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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON THE SIX-YEAR PROGRAM PROVIDED IN CHARTER AND CODE FOR PUBLIC SERVICES, FISCAL POLICIES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, IN ADVANCE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2010 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, Charter §13.02, Six-year program, provides:

At least 90 days before the end of the fiscal year of the municipality the mayor shall submit to the assembly, with recommendations from the planning commission, a six-year program for public services, fiscal policies and capital improvements of the municipality. The program shall include estimates of the effect of capital improvement projects on maintenance, operation and personnel costs. The Assembly shall hold at least one public hearing on the six-year program prior to adoption.

WHEREAS, in addition to preparation of the Operating and Capital Budgets for submission to the Assembly, Charter §13.02 and AMC 6.10.020 require the Mayor to submit a six-year program for public services, fiscal policies and capital improvements to the Assembly within 90 days before the end of the fiscal year, for at least one public hearing prior to adoption by the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Six-year Program for public services, fiscal policies and capital improvements required under AMC §13.03 and AMC 6.10.030 supports a framework for sound budget decision making guided by priorities established through a public process; and

WHEREAS, the required Municipal Six-year Program creates a budget decision-making tool that builds and protects community development, continuity, and sustainability based upon publicly adopted priorities; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sullivan has presented the FY 2010 preliminary budget information at the Assembly Work Session on August 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sullivan, through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), has provided the Assembly with Preliminary FY 2010 General Government Spending and Revenue Reports which demonstrate estimated revenue shortfalls under five alternative scenarios based on local property tax and state revenue sharing options; and

WHEREAS, even with the fiscal restraints and cutbacks being exercised by the Municipality for FY 2009, it is clear that revenue shortfalls expected by the Administration for FY 2010 exceed \$10 Million, and may exceed \$50 Million; and

WHEREAS, the revenue shortfalls expected by the Administration are not anticipated by the Administration to decrease for years beyond FY 2010, based on the information, historical revenue activity, and working numbers prepared by OMB; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for final FY 2010 budget approval in November 2009, the proposed budget schedule includes formal introduction to the Assembly in mid-October, followed by additional Assembly Work Sessions and public hearing before the Assembly on the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Six-year Program prior to the Assembly's adoption of the FY2010 budget, shall assist the Assembly and the public in reevaluating public services and fiscal priorities in light of the local property tax and state revenue sharing options (outlined by OMB for FY 2010) and the challenging current and future financial circumstances of the Municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1. An updated Six-year Program addressing public services and fiscal policies in the current fiscal environment is required by code and charter and is an prerequisite to sound fiscal management for FY 2010 and succeeding years. In compliance with Charter §13.02 and AMC 6.10.020, the Assembly shall schedule public hearing on October 13, 2009 to address community priorities and the interrelationship of public services and fiscal policies, in advance of public hearing and Assembly consideration of the FY 2010 Budget.

<u>Section 2.</u> Pursuant to Charter §13.02, the Planning and Zoning Commission is expected to participate with recommendations, particularly as to application of the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Plan framework for decisions about land use and transportation, as well as public facilities, economic development, housing and other public issues that are vital to a healthy and livable community, as described under the role and purpose of the Municipality's Comprehensive Plan.

The preliminary budget information prepared by OMB and provided to the Assembly on August 28, 2009 is extremely useful and provides the basis for consideration of the FY 2010 budgets and for community dialogue and assistance with the Six-year Program. Under municipal code and Charter §13.02, the Six-year Program shall be submitted to the Assembly 90 days before the end of the fiscal year. Assuming the Six-year Program is submitted to the Municipal Clerk for distribution to the Assembly on or about October 1, the Municipal Clerk shall publish the proposed Six-year Program electronically upon receipt, to allow public notice in advance of public hearing on October 13, 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of Debie Ossender Chair

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