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MEMORANDUM 12-121

TO: PORT & HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: BRYAN HAWKINS, PORT DIRECTOR/HARBORMASTER 
DATE: JUNE 15, 2012
SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR A NEW HARBOR OFFICE

There has been a lot of discussion over the past year about replacing the Homer Harbor Office. Funding options, building new or rebuilding, costs, the possibility of purchasing another building on the Spit and remodeling, and overslope development have all been topics discussed both at the Port and Harbor Commission and Harbor Improvement Committee meetings.

At the last Port and Harbor Commission meeting, the subject of funding the Harbor Office project by way of a G.O. bond was briefly discussed and it was decided that it should be on the agenda for the next meeting. Reviewing the past year's work, it seems that there is general agreement by the Commission that the Harbor Office is in need of some type of improvement; but it's also apparent that the subject is too complex an issue to be tackled at the commission level.

The Port Improvement Committee's resolution states that they are only responsible for the projects for the revenue bonding; and since the Harbor Office is no longer a part of that list, they would need new direction from City Council to continue with this project.

Recommendation

Motion to City Council requesting to re-task the Harbor Improvement Committee to research all options for the Harbor Office upgrade project. The Improvement Committee's work should also include a focused effort to locate and analyze any possible funding sources that can help us accomplish our goal. The results of this study should be brought back to the Commission for a joint work session with the Improvement Committee.