

MANAGERS REPORT

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TO: MAYOR HORNADAY / HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: WALT WREDE

UPDATES / FOLLOW-UP

1. Activity Highlights / Last Two Weeks: During the two weeks since the last Council meeting, City staff have focused a great deal of energy on a variety of priority issues. The City Manager's office has been working on final CIP applications for the Congressional Delegation and the Legislature, proposal reviews for website design and operation, preparing special event applications and permit forms, follow-up with the legislature regarding the marine academy and City Hall funding, follow-up with DOT/PF re: Spit trail and Deep Water Dock. The Finance Department is wrapping final production of FY 2010 Budget and preparing for the FY 2009 Audit. The Police and Fire Departments are engaged in a series of training activities. Public Works has been struggling to keep up with the wild weather including plowing, sanding, thawing culverts and fire hydrants. The library is busy as usual and continues to provide a great service and resource to local residents during these tough economic times. Planning is focused upon the Spit Comprehensive Plan, the remand of the refuge Chapel CUP, and is contributing a great deal toward the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the old vehicle recycling effort. The Port and Harbor Department is working on getting derelict vessels off of our beaches and out of the harbor and hopes to turn most of them into scrap steel. The staff has prepared RFP's for operation of the Fish Grinder facility and installation of a new card reader system on the Fish Dock and Deep Water Dock. The Clerk's office is busy as usual, especially with public information requests. Everyone feels the shortage of staff and we are all trying to make a concerted effort to focus on priorities.
2. Juneau Presence: I am starting to make plans to spend time in Juneau. Based upon what I have heard and observed, I don't think going down just for the last 30 days of the session is the best use of the City's time. I believe it would be better to go down two or three separate times at strategic points and stay a week at a time. I would definitely be around at the end of the session. I am thinking about going down the first or second week in March. If I am going to spend that much time in Juneau, there is much more than just the capital priorities I can work on. The attached SB 212 is just one example. There are a whole host of bills that will affect municipalities directly. Representative Olsen has introduced a bill that would limit municipal taxes on fuel that could cost Homer 40% of its revenue on fuel sales. We need to figure out a good way to communicate quickly about these bills so that I know what the Council position is on them.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Thank You Note: Pratt Museum Board
2. Finance Department Award / Government Finance officers Association
3. Public Works Letter to Property Owners / Kachemak Drive Phase II
4. Senate Bill 212