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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

ALASKA BUILDING, INC., an Alaskan corporation,

Plaintiff.

v.

716 WEST FOURTH AVENUE, LLC, KOONCE PFEFFER BETTIS, INC., d/b/a KPB ARCHITECTS, PFEFFER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY, and CRITERION GENERAL, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3AN-15-05969CI

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION (of June 16, 2015 Order Denying Motion for Expedited Consideration of Defendant Legislative Affairs Agency's Motion for Stay of Proceedings)

Pursuant to Civil Rule 77(k)(1)(ii), Defendant Legislative Affairs Agency (the

"Agency") requests that the Court reconsider its June 16, 2015 order denying Defendant

Legislative Affairs Agency's Motion for Expedited Consideration of its Motion for Stay

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THIS COURT JUNE 16, 2015 ORDER DENYING THE AGENCY'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF ITS MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

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of Proceedings. The Court based its denial on its belief that "LAA has not complied with ARCP 77(g) 4." The Agency respectfully submits that the Court appears to have overlooked or misconceived the Agency's compliance with Civil Rule 77(g)(4). In the alternative, the Agency submits an updated certification to clarify that Mr. Gottstein does not oppose expedited consideration of the motion to stay proceedings, but does oppose the Agency's request to stay proceedings.

I. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

The Court denied the Agency's motion because the Court believed that the Agency failed to comply with Rule 77(g)(4) by failing to certify that its counsel had conferred with opposing counsel regarding its motion for expedited consideration. Page 2 of the Agency's motion for expedited consideration states:

Civil Rule 77(g)(4) Certification: The undersigned counsel certifies that he spoke with opposing counsel, Jim Gottstein, on June 12, 2015, about whether he would oppose the instant motion. Mr. Gottstein stated that he does not oppose this request for expedited consideration, as long as he could get expedited consideration of the Agency's motion to dismiss or sever.

During the same conversation, as reflected in an email exchange on June 15 (attached as Exhibit A), Mr. Gottstein confirmed that he did oppose the substantive request for a stay of the proceedings. The parties were unable to resolve their dispute concerning the requested stay of the proceedings because Mr. Gottstein wished to keep the proceedings moving and was concerned that the requested stay would hinder that effort. The undersigned counsel certifies that the parties were unable to resolve the issues concerning

the stay of proceedings, but that the request for expedited consideration is unopposed by Plaintiff.

The Agency requested expedited consideration of its motion to stay proceedings in an effort to conserve the parties' and the Court's time and resources. The Agency has filed a potentially dispositive motion to dismiss Count 1 of the Complaint on standing grounds that will be fully briefed tomorrow. On June 12, 2015 Plaintiff Alaska Building, Inc. filed a motion for partial summary judgment with respect to Count 1 that may be rendered moot if the Agency's motion to dismiss is granted. In light of the fact that standing is a threshold issue, the Court should stay the proceedings as to Count 1 until such time that the Court has ruled on the Agency's Motion to Dismiss. The Court recently granted the Agency's motion to stay discovery as to Count 1, and the same reasons apply to the requested motion to stay proceedings as to Count 1.

II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Agency respectfully requests that the Court reconsider its ruling denying the unopposed motion for expedited consideration.

DATED: June 18, 2015

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Sent:

Monday, June 15, 2015 1:08 PM

To:

Cuddy, Kevin M.

Cc:

iames.b.gottstein@gottsteinlaw.com

Subject:

RE: Motion for Partial Summary Judgment

Hi Kevin,

I remember saying that if you file a motion for expedited consideration for the stay of proceedings motion, I might file a motion for expedited consideration of your motion to dismiss or sever. Would you oppose expedited consideration of your motion?

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From: Cuddy, Kevin M. [mailto:kevin.cuddy@stoel.com]

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 10:11 AM

To: James B. Gottstein

Subject: RE: Motion for Partial Summary Judgment

Thanks, Jim.

From: James B. Gottstein [mailto:james.b.gottstein@gottsteinlaw.com]

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 10:10 AM

To: Cuddy, Kevin M.

Cc: james.b.gottstein@gottsteinlaw.com

Subject: RE: Motion for Partial Summary Judgment

Hi Kevin,

I don't remember saying I didn't oppose expedited consideration, but if you say I did, I will accept that. Maybe it is that I have thought about it and it just doesn't seem like the sort of thing for which expedited consideration is warranted.

In any event, if you remember me saying I wouldn't oppose expedited consideration, Okay.

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Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 10:02 AM

To: James B. Gottstein

Subject: RE: Motion for Partial Summary Judgment

Hi Jim,

Thanks. I'll take a look. As mentioned during our call on Friday, I plan to file a motion to stay proceedings later today and a motion for expedited consideration so that the issue is addressed before our opposition to your partial summary judgment motion would be due. My understanding is that you do not oppose the motion for expedited consideration, but that you do oppose the motion to stay the proceedings. If that's incorrect, please let me know ASAP. I'm going to ask the Court to rule on the motion to stay proceedings by June 22.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

-Kevin

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Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 4:35 PM

To: Cuddy, Kevin M.

Cc: james.b.gottstein@gottsteinlaw.com

Subject: Motion for Partial Summary Judgment

Hi Kevin,

I have this niggling feeling that I didn't get the right Exhibit for the Memorandum in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (Not Extension), June 12, 2015. It is correct at the <u>link</u>.

BTW, I didn't really file today to ruin your weekend—I wanted to file so that mine wouldn't be. I won't object to a short extension(s); I just want to keep things moving.

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[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

(of June 16, 2015 Order Denying Motion for Expedited Consideration of Defendant Legislative Affairs Agency's Motion for Stay of Proceedings)

THIS COURT, having reviewed Defendant Legislative Affairs Agency's (the

"Agency") Motion for Reconsideration of the June 16, 2015 Order Denying Motion for

Expedited Consideration of Defendant Legislative Affairs Agency's Motion for Stay of

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION (06/16/15 Order)

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Proceedings, any opposition and/or responses thereto, and being duly advised in the
premises, this Court finds and ORDERS as follows:
(1) The Agency's Motion for Reconsideration is GRANTED;
(2) Plaintiff's opposition to the motion to stay proceedings shall be due on
, and any reply brief from the Agency shall be due on
DATED this day of, 2015.
Honorable Patrick McKay
Superior Court Judge

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