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Action taken	1/28/08	
Other:	Direct Admin to bring back an ordinance.	
Verified by:	John Kei	

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM**

**AM No. 08-10**

**TITLE:** Identifying Capital Improvement Projects To Offset The Revenue Funding Shortfall For The Wasilla Public Library And To Cover Unanticipated Attorney Fees In The Lundgren Eminent Domain Case.

Agenda of: January 28, 2008  
 Originator: Administration

Date: January 21, 2008

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police Youth Court, Dispatch, Code Compliance	
X	Culture and Recreational Service Library, Museum, Sports Complex	<i>[Signature]</i> 1/21/08
	Public Works & Recreation Facility Maintenance	
X	Finance, Risk Management & MIS Purchasing	
X	Deputy Administration Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources	<i>[Signature]</i> 01-21-08
X	City Clerk	

**REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:**

*[Signature]* Dianne M. Keller 1/21/08

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  yes\$ or  no Funds Available  yes  no

Account name/number:

Attachments:

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Due to a decision by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to cut FY 08 funding for the Wasilla Library by \$72,000, there is a \$72,000 deficit in the FY 08 budget for the library.

Originally all, or some, of this FY 08 deficit was to be off-set by charging a fee for non-residents to check out books from the Wasilla Library. The Council voted not to establish a user fee for non-residents in October 2007.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Wasilla accepted ownership of the library from the Wasilla Library Association in 1986. From 1985 to 1992, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough

contributed approximately 60% of the library's operating budget to the City. In 1993, the Borough decreased their contribution by almost half.

In 1999, the Borough, Wasilla and Palmer work on a funding formula to provide stable operational funding for local libraries. In January 2003, all parties agreed on a library funding formula which was used for two funding cycles, 2004 and 2005. For the third and fourth funding cycle, the Borough simply issued block grants to Palmer and Wasilla in the same amount as the previous year. FY 08 is the fifth funding cycle since the implementation of the funding formula. The block grant for this year is 20% less than last year's block grant amount. The Borough has stated that it is their intent to reduce this block grant to \$0 over the next four years.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Administration asks that the Council consider utilizing funding from currently approved Capital Improvement Program projects by deferring them to FY 09 CIP to make-up the current \$72,000 deficit in the Library funding. Funding to cover the unanticipated \$300,000 (estimated) attorney's fees for Lungren's attorney that are part of the MUSC land acquisition case could also be moved from CIP projects without negatively affecting department operations. Projects that have been identified for your consideration are:

**FY07 Balances**

320-4369-436.45-37	Irrigation meter grant	19,711
110-4181-499.45-01	Comprehensive plan update	44,128
110-4181-499.45-07	City website	117,757
110-4181-499.45-11	Software acquisition	16,000
110-4330-433.45-01	Land acquisition	16,000
110-4520-452.45-23	Lake Lucille boat launch	15,000
110-4520-452.45-41	Pedestrian tube video equip	35,000

**FY08 CIP**

New library/design study	50,000
Records retention	24,000
Annexation study	50,000
Squad room remodel	15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402,596</b>