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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 10, 2022
 TO: Mayor and Assembly
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Leachate Re-Circulation Permit Update: Over the last two months, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has experienced personnel turnover. We have requested that DEC expedite the Borough's leachate recirculation permit application. DEC agreed to expedite and Borough staff were assured we would have feedback later this week. In the meantime, Solid Waste has initiated the bid process for Cell 3 recirculation and gas line installation.

During the August 2, 2022 special Assembly meeting, a question was asked about the current Landfill debt service payments. The table below depicts current Landfill debt. Current loan payments cost ~\$1 million annually, which equates to ~\$15 per ton on the disposal rate. Borough Administration's intent is to reduce or eliminate the need for additional debt to address Landfill infrastructure. Legislation will be forthcoming proposing the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Federal funds for the purposes discussed during the meeting.

Description	Payment Start date	Borrowed	Balance Due	Annual payment	Payment End Date
Landfill Expansion (HAZWASTE/ADMIN BLDG)	2008	\$995,155	\$347,784	\$57,964	2027
Regional Resource Recovery and Training Facility (VCRS)	2012	\$936,743	\$491,052	\$54,561	2031
Phase III Water Quality	2015	\$2,805,926	\$1,961,199	\$163,433	2034
Cell 2A Closure	2018	\$2,252,177	\$1,967,696	\$131,180	2037
Cell 4 Design and Construction	2022	\$5,718,072	\$5,718,072	\$595,000	2032
Septage and Leachate	2023	\$904,120	\$904,120	\$55,000	2043

Additionally, the Landfill completed its annual DEC inspection. The Landfill continues to perform at a high level, meeting all DEC permit requirements, with an overall 98.7% score. The areas identified for improvement include bird mitigation and continual litter mitigation from the surrounding area.

Central Landfill 10 Year Roadmap: Following the August 2, 2022 special Assembly meeting on the Landfill and septage, the Solid Waste Division Roadmap is available on the Borough website for reference that aligns with the presentation provided by staff, with adjustments as discussed during the August 2 meeting. See: <https://matsugov.us/docs/general/22609/Landfill-Mat-Su-Solid-Waste-Roadmap-2022-Final.PDF>

Proposed MSB Code Changes: The Planning Department is currently working on the following Assembly-directed ordinances:

Ordinance	Assembly Sponsor	Anticipated Assembly Introduction
Repeal of MSB 17.05 Essential Service Utilities	Sumner	October 4, 2022
Repeal of MSB 17.06 Electric Generating & Delivery Facility	Sumner	October 4, 2022
MSB 17.02 Land Use Permit	Yundt & Sumner	October 18, 2022
MSB 17.60 Marijuana Update	Hale	October 18, 2022
MSB 17.30 Gravel Extraction Overhaul	Yundt	Working Group to be formed in November 2022
MSB 17.55 Setbacks Overhaul	Yundt	March 2023

Other ordinances coming to the Assembly in the near future include the following:

Ordinance	Sponsor	Anticipated Assembly Introduction
MSB 17.10 Overlay District Repeal	Aviation Advisory Board	September 27, 2022
MSB Title 43 Update	Platting Board	October 18, 2022
MSB 17.59 Beverly Lake Management Plan	Beverly Lake Residents	December 6, 2022

In addition to the aforementioned code changes, the Planning Department has identified 20 other potential code changes based on legal requirements, cleanup, and reasonableness. The code changes range from simple cleanup to highly complex overhaul of entire chapters. A list of these changes will be prepared for discussion during the next Joint Assembly/Planning Commission meeting to gauge interest in dedicating staff time to these efforts.

Governor’s Advisory Council on Opioid Remediation: Effective August 4, 2022, Deputy Borough Manager George Hays has been appointed to the Governor’s Advisory Council on Opioid Remediation. This council was created by Governor Dunleavy on October 1, 2021 with 13 members, nine of whom are voting members. Due to the resignation of one of the members, George was appointed to serve the remainder of 2022, as well as for a full three-year term starting in January 2023. George is one of five of the voting members who are local government officials that collectively represent Alaska’s municipalities. Administrative Order No. 324 was created to provide an efficient and transparent way to

engage Alaskans statewide regarding the management and allocation of opioid abatement funds. The Council is tasked with providing a report each year that includes:

- Input and recommendations regarding how to manage and allocate opioid remediation funds;
- Recommendations for a process, or improvements to the process, for receiving input from communities regarding remediation strategies and responses to their specific opioid remediation needs; and
- Recommendations to implement efficient, evidence-based approaches to opioid remediation statewide.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Education

- [Mat-Su School District lays out plans](#) – Alaska News Source

Trails

- [Talkeetna Lake Park to receive new Dena'ina names](#) – KTNA

Resource Development

- [Costly West Susitna Project will benefit mining companies not Alaskans](#) – ADN (opinion)

Flooding

- [Some Mat-Su area roads closed due to flooding](#) – Alaska News Source

Assembly

- [\\$24 Million bond now in front of the Assembly](#) – Frontiersman

Facebook Posts

- [Flooding update thread](#) – Over 20k reached

Future Events:

Thurs., August 11, 2022, 4pm-6pm, Houston High School Open House at Houston Jr/Sr High School.