

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

*Final
3/29/16*

Mayor

RESOLUTION 16-036

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY GYMNASIUM IN THE TOWN CENTER AREA AND COMMITTING UP TO \$650,000 AS A MATCHING GRANT TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITY AS A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT.

WHEREAS, A large number of community members support the City maintaining a community gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, The current gymnasium being used for this purpose is housed in a facility that would require a substantial investment in restoration to meet current accessibility and fire code regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Council has authorized the Public Safety Building Review Committee (PSBRC) to proceed with preparations for the construction of a new police station; and

WHEREAS, The site selected as most preferable for a Public Safety Campus is the land currently housing the community gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, Investing an amount smaller than that required to rehabilitate the current facility will allow for the construction of a gymnasium and the office space required for the Building Maintenance Department which is also located on the selected property; and

WHEREAS, Relocating the community gymnasium to the property made available for such a purpose in the area identified as Town Center will provide a small first step towards establishing a desired greenbelt in that area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council supports the review of options for such a project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Homer City Council supports the commitment of up to \$650,000 as a matching grant to facilitate the construction of the facility in a collaborative manner such as that used for the construction of the Karen Hornaday Park

39 playground. Funds are to be made available in a two (\$2) for one (\$1) match in order to reach
40 a goal of \$975,000.

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42 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 29th day of March, 2016.

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MARY E. WYTHER, MAYOR

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54 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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56 Fiscal Note: Up to \$650,000 as a matching grant.

Whereas a large number of community members support the City maintaining a community gymnasium; and,

Whereas the current gymnasium is being used for this purpose is housed in a facility that would require a substantial investment to restore to meet current accessibility and fire code regulations; and,

Whereas the Council has authorized the Public Safety Building Review Committee (PSBRC) to proceed with preparations for the construction of a new police station; and,

Whereas the site selected as most preferable for a Public Safety Campus is the land currently housing the community gymnasium; and,

Whereas investing an amount smaller than that required to rehabilitate the current facility will allow for the construction of a gymnasium and the office space required for the Building Maintenance Department which is also located on the selected property; and,

Whereas relocating the community gymnasium to the property made available for such a purpose in the area identified as Town Center will provide a small first step towards establishing a desired greenbelt in that area;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Homer City Council supports the review of options for such a project.

Be it further resolved that the Homer City Council supports the commitment of up to \$650,000 as a matching grant to facilitate the construction of the facility in a collaborative manner such as that used for the construction of the Karen Hornaday Park playground. Funds are to be made available in a two (\$2) for one (\$1) match in order to reach a goal of \$975,000.

NOTE: It is not intended that this facility will be a full-blown community center to start with, but only to provide a location for a fresh gymnasium and a place to relocate the skate park and outdoor basketball hoops currently at the HERC site. When a new location is provided for the Building Maintenance Department, the area allocated for that will be converted into additional Community School facilities such as office areas and class rooms. The gymnasium may also provide an additional venue for such things as public meetings and conferences.