

HB

331

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

FURTHER: FINANCE

March 2, 1979

Date: 23 9 79

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on C&RA has had HB 331

"An Act making a special appropriation for a grant to the City of McGrath for comprehensive planning; eff. date."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
- and recommends _____ new title
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bill Pugh

Patricia / Gurney

Robert / Pugh

Patrick / O'Connell

Bill Pugh

Bill Pugh
CHAIRMAN

March 16, 1979

The Honorable Vernon L. Hurlbert
Alaska State House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Hurlbert:

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This development has highlighted a variety of issues that should be addressed in a rational and comprehensive manner. A long-range comprehensive plan is needed to deal with the issues of: municipal land reconveyances for community expansion under Section 14(c)(3) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; housing; utilities; land use; and economic development. The plan is needed in order to establish a firm basis and continuing process for guiding development in McGrath.

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We hope this information is useful to you; if you require further clarification, please feel free to contact us and we will assist as much as we are able.

Sincerely,

Lee McAnerney
Commissioner

LMcA:TL/lb

bcc: Larry Kimball/Ed Busch
Veronica Clark/Tom Lane

GF - McGrath



Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Committee on

Community & Regional Affairs

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Official Business

DATE: 3/28/79

BILL NUMBER AND TITLE: HB 331 Planning appropriation for McGrath

ORIGINAL SPONSOR : Hurlbert

OTHER SPONSORS:

RECEIVED FROM:

FURTHER REFERRALS:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Parker
Carney

Parr
Branson
Metcalf
O'Connell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Zharoff

INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED:

WITNESSES TESTIFYING:

Rep. Vern Hurlbert

Cheryle Derabek, Sec't. for Hurlbert

Gave background of need for planning appropriation. (See attached letter from C&RA)

Committee passes HB331 on to Finance with the following recommendations:

DO PASS

Parker
Branson
Carney
Parr
O'Connell

Metcalf--No Recommendation

COMMITTEE ACTION: Passed bill out of committee with above recommendations.

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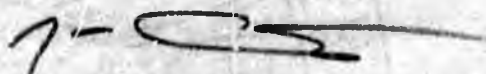
March 19, 1979

The Honorable Bill Parker
Chairman
House Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to a request from the Committee staff, I am enclosing a copy of our recent letter to Representative Hurlbert along with additional financial information for the City of McGrath.

Sincerely,



Don Argetsinger
Deputy Commissioner

Enclosures

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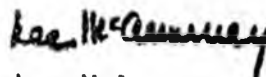
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McGRATH PROFILE

HB 331
March 20, 1979

Municipal Status: Second-class city in the unorganized borough
(Planning, platting and zoning authority optional)

Planning Efforts: 1976 Planning commission established

1977-1979 Technical assistance obtained from the Division of Community Planning in acquiring and planning for sites for 30 new housing units and in addressing reconveyance of 1,280 acres from the village corporation to the city for community expansion

FY 1979 City met the State's revenue sharing criteria for provision of land use planning services

Initial phase of comprehensive plan conducted under a planning contract (\$8,400 federal, \$4,200 local)

Fiscal Data:

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|---------|---|--------------|
| FY 1978 | Total revenues | \$ 38,533.39 |
| | Total expenditures | 27,855.00 |
| | Land use planning expenditures | 5,551.00 |
| FY 1979 | Total revenues (estimated) | 43,932.00 |
| | Total expenditures (estimated) | 50,336.80* |
| | Land use planning entitlement (State revenue sharing) | 764.00 |
| | Land use planning budget | 5,000.00 |

Property tax - 0 mills
Sales tax - 0%
Other revenue sources - licenses and permits, federal revenue sharing, state revenue sharing, business license refunds, anti-recession funds, charges for services

Municipal Services: Fire protection
Land use planning
Parks and recreation
Maintenance of public roads

Demographic Data:

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Population (July 1, 1978) | 382 |
| Average annual growth rate since 1970 | 4% |
| School enrollment (October 1, 1978) | 92 |
| Population (1970) | 279 |
| Families (1970) | 55 |
| Alaska Native (1970) | 40% |
| Non-Native (1970) | 60% |

*Increase due in large part to employment of a full-time city administrator

