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Subject: 2023-09

Hello Assembly Members,

I am writing this letter as a follow up to the last letter I wrote concerning Resolution #2023-09. In August of 2022 a work session was held to outline the creation of a Housing Task Force. Myself and half a dozen other community members volunteered to be a part of that Task Force. We took our job very seriously and worked hard to get the Community Housing Survey funded and completed and also offered up a couple other affordable housing options such as a Community Land Trust modeled after the successful trust that already exists in Sitka and many other communities around Alaska and the rest of the country. In the end, the Borough unanimously passed resolution #2023-09 as a way to get some affordable land available for purchase in the quickest way possible. The \$100,000.00 made available was to be used to bring utilities into as many Borough lots as possible. It appears that there are at least two lots that could have been serviced with this amount of money. I have been told that the money that was set aside for doing this work has been put back into the Borough Budget. The reason given for not using the funds as directed by the resolution was that since negotiations started with the folks at Skylark Way, Mr. Johnson's subdivision proposal and PIA's expansion of the Airport Subdivision, the Borough doesn't need to provide lots for housing so the money was moved. That resolution was passed in July of 2023, the work was supposed to be scheduled for 2024. The Borough could have upgraded and sold at least two lots by now, adding the money for the sale of the lots to the Borough coffers and bringing in property tax for years to come. The subdivisions mentioned above will not produce lots for sale for at least another six months to a year, that is nearly 3 years from the date the resolution was passed, not what I would call immediately available. Did the Borough Assembly vote to cancel this resolution? If so, what meeting was it done at? Does the city manager have the power to cancel resolutions and redirect any monies that might have been a part of the resolution? I don't understand that process.

Thank you.

Gary Aulbach.