Memorandum 12-080 Economic Development Advisory Commission Recommendation Regarding the Build Out of the Natural Gas Line Distribution System

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TO: Mayor Hornaday and Homer City Council

FROM: Melissa Jacobsen, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

DATE: May 8, 2012

SUBJECT: Economic Development Advisory Commission Recommendation Regarding the Build Out of the Natural Gas Line Distribution System

At the April 10, 2012 meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Commission, City Manager Wrede updated the Commission on developments of the natural gas line progress and gave an overview of possible options for the distribution line.

The Commission made the following recommendation:

FAULKNER/WAGNER MOVED THAT THE EDC RECOMMENDS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE THREE OPTIONS THE CITY MANAGER LISTED THAT WE RECOMMEND THEY BOND TO BUILD OUT THE ENTIRE TOWN AT ONCE.

There was discussion that the build out would be for anything within the city limits and would include the main lines in the streets and there will likely be some adjustments as it is designed and engineered. The sooner we get gas to Homer the better off we will all be, the carbon footprint will be lower, we will save money on heat, and doing it as quickly as possible brings in more users.

Question was raised whether there are draw backs to doing it this way and City Manager Wrede explained that it would mean all properties would be included in one Local Improvement District. An advantage to that is that everyone has a reasonable expectation they will get natural gas soon and everyone would pay the same. The farther you get away from the downtown core the more expensive you get because density decreases. There is a lot of discussion that still needs to happen.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Related Resolutions**Memorandum - Related Resolutions:** Resolution 12-044 Expressing Intent to Initiate a Broad and Inclusive Community Review Process on the Merits of Public Financing for Construction of a Natural Gas Distribution System Within the City

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