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BOROUGH MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: David R. Carey, Mayor *DR Carey*

FROM: Sue Wilcox, Chief of Staff *SWilcox*

COPY: Bonita Miller, General Services Director

DATE: January 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2010-19-32, accepting and appropriating \$129,820 from the State of Alaska for two temporary 911 dispatchers

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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By: *Crow* Date: 1/6/11

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The Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center (SPSCC) is jointly managed by the Borough and the Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide dispatch services for fire, emergency medical and law enforcement agencies. The SPSCC is jointly staffed with Borough and State employees. Recently the workload and call volume have increased due to the addition of dispatch services provided for the Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol (ABHP). DPS/ABHP have secured grant funding through the Alaska Highway Safety Office to provide for two additional 911 temporary dispatcher positions, however it is our understanding that the State will take up to two years to create the positions through its process. The DPS/ABHP have requested that the Borough employ the two new temporary dispatchers until the DPS has the ability to create the positions. A proposed Letter of Agreement (LOA)¹ between the Borough and DPS provides that the DPS shall pay for all costs associated with the two temporary positions aside from training costs and administrative time. DPS/ABHP currently have funding through the Federal FY2011 and the LOA provides that the State will continue to seek future funding. The longevity of the two temporary dispatch positions is contingent upon DPS securing future grant funding.

The borough can employ the dispatchers as temporary positions for 18 months, after which time the administration must request the assembly to create regular classified positions pursuant to the borough's collective bargaining agreement. It is not the administration's intent that these become regular classified positions as the borough is not in control of the funding and the administration does not intend to otherwise fund the positions.

Your consideration is appreciated.

¹ The LOA is currently being reviewed by the Department of Public Safety and it is our intent to have a draft agreement for your review by introduction.