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AMENDED AND APPROVED 3-23-10

Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel March 2, 2010 For reading:

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2010-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND DIRECTION FOR COLLECTIVE MUNICIPAL POLICY BARGAINING AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

WHEREAS, AMC 3.70.090D.1 provides the Assembly with an opportunity to set general labor relations policy and directions for contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, three years have elapsed since the Assembly last set general labor relations policy and directions for contract negotiations under AR 2007-84 (copy attached); and

WHEREAS, the financial position of the Municipality is significantly different than it was in 2007 and currently the Municipality is facing serious budget challenges; and

WHEREAS, employee wages and benefits are a significant cost of Municipal Government: and

WHEREAS, economic conditions make forecasting beyond three years difficult for the purposes of determining wage and benefit expense; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska recognizes the value of three-year term contracts by limiting contract terms to three years under the Public Employee Relations Act; and

WHEREAS, the parties to collective bargaining benefit from direction from the Assembly regarding its priorities and expectations;

NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves that in labor negotiations with the City's employees, the Administration is expected by the Assembly to negotiate provisions meeting these policy objectives:

- The term of any collective bargaining agreement shall not exceed three years in duration.
- 2. The average annual increase in total incremental cost to the Municipality for wages and benefits over the life of the contract shall not exceed the annual average sum of the previous five three years Anchorage Consumer Price Indices.

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- 3. Employees must share in a larger percentage of the cost of employee benefits.
- 4. Service recognition/longevity compensation programs are to be eliminated.
- 5. Work rules, supplemental pay programs and all other processes that result in costly processes and procedures with little or no true added value are to be eliminated.
- 6. The work force, including bargaining representatives, should be engaged to identify more efficient and cost effective means to carry on the work of the municipality including, but not limited to, the use of contracting out of services that could be provided by the bargaining unit.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 23<sup>M</sup>/<sub>2</sub> day of Mark, 2010.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

Submitted by: Assembly Chair SULLIVAN

Assembly Vice Chair Ossiander

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AMENDED AND APPROVED

Date: 3-27-02

**Prepared by:** Assembly Counsel **For reading:** March 27, 2007

## Date: 3-27-07 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2007-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING GENERAL MUNICIPAL POLICY GUIDELINES FOR UPCOMING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.

WHEREAS, employee wage and benefits are a significant part of the Municipal General Government Operating Budget, and several collective bargaining agreements are expiring in 2007; and

WHEREAS, there is a wage-opener for the Anchorage Police Department Employees Association to be effective on 01/01/2009; and

WHEREAS, the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302 has a health care contribution opener to be effective on 07/01/2007; and

WHEREAS, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 959 collective bargaining agreement expires on 08/31/2007; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local 1690 collective bargaining agreement expires on 10/30/2007; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Employees Association collective bargaining agreement expires on 12/31/2007;

## NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

- 1. In future labor negotiations with the City's employees, the Administration is expected by the Assembly to negotiate provisions which recognize that employees of the municipality must share in the rising cost of employee benefits, even if it means sharing a larger percentage of the cost.
- 2. The Administration is expected by the Assembly to take all steps necessary to secure funding from the State of Alaska and by other means, such as pension obligation bonds, to pay for the City's increased payment obligations to the statemanaged PERS/TERS retirement system.
- 3. The Administration is directed by the Assembly to negotiate to eliminate service recognition/longevity compensation programs.
- 4. The Administration is expected by the Assembly to negotiate annual wage adjustments and benefit increases that do not exceed the average of the previous

five years' Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

- 5. The Administration is expected by the Assembly to eliminate work rules and all other processes within its various department and agencies that result in costly administrative processes and procedures with little or no true added value.
- 6. The Administration is expected by the Assembly to engage the work force, including bargaining representatives, in identifying more efficient means to carry-on the work of the municipality.
- 7. The Administration is expected by the Assembly to work jointly with the Assembly to address and discuss funding of the rising costs of employee benefits.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this this day of 2007.

Dan Sullwan
Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk