

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 11-46**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE DEDICATION AND LAND TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE WASILLA MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF SWANSON AVENUE AND CRUSEY STREET OF APPROXIMATELY FOUR ACRES FOR THE PURPOSE OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY.

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla is seeking to build a new public library in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla has identified a potential site for the new public library on an undeveloped portion of the Wasilla Middle School property at the corner of Swanson Avenue and Crusey Street of approximately four acres; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla has presented the idea to the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough School District and found support from the Mat-Su Borough School Board for the new public library to be located in the corner of the Wasilla Middle School property; and

WHEREAS, this location will benefit both the students and faculty of the Mat-Su Borough School District by having an easily accessible and nearby library resource as well as the community at large with the opportunity to access expanded library resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports the dedication and land transfer of a portion of the Wasilla Middle School property at the corner of Swanson Avenue and Crusey Street of approximately four acres for the purpose of a new public library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council respectfully requests the land be subdivided and the ownership transferred to the City of Wasilla to ensure that the library project is eligible for all future funding opportunities.

APPROVED by the Wasilla City Council on December 12, 2011.

VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]

VOTE: Harris, Holler, Katkus, Menard, Sullivan-Leonard, and Woodruff in favor.







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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

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Agenda of: December 12, 2011
Originator: Public Works Director

Date: December 1, 2011

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Finance Director	 12/2/11
X	Deputy Administrator	 12-2-11
X	Public Works Director	 12/1/11
X	City Clerk	

REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT: 

FISCAL IMPACT: Yes; Estimated \$14 million in capital cost and a minimum increase of 50 percent in operating costs.

Account name/number: none

Attachments: none

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The administration has been working with the School District and the Borough over the last year in exploring the possible location of a new public library on a portion of the Wasilla Middle School property. The Mat-Su Borough School Board recently supported by resolution the use of approximately 4 acres of undeveloped middle school property at the corner of Swanson Avenue and Crusey Street. The location is ideal to keep the library in the downtown core area and it provides easy access to the school students and faculty in the area. The land transfer is now in front of the Borough Assembly. The Borough Assembly has suggested that leasing the property is an option. However, this would severely reduce the City's ability to obtain funding for the project. Most government grants require ownership of property for grant eligibility, and the use of bonding generally requires permanent control of the property for this type of project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of Resolution Serial Number 11-46 supporting the dedication and land transfer of a portion of the Wasilla Middle School Property at the corner of Swanson Avenue and Crusey Street of approximately four acres for the purpose of a new public library.