

Office of the Municipal Manager

March 8, 2022

Anchorage Assembly Leadership Suzanne LaFrance, Chair Chris Constant, Vice Chair

Re: Response to Records Request

Chair LaFrance and Vice Chair Constant,

Attached, please find copies of emails, documents, and other materials responsive to your records request, dated December 12, 2021. As you know, municipal employees are required to make good faith and diligent efforts to provide rapid and intelligible responses to records requests. However, consistent with the orderly conduct of municipal business, records requests cannot take priority over regular municipal business and duties. The Administration appreciates your patience in receiving these responses.

I want to be clear that numerous events alleged in your records request simply never happened. At no time during the October 7, 2021, meeting of the Anchorage Assembly were officers of the Anchorage Police Department (APD) directed to leave Assembly Chambers. Additionally, APD was not involved with the Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility fluoride issue. No one "ordered Chief McCoy to have APD officers enter Anchorage medical facilities in order to "rescue" a man sick with COVID and/or compel medical providers to treat the man with Ivermectin." These allegations are categorically false. Therefore, no emails, messages, or other materials referencing the alleged directives described above exist. Nonetheless, the Assembly insisted that the Office of Information Technology search for documents with broad search terms and dates resulting in voluminous materials, which increased the workload and delayed this request.

As an aside, I find the hundreds of employee hours it has taken to pull together this request, based on gossip and misinformation, is disappointing. Taxpayers expect elected officials to be better stewards of municipal resources.

Sincerely,

Amy Demboski Municipal Manager

cc: Dean Gates, Assembly Counsel Patrick Bergt, Municipal Attorney