

38 WHEREAS, The adopted Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan calls for creek restoration
39 and a trail and other pedestrian amenities within the park boundaries; and

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41 WHEREAS, An important component of the Coalition's goal of restoring Woodard
42 Creek is to remove as many culverts as possible and "daylight" the creek; and

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44 WHEREAS, The City has begun the "daylighting" process by removing culverts and
45 replacing them with bridges on Soundview and Spruceview Avenues; and

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47 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum, located close to and North of Pioneer Avenue, plans to
48 "daylight" the creek on its property as part of its proposed capital improvement project; and

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50 WHEREAS, The Homer Council on the Arts, located on the opposite side of Pioneer
51 Avenue, plans to remove the culvert under the parking lot and "daylight" the Creek on its
52 property; and

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54 WHEREAS, In addition to the restoration benefits "daylighting" would bring, the City of
55 Homer believes "daylighting" would help with disaster mitigation, reduce future flood and
56 property damage, and reduce labor costs associated with maintaining and cleaning culverts;
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59 WHEREAS, In 2002, back to back 100 year storms resulted in crushed and blocked
60 culverts, geysers where manhole covers once were, and significant flooding and debris
61 damage to roads, infrastructure and properties adjacent to Woodard Creek; and

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63 WHEREAS, Serious damage and debris blockage occurred at culverts located on
64 Fairview Avenue and Pioneer Avenue which motivated the City to begin removing Woodard
65 Creek culverts under City streets to protect against future flood damage to roads and area
66 properties; and

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68 WHEREAS, Woodard Creek flows under Pioneer Avenue and the City has received
69 reports that the culvert is not functioning properly and may be causing damage to adjacent
70 structures and foundations and further, that it increases stream velocity which impacts
71 downstream properties; and

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73 WHEREAS, The City has identified the Woodard Creek / Pioneer Avenue culvert as one
74 of the most important drainage problems that should be addressed as part of the Pioneer
75 Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

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77 WHEREAS, The City hopes that DOT/PF will conclude that "daylighting" Woodard
78 Creek is in the State's interest and that it will become a partner in the Woodard Creek
79 Coalition.

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81 NOW, THEREFOR,E BE IT RESOLVED for the reasons described above, the Homer City
82 Council hereby requests that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
83 construct a bridge and "daylight" Woodard Creek as part of the Pioneer Avenue
84 Rehabilitation Project.

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86 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 13th day of October, 2014.

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88 CITY OF HOMER

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92 MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

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94 ATTEST:
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98 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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100 Fiscal Note: N/A

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