Chris Hladick

Hladick, Chris Commissioner - Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Objective

Seeking the position of Commissioner for the State of Alaska.

Profile

City Manager in Alaska since 1990 with experience in the following areas: capital projects, strategic planning, budget and finance, management and organizational development, utilities, union contract negotiation, grant writing, managing legal disputes, construction contracts, policy development, disaster preparedness, Preferred Use Agreements, and lobbying experience at the State and Federal levels. I am very familiar with NEPA and ESA issues and have had a diverse array of experiences working with Federal and State Agencies. I have built or overseen the construction of powerhouses and distribution systems, roads, bridges, schools, landfill facilities, docks, sewer and water plants and distribution systems, pools, recreation facilities, office buildings, clinics, mooring buoys, boat harbors, paving projects, and many custom homes. I have a special interest in Arctic Policy Issues.

Experience

CITY MANAGER, UNALASKA, ALASKA 2001-PRESENT

Responsible for \$50M operating budgets for General and Enterprise Funds; supervising 160 employees and administering five union contracts. The City encompasses the following departments: Police, Fire and EMS, Public Works & Utilities (Water, Sewer, Electric, Landfill), Clerks, Parks Culture and Recreation, Port of Dutch Harbor, Planning, Finance and Administration. Upon arrival projects were stalled, morale was low, and a general lack of leadership was present. The following are a few of my accomplishments to date:

- Carle E Moses boat Harbor \$72M and various dock projects \$15M
- New state of the art Powerhouse \$62M, installation of fourth engine in progress \$7.5M
- New Water and Sewer Plants in construction \$42M
- Developed Ten year visioning process and Comp Plan Update, multiple year capital plans, 45 year development plan for landfill facility, currently planning for possible oil and gas exploration impacts.
- Multiple construction projects, paving, schools, pool, Parks Culture and Recreation, and landfill cells.
- Developed assessment tools and long range plans for use in 5 year Capital and Major Maintenance Plan.
- Emergency Towing System, disabled vessel planning, planned and constructed emergency mooring buoy.

CITY MANAGER, DILLINGHAM, ALASKA 1994-2001

Responsible for \$12M General and Enterprise Funds supervising 73 employees. Police, Fire & EMS, Finance, Planning, Senior Center, Public Works, Dock, Landfill, Library and Museum. Upon arrival dealt with serious financial concerns, negative cash flows, lack of training and a host of organizational issues. Employees were organizing under Local 71. The following are some of my accomplishments while there:

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- Drafted city's first Strategic Plan, Comp Plan Update, Dock Tariff update, Water and Sewer Master Plans, Long Range Harbor Plan, GIS, completed a 20 year project for erosion control on the Nushagak River, harbor improvements, roads, Local 71 left without organizing the employee's.
- Water and Sewer improvements and Landfill design and construction.
- Planned and constructed a new 1.5 acre sheet pile dock facility.

CITY MANAGER, GALENA ALASKA 1990-1994

Responsible for \$4.6M operating budget supervising 57 employees; city operates the Electric Utility, Public Works, Water and Sewer, Medical and Dental Clinic, Mental Health, Finance, and Administration. City was in the final stages of completing the Galena Powerhouse Project. Bid at \$1.2M and built for \$6.5M. I was the sixth manager on the project in five years (with no previous experience). Acted as Public Works Director, Electric Utilities Supervisor as well as City Manager. The following is a partial list of my accomplishments.

- Maintained Air Force power supply contract during \$1M in failures during summer of 1991. Air Force contract was underbid by \$500K. After 2.5 years of claims processing and negotiation with the Air Force the Federal Government paid off the City's bond indebtedness of \$2.8M and renegotiated the power sales agreement for the Galena Air Force Station.
- Upgraded transmission system, water plant, sewer lines, streamlined Public Works and Utility departments, developed maintenance programs, rate structures, and upgraded waste heat utilization.
- Obtained funding for New Water Plant, Bond issue for powerhouse, revetment projects on the Yukon, planning for new Health Clinic, BIA Road Project.

Education

BS Environmental Biology, Eastern Illinois University 1979 Geology and Engineering, Ft. Lewis College, University of Colorado 1983-85

Various Employments

Lead Carpenter, Custom Homes, Colorado; Derrick Hand, Oil Rigs, Wyoming; Fire Cache Everglades National Park Florida; Deck Hand Barges on Upper Mississippi River.

Organizations-Present and Past

Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, Northern Waters Task Force, Board member Museum of the Aleutians, Municipal Managers Association, BBAHC Jake's Place Advisory Board (Dillingham), SWAMC committees, Past Co-Chair of Legislative Committee AML, Coung Nhu Martial Arts, OUR BAND.