2	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	DIRECTOR'S NAME Greg Moyer
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X	Mayor	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
X	Water & Wastewater Utility	
X	Municipal Manager	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Employee Relations	
X	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
X	Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
	Purchasing	
X	Municipal Attorney	
	Municipal Clerk	
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6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>12/17/02</i>	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED

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