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Submitted by: Chair Traini

Prepared by: Department of Assembly

For reading: August 19, 2003

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2003-259

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REVISING THE 2003 GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$98,800) FROM AREAWIDE GENERAL FUND BALANCE (101) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSEMBLY TO COVER THE COST OF THE APRIL 1, 2003 ELECTION AND THE SUBSEQUENT RECOUNT

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1: That the 2003 General Government Operating Budget is revised by appropriating Ninety-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$98,800) from Areawide General Fund Balance (101) to the Department of Assembly.

Section 2: That this appropriation is to be used to cover the remaining costs incurred from the April 1, 2003 election and the subsequent recount.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 19th day of August, 2003.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION: \$98,800
Department of Assembly

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

NO. 684-2003

Meeting Date: August 19, 2003

From: Chair Traini

Subject: A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$98,800 FROM AREAWIDE GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSEMBLY TO COVER THE COST OF THE APRIL 1, 2003 ELECTION AND THE SUBSEQUENT RECOUNT

During the 2003 budget process, three service levels within the Department of Assembly's Elections organization remained unfunded. Those service levels included \$100,000 for a runoff election, \$18,500 for miscellaneous expenses, and an additional \$30,000 to provide training and on-site support supplied by the Accuvote contractor. Fortunately, there was no need for a runoff, and the vendor provided the on-site support at no additional cost. After an audit of the total costs incurred, the Municipal Clerk's Office has determined that due to other challenges during the April 2003 election, additional funding was required to cover the costs of the election and the recount. A summary of these costs follows:

Personnel

Precinct workers and the Election Commission were given a pay increase of \$2.00 per hour in an effort to match the State election workers' compensation. Due to the reapportionment, there were five additional precincts to staff, and there was an increase in the number of workers because of the new absentee voting sites and extended hours of operation. In addition, the Clerk's Office employee count was down by two persons between January and April resulting in the need to hire more election workers.

Other Costs

Facility rentals, moving expenses, and supplies normally budgeted at \$18,500, increased by \$19,812; advertising expenses increased by \$13,607; ballot costs due to larger ballots to accommodate added text increased by \$13,500; and additional security deemed necessary was sought at a cost of \$1,500.

Recount Expenses

Costs incurred for the requested recount totalled \$46,958¹

\$40,000 was appropriated by the Assembly at the meeting of April 15, 2003, and \$12,200 of this amount was reimbursed through the required recount deposit. The prior appropriation and the deposit contributed to reducing the funding gap to the requested \$98,800.

Legal Expenses

A legal challenge to Proposition 2 resulted in legal fees of \$29,980.

As a result of the additional election expenses as outlined above, and the unanticipated costs relating to a recount and legal challenge, it is now necessary to request that the Department of Assembly's budget be revised to cover the outstanding invoices related to expenses for the April 2003 election and recount. The funding information follows:

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
101-0740	Areawide General Fund Balance	\$98,800

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
101-1040-3808	Contractual Services	\$98,800

Your approval of this appropriation is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


Dick Traini
Chair

Prepared by:


Elvi Gray-Jackson, Director
Budget and Legislative Services

FUND CERTIFICATION:

101-0740 - \$98,800
Areawide General Fund Balance


Jeffrey E. Sinz
Chief Fiscal Officer

1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT		DATE PREPARED
	A Resolution Appropriating \$98,800 from Areawide Fund Balance to the Department of Assembly to Cover the Cost of the April 1, 2003 Election and the Subsequent Recount		14-Aug-03
2	DEPARTMENT NAME		DIRECTOR'S NAME
	Assembly		Dick Traini
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY		HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
	Elvi Gray-Jackson		343-4751
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	Heritage Land Bank		
	Merrill Field Airport		
	Municipal Light & Power		
	Port of Anchorage		
	Solid Waste Services		
	Water & Wastewater Utility		
	Municipal Manager		
	Cultural & Recreational Services		
	Employee Relations		
X	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	JL	8/15/03
	Fire		
	Health & Human Services		
	Office of Management and Budget	PW	8/15/03
	Management Information Services		
	Police		
	Planning, Development & Public Works		
	Development Services		
	Facility Management		
	Planning		
	Project Management & Engineering		
	Street Maintenance		
	Traffic		
	Public Transportation Department		
	Purchasing		
	Municipal Attorney		
	Municipal Clerk		
	Other		
5	Special Instructions/Comments		
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED	7	PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED