

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2018-26 on
first and final reading.

Note: Resolution 2018-26 was postponed at the December 20, 2018 Assembly meeting. See included minutes for details.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Paxton and Members of the Assembly

From: Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator
Maegan Bosak, Community Affairs Director

Subject: Resolution 2018-26 - Fiscal Year 2020 CBS Legislative Priorities

Date: January 2, 2019

Update 1/2/19- Alternative wording proposed by Sitka School Board President, Dr. Jennifer McNichol, was added to the base student allocation section. The Critical Secondary Water Treatment summary was edited for more emphasis on indicating that the project was needed due to State and Federal regulations. Staff discussed many other priorities such as Green Lake Dam Infrastructure, and opted to follow legislator's direction of listing the most imminent funding need or largest priority item. Other projects may/will be added in future years.

Enclosed are the draft Fiscal Year 2020 CBS Legislative Priorities for Assembly review. Most of these requests for state initiatives are from previous years or centered on community priorities. In meeting with Sitka's legislators, they recommended requesting funding for one high priority capital project need, rather than many.

The capital project request outlined in the draft fiscal year 2020 Legislative Priorities focuses on the capital project of developing a Critical Secondary Water Treatment System, which if not funded by the state will have to be completed with CBS enterprise funds. If legislative funding was awarded, CBS does not accept any grant monies without Assembly approval and authorization.

The capital project funding request has previously been approved many times by the Assembly, including the "Shovel Ready Project" list (Resolution 17-12) which was approved on June 27, 2017 and FY19 Legislative Priorities (Resolution 17-25) on December 12, 2017.

This year's Legislative Priorities approach is streamlined and similar to prior years. Having spoken with CBS Lobbyist Larry Markley and Legislators, they continue to recommend a one sheet to help keep information top of mind for state officials. In addition, a full report and necessary engineering attachments for the project will be submitted into the Alaska Division of Legislative Finance Capital Projects database (CAPSIS) in early 2019. The Legislative Priority initiatives and project will be the primary focus of lobbying meetings between the Mayor, Administrator and various state officials in February 2019.

Our goal is to focus on projects and state initiatives that create long term stability and gives direction as we develop future budgets. Strategically, staff believes it is important to continue to make Legislative Priority requests. At some point in the future, funding will resume and we want to make sure Sitka's projects are top priority.