MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To:	Mayor and City Council Members
From:	Michelle Price, Executive Assistant I
Through:	William Homka, City Manager
Date:	June 25, 2024
Re:	Travel to Alaska Municipal League Summer Legislative Conference

The Alaska Municipal League will host its Summer Legislative Conference in Kodiak, Alaska at the KANA Marketplace Building on August 13 and 15, 2024. The Summer Legislative Conference is traditionally focused on:

1. An update on legislative action that may have impacted local governments.
2. Review of outstanding issues found in bills or the budget, and
3. Preparation of AML's policy and position statement. Input is made from the lobbying team, State officials, and legislators, to discuss priorities facing local governments.

Estimated travel costs for one traveler are:

Airfare	$1,790
Lodging Kodiak	$748
Lodging Anchorage	$475
Registration	$275
Taxi	$200
Per Diem	$581
Total	$4,069

The FY25 fiscal year's travel budget is $94,300 therefore there are sufficient funds to cover this expenditure.

The Council's Travel Policy states:

- no more than three Council Members may travel to the same meeting or conference;
- travel be conducted in the most direct and economic manner possible to accomplish City business;
- Council will discuss the travel, identify the Council Members to travel, and approve the travel by motion at least twenty-one days before the trip.

Provisional Agenda

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 AMMA and ACoM Meetings

7:30am to 10:30am **AML Board of Directors**

8am to 4pm **Alaska Municipal Management Association**

11:00am to 4pm **Alaska Conference of Mayors**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 AML Legislative Conference

8:00 am **Breakfast**

8:30 am **Welcome and Introductions**

- Mayor **Pat Branson**, City of Kodiak
- Mayor **Scott Arndt**, Kodiak Island Borough
- **Beth Weldon**, AML Board President
- **Gary Stevens**, Alaska State Legislature *(invited)*
- **Louise Stutes**, Alaska State Legislature *(invited)*

8:45 am **Director's Update**

- **Nils Andreassen**, Alaska Municipal League

9:00 am **Review of 33rd Legislature & State of the State**

10:00 am **Break**

10:30 am **Causes and Impact of Erosion of the Local Tax Base**

12:00 pm **Lunch – Cultivating Communities for Alaska's Future**

- **Kevin Berry**
- **Nolan Klouda**
- **Jon Bittner** *(invited)*

1:30 pm **Planning & Capacity for Community Development and Public Works**

3:00 pm **Break**

3:30 pm **Advancing an Equitable System of Education Funding**

4:30 pm **Adjourn**

6:00 pm **Reception** – Location TBD

Thursday, August 15, 2024 AML Legislative Conference

8:00 am   Breakfast

- **APEI and AMLJIA Consolidation**
  - **Brennen Hickok**, Deputy Director, AMLJIA

8:30 am   **Discussion of AML Policy Statement**

Attendees will participate in small group discussion of current policy statements and identify potential changes or improvements for consideration by the Legislative Committee.

Plenary Discussion of State & Federal Legislative Issues

- What are municipal priorities?
- What are changes and State or Federal policy that AML should address?
- What are suggested topics AML could attempt to address?
- Resolutions to be considered by AML at Annual Meeting?

Review of Resolutions

Attendees will participate in plenary discussion of current and potential new resolutions for consideration of the Resolutions Committee, either identifying individual community interest or potential AML board resolutions. The final slate of resolutions will still go through standard AML processes.

- **Old** – recommended action to remove or improve slate of resolutions.
- **New**
  - Maintaining Local Control in Charter School Formation

10:00 am   **Break**

10:30 am   **Candidate Town Hall**

- *Attendees will provide information about local governments, advance municipal priorities, ask questions, and suggest policy positions during a webinar attended by any candidate running for state or statewide office. Candidates may respond along the way, and answer or follow up shared with attendees at the conclusion.*

12:00 pm   **Closing Session & Lunch – Congressional Delegation (invited)**

1:00 pm   Adjourn