

**Monthly Assembly Report**  
**Mayor Clay Walker**  
**June 6, 2016**

- Alaska Municipal League Board meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>
  - Agenda items included:
    - Information on the Cruise Line Industry Assn. vs. City and Borough of Juneau lawsuit, with a request from CBJ to have AML participate by filing an amicus brief. The board considered, but did not act on the request at the time. This topic will be on the summer board meeting agenda.
    - Budget approval, seat appointments, joint AML/AMLJIA agreement
    - Strategic plan update
- Other AML business
  - As you received in your email, the process for amending the Position Statements involves an assembly resolution. Please review those statements and if you'd like to forward a resolution, let the clerk know as the deadline is August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- State of Alaska Community Assistance Program (formerly known as Revenue Sharing)
  - After considerable municipal effort to maintain a healthy funding level, it looks like the new program will go into effect. Under the old formula our FY17 funding of \$291,844 is less than half of the high year of FY13 (\$710,275). Under the new formula our funding rises in FY18 to \$321,447. It is our expectation that this will be a relatively stable funding level, although there are no guarantees.
- Kudos to all who participated in the borough-hosted Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training. Participating agencies and organizations included Tri-Valley VFD, Cantwell VFD, Denali NPS, Clear AFS, Eielson AFB, and the State Troopers, as well as many local volunteers. Extra thanks go to Marge Nord of Cantwell VFD, who continues to lead in EMS training and equipping. Borough emergency planner Chris Noel is also commended for organizing this training funded by the State of Alaska's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- The Denali Borough 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic on May 21<sup>st</sup> was a good get-together. While the weather wasn't perfect and an emergency sent the responders away, it was a time to enjoy good food, great company and reflect on the years. For example, Rick Hundrup who served on the Charter Committee, was there. Our first borough clerk, Tina Graham, shared stories and took photos. We thanked all who have served, be it on the Assembly, Planning Commission, or School Board and provided anniversary t-shirts and water bottles. A big thanks goes out to our Representative Dave Talerico for leaving Juneau at a busy time to attend this celebration.

- Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT)
  - Open House on Rock Slope Mitigation in Nenana Canyon, May 26<sup>th</sup> Tri-Valley Community Center
    - I attended this public outreach effort when folks had an opportunity to learn more about the project and the schedule. Local business concerns focused on the proposed night closures starting at 10 pm, rather early in this busy summer season. In response to public comment DOT has revised the schedule and night closures will start at 11 pm, ending at 6 am, with openings every hour from :45 to :00. See the DOT website for more details.
  - MP231 Enhancement Project
    - The borough received the final Design Study Report. DOT is requested Local Planning Authority from the borough for this project. Their engineer and project manager Lauren Little will attend the June Planning Commission meeting to answer any questions regarding this project.
- Denali Square Opening Ceremony June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - The attendee list included the CEO of Carnival Corp., the President and the CEO of Holland America Princess, and Senator Lisa Murkowski among many others. Denali Borough students provided a musical performance and also accepted, along with Superintendent Dan Polta, a \$20,000 donation check to the Denali Borough School District. Later in the day, Senator Murkowski met with local constituents.
- Denali Borough/Denali Borough School District Capital Improvement Program meeting
  - The borough hosted a joint meeting which was very productive. The new School Facility Condition Survey helped inform and update our CIP list. Collaboratively working with a list of professional recommendations was a big improvement to the process. One we hope to continue in the future.

That's all for now. As always, feel free to contact me with any question.

-Clay