

Introduced by: Mayor Eberhart  
Finance Committee Review: December 1, 2015  
Introduced: December 7, 2015

**RESOLUTION NO. 4701**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS  
CAPITAL AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fairbanks has identified the following capital and legislative priorities, and the public had the opportunity to speak to this Resolution at the December 7, 2015 City Council meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

2016 Critical Action Capital Priority

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| 1. | Emergency Services Patrol funding | \$400,000 |
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2016-2017 Capital Priorities

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| 2. | Fire Station 3 emergency management storage   | \$1,464,000 |
| 3. | Ambulance replacement w/cardiac care upgrades | \$250,000   |
| 4. | FPD evidence and warm storage facility        | \$1,800,000 |
| 5. | Public Works facility back-up power generator | \$610,000   |

Total of 1-5 above: \$4,524,000

Legislative Priorities

1. Maintain currently established PERS contribution rates,
2. Preserve Municipal Revenue Sharing, and
3. Support legislation resulting in municipal cost savings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Governor Bill Walker and the Alaska Interior Legislative Delegation and the Alaska Congressional Delegation.

**PASSED and APPROVED this 7th day of December 2015.**




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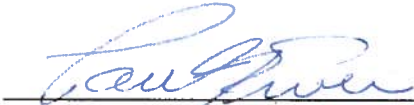
**John Eberhart, Mayor  
City of Fairbanks**

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: Walley  
APPROVED: December 7, 2015

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Daniëlle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

  
Paul Ewers, City Attorney

## 2016 City of Fairbanks Capital and Legislative Requests

### 1. Emergency Services Patrol Funding \$400,000

Funding would allow for continued operation of safe transportation services for incapacitated persons and chronic inebriates. This service expanded to citywide, seven days per week, approximately 19 hours per day, in April 2014. Calls for service are logged and dispatched to the Fairbanks Downtown Association (DTA) as either a response to a 911 call or as a self-initiated call by DTA personnel. Per AS Title 47, the City of Fairbanks, with delegated authority to DTA, will take incapacitated persons into protective custody for transport to their homes, Gateway to Recover Detox, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, the Fairbanks Correctional Center 12-hour sleep off, or other appropriate destination.

### 2. Fire Station 3 Emergency Management Storage \$1,464,000

The City of Fairbanks currently has four trailers and three response vehicles stored outside in the elements. These include a medium rescue vehicle, command investigation van, Ford 550 Prime Mover for trailers, collapse rescue trailer, trench rescue trailer, Fire Prevention trailer, and a propane fire training trailer. This addition to Fire Station 3 would allow storage of these vehicles and trailers inside year round, lessening response time and wear and tear on these vital pieces of equipment.

Building	\$ 1,200,000
Design (at 12%)	\$ 144,000
Contingency (at 10%)	\$ 120,000
Total	\$1,464,000

### 3. Ambulance Replacement with Cardiac Care Upgrades \$250,000

This replacement ambulance will replace the oldest of our four ambulances and allow us to place our 2005 third line ambulance into reserve status. This replacement ambulance will become our primary ambulance and handle the majority of our ambulance calls, which exceed 3,400 annually. The Fire Department wishes to replace three outdated cardiac monitors. We wish to take advantage of current technology, such as Bluetooth connectivity and carbon dioxide monitoring, and integrate our telemetry data with Fairbanks Memorial Hospital systems in order to provide better patient care.

Replacement Ambulance	\$ 175,000
Cardiac care upgrades	\$ 75,000
Total	\$250,000

### 4. City of Fairbanks Police Department Evidence and Warm Storage Facility \$1,800,000

The City of Fairbanks requests funds to construct a 60 foot X 60 foot area for use as the evidence locker for large vehicles and equipment and an additional 40 foot X 60 foot of warm storage space. The Fairbanks Police Department currently utilizes an unheated, severely inadequate facility to house critical evidence and records from some of the most serious cases. Criminal investigations such as murders, sexual assaults, robberies, and serious assaults often require evidence and records to be retained for an extended period of time, if not indefinitely.

### 5. Public Works Facility Back-Up Generator \$610,000 (estimated)

Funding would allow for upgrade to the emergency power supply. The current 100kW back-up generator is over 30 years old. The building and operations have increased over time well beyond the capacity of the current back-up power system. Back-up power generation is necessary to maintain critical operations in the event of a sustained power outage. Extensive electrical configuration will be

required to connect all three power meters, separate disconnects, and distribution panels. The system will provide 12 days of continuous operation without refueling.

**Total Capital Requests: \$4,524,000**

## **2016 City of Fairbanks Legislative Priorities**

### **1. Maintain Current PERS Contribution Rates**

Legislative action is likely necessary to address the rising costs of Alaska's Public Employee Retirement System's (PERS) unfunded liability and the impact of rising PERS liability costs on City taxpayers. The City supports keeping PERS past service costs at 22% of gross wages and eliminating termination study requirements.

### **2. Preserve Municipal Revenue Sharing**

The City of Fairbanks understands the State of Alaska's current fiscal situation and the need to remove unnecessary or duplicative expenses from the State operating budget. The City of Fairbanks is concerned that budget reductions and subsequent reductions in services at the State level will manifest at the municipal level as increased demands for services. Because of this threat, municipal revenue sharing must be maintained. The City of Fairbanks supports the deposit of \$60 million into the Revenue Sharing fund in FY2017 and on an annual basis.

### **3. Support Legislation Resulting in Municipal Cost Savings**

The City of Fairbanks is aware of and attentive to the current State of Alaska fiscal situation. As a matter of fiscal policy, it is critical that the State carefully consider State department budget cuts and how the burden of budget cuts and subsequent reduction in services transfers to municipalities. PERS termination study costs and municipal senior tax exemption policies are two examples of the continuing and escalating burden placed on municipalities. The City of Fairbanks respectfully requests that the Legislature and Governor carefully consider budget cuts and their unintended effects. In addition and where practicable and fiscally responsible, the State should consider proposals to eliminate redundancies in service delivery and seek cost sharing and cost savings opportunities that are beneficial to both the State and municipalities.