MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION IN
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITYVIEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SYSTEM MODULE.

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly ordained the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission with the responsibility to recommend planning programs for historic preservation to the Anchorage Assembly and to prepare and maintain a comprehensive inventory of historic resources; and

WHEREAS, a local inventory of historic resources is a cornerstone of a local historic preservation program, and has been identified as a priority by the draft Historic Preservation Plan, and is a prerequisite to planning projects related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Knik Arm Crossing Project (KAC MOU) in on January 14, 2010, which funded and committed the Municipality to complete several planning projects specific to neighborhoods identified in the Knik Arm Crossing impact area; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has committed staff and its resources to complete four separate planning projects in support of its historic neighborhoods identified in the KAC MOU impact area: the Government Hill Neighborhood Plan; South Addition Historic Inventory; Historic Preservation Plan for Downtown, South Addition, Fairview, and Government Hill Community Councils; and the Government Hill Oral History project; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage needs to secure and create reliable geographic information data that can be electronically linked to historic properties and events to facilitate the timely and reliable completion of these planning projects; and

WHEREAS, the CityView Historic Preservation Geographic Information System Module and related data base development has been proposed to assist the Municipality of Anchorage, its consultants, and partners in planning for and preserving the historic properties within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the CityView Historic Preservation Module software will allow for a historic inventory database that can be queried by the public and by agencies supporting transportation and other projects; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the Municipality of Anchorage has initiated the development of the historic inventory database attributes and schema that would be used for the development of the CityView Historic Preservation Module; and

WHEREAS, the municipal Historic Preservation Project Fund, as provided in AMC 6.100, is dedicated to financing historic preservation projects including those planning projects that provide support in maintaining, preserving and protecting, historic neighborhoods and structures.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission that:

A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Municipality is responsible for implementation of the KAC MOU and the associated historic preservation planning projects identified in the MOU within two years of the Record of Decision (by December 2012).

2. The Municipality has initiated requests for proposals for the planning projects identified in the KAC MOU.

3. Municipality staff, MOU partners, and the Historic Preservation Commission wish to develop a streamlined Geographic Information System-based module in the CityView portal that will facilitate and provide the best possible data and analysis for current and future historic neighborhoods and properties planning.

4. Municipality staff is in the process of seeking additional funding from the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority to complete the CityView Historic Preservation Module in the amount of $45,000 to use as matching funds for the Historic Preservation funding request of $15,000. The total amount sought for this project from all sources at this time is $60,000.

B. The Commission recommends that:

1. The Municipality appropriate funding of $15,000 from the municipal Historic Preservation Project Fund for the acquisition of the CityView Historic Preservation Module and software development; and

2. The Municipality develop a database of historic properties that can be queried for analysis and planning purposes using the CityView Historic Preservation Module.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Historic Preservation Commission this 21st day of July in 2011.

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Secretary                         Chair