

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Palmer****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000194****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Palmer - Arena and Events Center Expansion

State Funding Requested: \$400,000**House District: 13 / G**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Expand the current Ice Arena into a multi-purpose facility. Specific enhancements include improved and energy efficient lighting, seating up to 1,100 patrons, additional restrooms and concession space accessible from the new soccer field complex under construction, additional locker rooms, and improved, expanded lit parking.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$1,667,500
Funding Already Secured:	(\$885,885)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$400,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$381,615

Funding Details:

The State provided XXX amount for the original construction of the facility in 2004. In 2010 the City undertook an expansion of the facility and has funding commitments of \$300,000 from Matanuska Telephone Association and \$50,000 from the Alaska Avalanche Hockey Team. To date, the City has allocated a total of \$885,885 for the current expansion. The City is also seeking grant funding.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The expansion of the MTA Arena and Events Center includes increased seating capacity for a total of 1,100 patrons. Used as an ice arena August through April, the City is in the midst of re-positioning the facility as a multi-purpose building available for community use throughout the summer months. The City began construction of adjacent multi-functional soccer fields in 2008 which will be ready for play in the summer of 2012. Improvements to the MTA Arena and Events Center include increased parking and outdoor lighting, additional restrooms and concession space available to the arena and the soccer fields, seating expansion, and two new locker rooms.

The community of Palmer is in need of an affordable, accessible mid-size venue; a larger alternative to the high school gym, but not as large as facilities located on the State Fairgrounds. Once the expansion is complete City staff will market the indoor facility for graduations, dog shows, trade shows, and similar events. The increased parking will accommodate larger crowds. The arena is well situated to fit this niche.

In 2008, the City began construction of multi-functional soccer fields to host all age groups from Under Five Youth to State Championship field specifications. The City's master plan for the area is a multi-purpose events center with a strong emphasis on youth sports activities. The addition of permanent, indoor restrooms and concession space will help support the soccer community as this facility comes on line.

Project Timeline:

The City hopes to have the project completed by December 2011.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

The City of Palmer

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No



Expansion of the MTA Arena and Events Center (Formerly the Palmer Ice Arena)

Impact: Quality of Life, Economic Development

Completion of the Palmer Arena expansion includes increasing seating capacity to a total of 1100 bleacher seats and installation of new rest room facilities and locker rooms. Arena parking will be expanded to serve the recreation complex in the same area. This expansion will broaden the use of the facility from a community ice arena to a multi-purpose facility for the community. Specifically, the new restrooms and concession stand will offer accessibility for the soccer field due to open this year, and will serve Palmer's growing soccer community. It will also be available to a wide variety of organizations for various events throughout the year.

The funds requested from the State of Alaska will supplement funds the City of Palmer is currently spending to expand bleacher seating to 700, and improve the parking, lighting, and sound systems. The 2010-11 expansion already has financial commitments from a Corporate Sponsor, the Palmer Area Hockey Association and the City of Palmer.



This expansion will support expanding use of the ice arena as it is now the home of the Alaska Avalanche Hockey Club.

Not only will this be an important quality of life component in Palmer, but it will also serve as a major factor in the City's diversified economic development.

Project Cost: \$ 1,667,500

State Request: \$400,000

CONTACT Doug Griffin, City Manager (907) 761-1317

Introduced by: City Manager Griffin
Date: January 11, 2011
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

Yes: _____ No: _____

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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALMER CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE 2011 PRIORITIES FOR THE PALMER CAPITAL PROJECTS, A COMMUNITY MODEL PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, it is the City of Palmer's desire to provide a complete and accurate plan of the City's capital and improvement project needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a Capital Project Development Process on May 25, 2010 to ensure adequate opportunity for public input and a thorough review by the Community and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Project Development Process was truncated in 2010 to allow for nominations and review in a shorten time span; and

WHEREAS, a total of thirty one projects were nominated; and

WHEREAS, the results of the Capital Project Development Process were reviewed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, cost estimates and potential funding sources were identified for projects under consideration for 2011; and

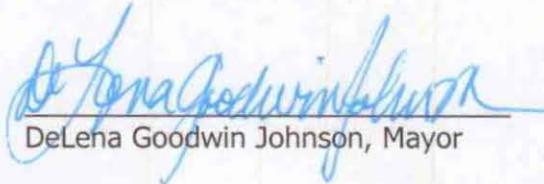
WHEREAS, the projects will be compiled into a document which will provide an overview of the City's needs, a comprehensive listing and a narrative description for each project.

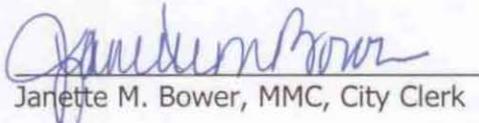
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Palmer City Council that the following projects are hereby established as the Palmer Capital Projects, a Community Model for 2011.

Steel Water Main Replacement
Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase IIA
ADA Sidewalk Compliance Phase Four
Matanuska Maid Block Land Acquisition and Development Planning
Airport Navigational Aids

Expansion of MTA Arena & Events Center
Fire Training Center Floor
Sherrrod Storm Water Improvements
Central Water Meter Read System
Airport Security Powered Gates
Brittany Estates Park
Daron Drive Park Upgrade
Police Vehicles
Sewer Division One Ton Utility Truck
Water Division One Ton Utility Truck
Pump Track
Sport Court Basketball Court
Small Aircraft Wash Area
Trail Connections / Walk to Fair Revisited
Teen Park

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska this eleventh day of January, 2011.


DeLena Goodwin Johnson, Mayor


Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk



City of Palmer 2010-11 Project Development Process

A new Project Development Process was approved by the Palmer City Council in May, 2010. The goal of the new process is to help the Council make informed decisions on a set time frame annually, and to provide several opportunities for public involvement, input and questions. Each project being considered for the capital budget will now go through this review cycle.

The process is designed to start in January; the City truncated the process for 2010 to accept nominations from June to July. A total of 31 applications were received from the public and City staff members by mid-July. All the submitted projects were reviewed by the City Manager and eight items were deferred to future budget years. The City Council received a report in August and directed all of the current year projects undergo further staff assessment.

The next steps in the process included an August presentation to the Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission on the process and all the projects for the Commission's input. Each of the City's five departments reviewed the projects for code compliance, public safety impact, risk management issues, budget development, potential user groups, and budgetary constraints and potential funding mechanisms.

The Staff's work was reviewed by the City Council in November, and the final compilation of projects was approved by the City Council in Resolution 11-003 in January, 2011.

Truncated Capital Project Development Process For 2011 Projects

