

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 09/01/20
Hearing: 09/15/20
Action: Enacted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2020-19-06**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$111,869.20 TO FUND A FORMER
STATE DISPATCH POSITION AT THE SOLDOTNA PUBLIC
SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) is in the process of attempting to consolidate emergency dispatch services for Alaska state troopers in a new center currently proposed to be located in Palmer; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough gave notice of intent to terminate the current contract between the DPS and the borough effective July 1, 2021 and has been in discussions regarding this transition; and

WHEREAS, under our current agreement the state is required to provide seven dispatchers and at least one shift supervisor and the borough is to provide six dispatchers, three shift supervisors, the dispatch center manager and one 911 IT specialist; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, August 21, 2020, one state dispatcher at the SPSCC departed from their employment by the state; and

WHEREAS, the state has notified the borough that it does not intend to fill this position until Governor Dunleavy's Working Group established under Administrative Order 317 has concluded; and

WHEREAS, this vacancy has resulted in a shortage of five personnel at the SPSCC and this vacancy needs to be filled promptly; and

WHEREAS, the borough's best interests would be served by filling this position and funds are needed to hire a borough employee to fill this vacancy;

WHEREAS, based on correspondence with the DPS legal, the borough expects to receive full reimbursement under our agreement for the cost of the dispatcher to replenish the fund balance.

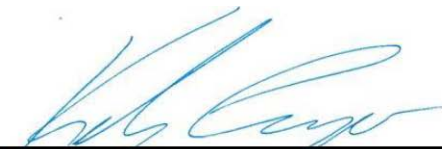
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The assembly hereby authorizes the addition of one new dispatcher position at a range M to the SPSCC.

SECTION 2. That the amount of \$111,869.20 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund fund balance to be transferred to account number 264.11255.00000.4XXXXX to fund a dispatch position at the Soldotna public safety communications center for FY2021.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

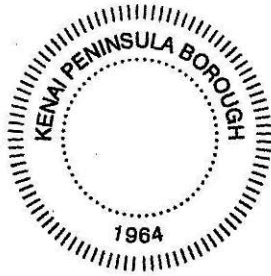


Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper
No: None
Absent: Blakeley