ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2008-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, ACCEPTING A U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS ($3,563,400) FOR FUNDING THE NORTHERN COMMUNITIES WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the EPA has offered the Municipality of Anchorage (the Municipality) a grant of funds not to exceed $3,563,400 to be applied toward the cost of the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility's (AWWU) Northern Communities Water and Wastewater Improvements projects; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for said projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipality agrees to accept the terms and conditions of the grant offer.

NOW THEREFORE, the Assembly of Anchorage resolves:

Section 1. That the subject federal funds granted to the Municipality are accepted.

Section 2. That the Mayor of Anchorage acknowledges the grant offer and that he transmits to the EPA an executed copy of this resolution accepting said grant.

Section 3. That the sum of Three Million Five Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($3,563,400) be appropriated from EPA grant funds to AWWU’s Capital Improvement Budget for the purpose of financing the Northern Communities Water and Wastewater Improvements projects.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly, this ____ day of ______________, 2008.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM
No. AM 486-2008

Meeting Date: July 29, 2008

From: Mayor

Subject: A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, ACCEPTING A U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS ($3,563,400) FOR FUNDING THE NORTHERN COMMUNITIES WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

The Municipality of Anchorage has been offered a grant by the EPA in the amount of $3,563,400 to be applied toward the costs of the Northern Communities Water and Wastewater Improvements projects. The grant for these projects represents 31.30% of the estimated total projects costs.

In 1998, the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) conducted a study for the extension of public water and sanitary sewer facilities between Fire Lake and Mirror Lake. This study, commissioned by the Anchorage Assembly, responded to documented needs and desires for better water and sewer service in Chugiak and Peters Creek. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities programmed road improvements for the Old Glenn Highway, and Federal funding opportunities existed. The 1998 study recommended a two-phased approach to accomplish the system upgrades for the Northern Communities. Four distinct projects were identified for Phase 1 improvements - South Birchwood Loop Road Water and Sewer Improvements, Old Glenn Highway Water and Sewer Improvements, Chugiak Water Improvements, and Peters Creek Water Improvements.

Through a public process, AWWU identified sewer service to Chugiak High School as the highest priority community interest. In addition, passage of a school bond issue authorized the Anchorage School District (ASD) to contribute additional funding to complete sewer service to the school. Accordingly, this grant application includes the construction of the South Birchwood Loop Road Sewer Improvements and Old Glenn Highway Water and Sewer Improvements with an estimated total project cost of $16,200,000. The grant funds are to be dedicated to funding sewer improvements with a local match (including ASD funding) to provide the balance required to complete the projects.
At its July 2, 2008 meeting, the AWWU Authority Board supported this resolution to accept
said grant funding for these projects.

THE ADMINISTRATION CONCURS WITH THE AWWU BOARD
RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTS APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION
ACCEPTING A U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND
FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS ($3,563,400) FOR FUNDING THE NORTHERN
COMMUNITIES WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS.

Prepared by: Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility
Recommended by: Mark Premo, P.E., General Manager, AWWU
Fund Certification: Sharon Weddleton, CFO
Fund 551 Account 1071 Project IDs 0000000069/00000002291 $3,563,400 (Federal Grant)
Concur: Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager
Respectfully submitted: Mark Begich, Mayor