

MEMORANDUM 07-122

TO: Mayor Hornaday and the Homer City Council
FROM: Lane Chesley, Chair, City Hall / Town Plaza Review Committee
DATE: August 8, 2007
SUBJECT: Recommendations of the Committee

Dear Mayor Hornaday and Members of the Homer City Council:

The City Hall / Town Plaza Review Committee is very pleased to present the Council with its recommendations regarding the City Hall / Town Plaza project. The Council adopted an overall strategy for moving this project forward when it approved Memorandum 07-52. It took the first step in implementing that strategy when it adopted Resolution 07-53 (A). Resolution 07-53 (A) created the City Hall / Town Center Review Committee. It also gave the committee a very specific set of tasks and a timeline within which to complete them. The Committee was asked to provide recommendations on site selection, size and function, and a financing strategy. The Committee was asked to complete its work on or about August 1, 2007.

I am writing to inform the Council that the Committee has completed its tasks within the timeframe requested. In order to accomplish this, the Committee agreed to meet once a week, every Thursday, beginning with the first meeting on May 24. It even made time to explore various construction management methods and recommended to the Council that the GC/CM method be employed. As you know, pulling this off in the middle of the summer is no small feat and I would like to commend the Committee members for their hard work and dedication.

Planning for a new City Hall and Town Plaza and taking the first steps toward implementing the Town Center Plan has been a very exciting experience for all of us. Moving the Town Center concept forward from the planning and visioning stages to the implementation stage is inspirational and energizing; to say the least. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the Council in this capacity and we look forward to assisting the Council in any way we can as this process moves forward.

Attached are the recommendations of the Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or want additional information.