



# Municipality of Anchorage

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## Anchorage Assembly Leadership

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Re: Records and Retention Request

Director Dahl and Municipal Attorney Bergt:

As Chair and Vice Chair of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly, we request copies of the emails, documents, and other Material, if any, described below.

On December 11, 2021, The Alaska Landmine published an article containing allegations that, if true, would be of significant public concern and interest.<sup>1</sup> The article's verbatim description of three "incidents" is as follows:

1. During the midst of a chaotic October 7 Anchorage Assembly meeting over the proposed mask mandate, the Mayor's office inexplicably dismissed the private security contractors who help the Assembly maintain order in the chambers. Earlier that night, Municipal Manager Amy Demboski had unsuccessfully attempted to have the public live stream of the event cut. Now, sources tell the Landmine that Bronson and Demboski also ordered McCoy to instruct Anchorage Police Department (APD) officers to leave the Assembly chambers. Sources say that Chief McCoy adamantly refused, stating that while APD could not perform crowd control their presence was required to protect public officials and respond to criminal activity.
2. During a tour of the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) facility, Bronson and senior staff allegedly stunned AWWU employees when they interfered with or deactivated the system that fluoridates the municipal water supply. As a result, sources say, the Anchorage water supply may have gone without fluoride for several hours. Fluoride is added to municipal water by law. It is unclear whether McCoy was involved in this incident or whether APD was directed to use resources or personnel to enforce an attempt by the Bronson administration to inhibit Anchorage water fluoridation.
3. Multiple sources allege that Mayor Bronson's office ordered Chief McCoy to have APD officers enter Anchorage medical facilities in order to "rescue" a man sick with COVID

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<sup>1</sup> See Jeff Landfield And Paxson Woelber, "APD Chief McCoy Announced Resignation In Response To Improper Demands By Bronson Administration, Sources Claim," THE ALASKA LANDMINE (December 11, 2021), available at: <https://alaskalandmine.com/landmines/apd-chief-mccoy-announced-resignation-in-response-to-improper-demands-by-bronson-administration-sources-claim/>

and/or compel medical providers to treat the man with Ivermectin. Sources claim that the target of the “rescue” may have been a Wasilla man named Dan O’Barr. On November 18, a person claiming to be O’Barr’s wife wrote on Facebook that O’Barr was extremely sick and in the hospital. Several prominent Alaska political figures, including Senator Mike Shower (R – Wasilla), Senator Lora Reinbold (R – Eagle River), and Must Read Alaska publisher Suzanne Downing, left reactions to the post. The Bronson Administration allegedly instructed McCoy to conduct the “rescue” at Providence Hospital, though O’Barr may have actually been receiving treatment at St. Elias, a separate Providence-affiliated facility. A source claims that the Bronson Administration instructed McCoy to have doctors, nurses, or other hospital personnel who attempted to interfere with APD’s operation arrested.”

To better inform the Assembly as to the truth of these allegations, and whether and what Assembly response may be appropriate, Assembly leadership now requests a copy of all emails, text messages, voice messages, reference files, transitory files, or other records (together “Materials”) that relate to any aspect of any of the alleged “incidents” enumerated above. For purposes of this request, “records,” “reference files,” and “transitory files” have the meaning set forth in Anchorage Municipal Code 3.95.010.<sup>2</sup>

This request particularly includes:

1. Any email, text message, voice message, or other Material referring to the presence of Anchorage Police Department personnel at the Oct. 7, 2021 meeting of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly; and any directive or request that, or discussion about whether, any officer of the Anchorage Police Department should leave or be present in Assembly Chambers during the pendency of the October 7, 2021 meeting.
2. Any email, text message, voice message, or other Material referring to Mayor Bronson and fluoridation of water provided by the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, including any and all Material that may: (a) describe Mayor Bronson affecting a fluoridation system, or (b) reflect whether Mayor Bronson made statements during a tour of an AWWU facility related to fluoride or the fluoridation of water provided by AWWU.

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<sup>2</sup> See AMC 3.95.010 *Definitions*.

*Record* means any information developed or received under law or in connection with the transaction of agency business and preserved or appropriate for preservation as evidence of the organization, function, policies, decisions, procedures, operations or activities of the municipality or because of their informational value. A record may originate in any form including but not limited to spoken words, handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing and any other form of communication or reproduction, and be preserved upon any medium, including but not limited to paper, magnetic or paper tape, photographic film or prints, magnetic or punched cards, discs, drums and phonograph records, or any electronic format.

*Reference files* means copies of notes, feeder notes and similar working papers accumulated in preparation of a communication, study or other writing or record.

*Transitory files* means transmittal letters, suspense copies when a reply has been received, routine requests for information and publications, tracer letters, feeder reports and the like.

3. Any email, text message, voice message, or other Material referring to: (a) Dan O'Barr; or (b) any directive originating from the Mayor or Municipal Manager's office, or discussion about whether to issue a directive, that the Anchorage Police Department should send officers to a hospital and make contact with a specific patient.

We request that responsive materials be provided to us on a rolling basis, as Materials are capable of production.

Further, we are aware that the Office of Information Technology can, with relative speed and ease, perform key word-searches of Municipal email accounts. **Please prioritize and first provide, as soon as reasonably practical, this priority request ("O'Barr Emails"):**

- **any email sent to or from the following individuals containing the term "Dan O'Barr" or "O'Barr":**

**Mayor Dave Bronson  
Municipal Manager Amy Demboski  
Police Chief Ken McCoy.**

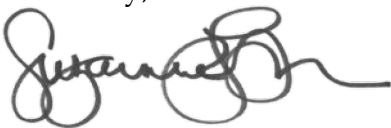
Because of the potential of significant public interest in these Materials, we also request that a directive to preserve and retain any and all such Materials be issued from your offices to all persons potentially having custody of any such responsive Material. Please advise whether and when you issue such a directive; if you intend to issue an alternate directive; or if you decline this request.

**We specifically request production of the O'Barr Emails ahead of the next meeting of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6pm.**

If you are unable or unwilling to respond to any portion of this request, please as advise with particularity as to what Material cannot, or will not, be timely produced, and why.

If you have any questions related to this request, we would be happy to discuss.

Sincerely,



Suzanne LaFrance, Chair



Christopher Constant, Vice Chair

Cc Ken McCoy, Chief, Anchorage Police Department  
Mark Corsentino, General Manager, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility

Todd Sherwood, Assistant Municipal Attorney  
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