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MANAGER'S REPORT

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TO: MAYOR WYTHE / HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: WALT WREDE

UPDATES / FOLLOW-UP

1. Port and Harbor Bond Sale: The Bond sale closed on June 19th in Seattle. The City has transferred \$290,100 to the Bank of New York to hold as a reserve fund and the \$4,200,000 in sale proceeds have been transferred to a City account.
2. Health Insurance Broker: Just a reminder, we are confirmed for a workshop with the City health insurance broker, Jeff Paxton for 5:15 PM on Thursday, June 27. Please mark your schedules.
3. Animal Shelter RFP: The contract for operating the Animal Shelter expires at the end of December 2013. An RFP for Animal Shelter services has been prepared and will hit the streets this week. If you know companies or individuals that are interested and qualified, please have them contact the Clerk's office.
4. Pier One Lot: At the last meeting, I was asked to prepare a resolution that would offer the entire lot for lease. Such a resolution appears on your agenda for consideration. One of the questions that came up was whether the Pier One Theatre would be able to apply for a long term lease. After looking into this a bit, it appears that the answer is no. The line between the Marine Industrial Zoning District and Open Space/Recreation District is just to the South of the Fishing Hole, almost hugging the rim. Therefore, the Pier One Theatre (and the campground) is in the Marine Industrial District and would not be eligible to receive a lease.
5. Water and Sewer Rates: This packet contains a substitute resolution which cleans up some confusing language and presents the fees in a way that we believe is clearer and more understandable. Since the resolution was prepared, John has continued to work with the numbers provided by the Task Force and has discovered that they will not provide the revenue that is needed, especially on the sewer side. This will be explained at the meeting. At the workshop, John will have a new rate schedule that is based upon the correct numbers and 2014 revenue and expenditure projections.
6. Sterling Highway Paving: The DOT/PF contractor has pretty much completed the sidewalk concrete work. Asphalt grinding is scheduled to start today. They plan to do the Homer Hill first. Traffic will be reduced to two lanes from four during this phase. Folks will need to be patient and assume that travel in and out of town will take a little longer. Twenty minute delays can be expected during the paving phase, however, the contractor currently plans to do that at night.
7. Deed Transfer Agreement: Last week I went to Anchorage to sign the Deed Transfer Agreements between the City and DOT/PF regarding ownership and maintenance of Olson Lane, West Bunnell, and Mission Road. You will recall that this was part of the Spit Trail funding agreement approved by Council.

8. City Paving Projects: You may have noticed that the City paving projects are underway. The ones we have received the most comments on so far are Fish Dock, Ice Dock, and Fairview Ave.
9. Gas Lines: So far, things appear to be going pretty well with the gas lines. Enstar reports that Chumley's is about 50% done with the trunk line project. So far, we have spent about 50% of the legislative grant. Enstar expects to have the Hospital and the High School connected with gas flowing by the end of July. UTI, the contractor working on the distribution system within the City is making great progress. They have been doing an excellent job working with residents to minimize impacts and so far we have received no complaints about their activities. Enstar reports that approximately 500 people and businesses have signed up for the service so far.
10. Governor's Picnic: Plans and preparations for the Governor's Picnic are moving along rapidly. Fundraising for the picnic has been pretty successful and the overall plan sounds very good. Katie can give you a full update at the meeting if you wish.
11. Deep Water Dock TORA: This week I was in Anchorage to work on several changes to the TORA Agreement which the Council has already approved by resolution. The changes are mostly not substantive, but if they become so, I will bring it back to Council for approval.

ATTACHMENTS

None