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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Zak and Homer City Council
FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager
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SUBJECT: City Manager's Report - January 9, 2017

Industry Outlook Forum Jan 11

Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District is offering the Industry Outlook Forum for 2017 at the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce on January 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The forum is open to the public and offers a variety of topics and speakers discussing the economic outlook for the Kenai Peninsula and the State of Alaska and the impact oil, gas, mining, gas pipeline projects, education, tourism, fishing and medical projects have on peninsula communities. For more information and to register visit www.kpedd.org

Harbor Vessel Fire

On December 19, 2016 harbor officers and the Homer Volunteer Fire Department responded to a 42' charter vessel on D float on fire. As you recall, this is the second vessel fire this winter. Vessel fires are more common in the winter when owners use heaters to keep vessels warm. Crew did a great job working together to quickly extinguish the fire and keep the damage contained to the vessel. The smooth and efficient response demonstrates the benefits of training together and the usefulness of the investment in fire apparatus such as harbor fire carts and dry lines.

ETT Training for City Employees

Twelve city employees completed a 40 hour emergency trauma technician (ETT) course the week of January 1 including employees in harbor operations, maintenance, ice plant and a police officer. Harbor officers are often first to respond to a scene and have to be trained in emergency response. We are fortunate to be able to offer the training locally.

2016 major Capital Projects Completed

Public Works submitted the attached summary of major capital projects completed in 2016. It includes over \$5.2M in major infrastructure projects funded through a combination of city funds and grant funding. Major expenditures include water and sewer lines, road rehabilitation, and improvements to the staging area at the Deep Water Dock. The most recent project completed is the new fish cleaning table at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon. The timber frame structure is larger than the old station it replaced and will have amenities such as overhead hoses, webbing, and lighting for ease of cleaning. Visitors to the lagoon this

summer will be sure to notice this huge improvement. A big thanks to Public Works Director Meyer for managing these projects through to successful fruition.

Employee Anniversaries (December)

I would like to thank the following employees for the dedication, commitment and service they have provided the City and taxpayers of Homer.

Mark Robl	Police	32	Years
Will Hutt	Police	22	Years
Bryan Hawkins	Port & Harbor	17	Years
Todd Cook	Public Works	7	Years
Chris Cushman	Fire	7	Years
Katie Koester	Administration	5	Years
Sean Perry	Police	2	Years
Mike Zelinski	Public Works	2	Years

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2016 Major Capital Projects Completed



Waddell Way Improvements

Waddell Way Road and Water Main Improvements

– this project consisted the design and construction 1300 LF of paved road with curb and gutter, sidewalk and street lighting; and 1000 LF of 8” water main with hydrants. (Project cost = \$1,600,000). Funded by State Legislative Grant and Homer Accelerated Road/Trail Program (HART). Provides alternate access to Central Business District from Lake Street and Heath Street.

Shellfish Avenue/South Slope Drive Water Main Improvements

– this project consisted of the construction of 2600 LF of 8” and 10” water main; and a pressure reducing station. (Project cost = \$900,000). Funded by ADEC/EPA Grant and Homer Accelerated Water/Sewer Program (HAWSP). The project provides backup water service to the Hospital and the pressure zone west.



Shellfish Avenue Water Main Installation

Kachemak Drive Water and Sewer Main Improvements

(Phase III) – this project consisted of the construction of 4500 LF of 12” water main and 4500 LF of 2”-3” pressure sewer main which provides piped water and sewer service to the last section along Kachemak Drive. (Project cost = \$1,000,000) Funded by ADEC/EPA Grant and Homer Accelerated Water/Sewer Program (HAWSP)

Deep Water Dock Uplands Improvements

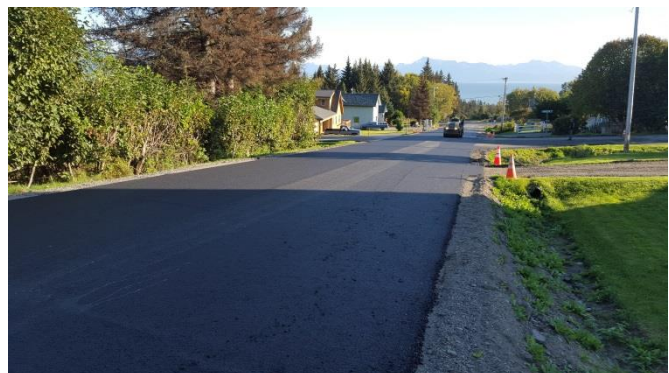
- this project consisted of the construction of a paved access road, demolition of wall around the old chip pad, new fencing, lighting, and security camera installation to improve cargo laydown and storage facilities supporting the Deep Water Dock. (Project cost = \$1,000,000). Funded by a State Legislative Grant. These improvements were recommended in the draft DWD expansion feasibility report.



New paved access road to the DWD Dock

Various Road Rehabilitation Improvements

- this project consisted of grinding and paving deteriorated sections of E. Bunnell Ave., Beluga Place, Early Spring St., Clover Lane, Clover Place, Hillview Place, Mullikin St., Kachemak Way, Mark White Ave. (Project cost = \$425,000) Funded by Homer Accelerated Road/Trail Program (HART).



Mullikin Street looking brand new



New structure over cleaning tables

Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon Fish Cleaning Table Renovation Project –

this project consisted of expanding the station and building a structure over the tables to eliminate bird conflicts. In the spring, Harbor maintenance will install tables, connect to water, and hang netting between the columns. (Project cost = \$60,000) Funded by AKF&G grant.

Homer Library Emergency Generator – This project installed a 50KW emergency generator at the library. (Project cost = \$100,000). Funded by a State Homeland Security Grant. In the event of a disaster (earthquake, tsunami, wildfire, extended power disruption, etc.), the 17,000 square foot library will serve as an emergency shelter for individuals that need temporary housing and accommodation.



Spit Campground Fee Collection Building Improvement –

This project included the sale and removal of the existing fee collection building (due to severe erosion) and the construction of a mobile fee collection building (now located at Mariner Park). Project cost = \$5,000 + Public Works labor. Funded by General Fund. Building provided power thru solar panel.

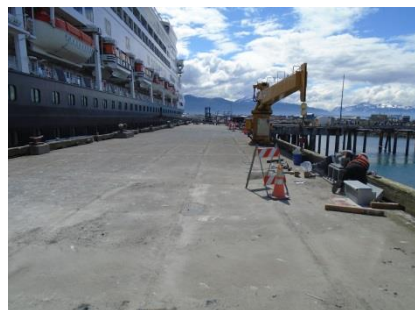


Cruise Ship Passenger Enhancement Project –

this project was completed this year by installing additional cleats on the Deep Water Dock (to improve ship berthing), replacement of the mooring buoy (located near the entrance to the Small Boat Harbor), eliminating trip hazards on the dock, and installing bird nesting deterrents on the dock approach. Also interpretive/educational signage was placed around the harbor trail to remind visitors about the unique aspects of the harbor and Kachemak Bay. (Project cost = \$120,000) Funded by Cruise Ship Passenger Head Tax Grant.



New DWD Cleat



Cruise Ship using new cleats



delivery of new mooring buoys



"Citizens promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers."

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News Release

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Marine Firefighting Symposium to take place in Homer, May 2017

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council is hosting the ninth Marine Firefighting Symposium for Land-Based Firefighters on May 12-14, 2017, in Homer, Alaska. This three-day conference is an industry recognized effort to provide the best available marine firefighting information and practices to shore-based firefighters, using both classroom and field experiences.

Shipboard fires can occur in any coastal community and at any time. Depending on location and severity, marine firefighting efforts can require not only a local response, but a regional effort as well. Through the enhanced training offered at the symposium, firefighters in coastal communities can be better prepared to respond safely and effectively to marine fire incidents.

The primary focus of the symposium is to raise awareness and increase safety in the event of a shipboard fire related to the oil tankers and other vessels associated with the transportation of oil in Prince William Sound. Some of the topics to be covered during the symposium will include interpretation of ship fire plans, firefighter coordination with ship's crew, basics of vessel stability, ship awareness, vessel familiarization, coordination of private and public responses, politics of a marine incident, an update on implementation of U.S. Coast Guard salvage and marine firefighting regulations and an introduction to oil shipping. Numerous hands-on and field activities will allow community firefighters to work with marine industry salvage and firefighting contractors.

The council is pleased to have its nationally renowned training cadre of John Lewis, John Taylor, Don Ryan and Ron Raschio, led by Jeff Johnson. Several of these instructors provided input and material for the land-based shipboard firefighting manual produced by the International Fire Service Training Association. Firefighters and industry participants consistently provide positive comments on the events. The council is able to offer this training at no cost.

Registration will open at the end of January with forms sent to every fire department in Alaska, and the council encourages departments to send their members.

Please contact Alan Sorum at 907.255.3217 or visit our website at <http://www.pwsrcac.org/programs/maritime/marine-firefighting> for more information and updates concerning the event.

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, with offices in Anchorage and Valdez, is an independent non-profit corporation whose mission is to promote environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and the oil tankers that use it. The council's work is guided by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and its contract with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. The council's 18 member organizations are communities in the region affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, as well as aquaculture, commercial fishing, environmental, Native, recreation, and tourism groups.
