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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2022
 TO: Mayor and Assembly
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

City of Wasilla Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update: The City of Wasilla (COW) held a kickoff event last week for developing a CEDS. The McKinley Group is facilitating this effort via a federal grant. Even though this strategy is focused on the COW, it will certainly have applicability to our region. This effort is occurring as the State of Alaska recently updated its statewide CEDS. Both documents will provide the Borough value in informing economic development efforts. Additional information can be found at <https://www.cityofwasilla.gov/services/departments/economic-development/comprehensive-economic-development-strategy-ceds/>. Additionally, community members are encouraged to take a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RNGFV2Q>. Mayor DeVries and Manager Brown attended the kickoff event and Borough administration will be supporting Wasilla in their efforts developing this strategy.

Tax and LID Foreclosure Sale TS43 Results: The Tax and LID Foreclosure Sale TS43 was successfully concluded with the competitive sealed bid and outcry sales held on October 29, 2022 in the Borough Gym for those properties approved by the Assembly for sale. The sale was conducted according to Alaska State Statutes (AS 29.45.460-480) and Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code (23.10.220).

All but one of the 54 properties eligible for this sale were repurchased or sold totaling \$1,970,800.00 in tax assessed value (TAV) that was returned to the tax rolls. One property was pulled from the sale by Administration, post brochure, and will be in the next tax sale. 23 former record owners re-purchased parcels (nine pre-brochure and fourteen sale brochure parcels). 45 parcels were included in the TS43 sale brochure. 30 properties were sold at the sale.

Tax Assessed Value (TAV) of all repurchased and sold sale brochure parcels is \$1,631,200.00

Original parcels available for sale	54	Tax Assessed Value
*Pulled from sale	1	n/a
*Retained for a Public Purpose	0	n/a

*Repurchased	23	\$1,393,500.00
*Sold in Sealed bid sale	28	\$389,100.00
*Sold in Outcry bid sale	2	\$188,200.00
*TAV total of repurchased and sold in sealed bid & outcry bid sale		\$1,970,800.00

Senator Sullivan’s Chief of Staff Visit: On Friday, November 4, Senator Dan Sullivan’s Chief of Staff Larry Burton and Mat-Su Director Margaret Sharpe met with Mayor DeVries and Manager Brown to discuss the Borough’s FY2024 Federal legislative priorities.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

State of Alaska

- [The state says it must tear down a former Government Hill convenience store. The neighborhood is fighting to save it. \(adn.com\)](#)

ADN

Weather

- [High winds blow through Mat-Su Valley and Valdez, with outages in Eagle River and Chugiak](#)

ADN

Education

- [Governor announces federal awards for education](#)

Infrastructure

- [Palmer approves a list of needed projects, giving city officials green light to seek funds](#)

Frontiersman

Legislative Priorities

- [Mat-Su has its wish-list for new Legislature](#)

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Elections

- [Everything on Tuesday’s ballot for Mat-Su voters](#)

Alaska’s News Source

- [How Alaska handles election security](#)

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