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## Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
DATE: November 3, 2021  
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for November 8, 2021 Council Meeting

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### North Pacific Update

After some delays, Alaska Scrap has begun dismantling the Vessel North Pacific. They are breaking apart the vessel and then transporting scrap steel to a pile on the chip pad. The steel will be broken down to a size that can be resold and other refuse will go to a transfer station. The vessel could be broken down as quickly as within the next week depending on weather and staffing.



### Meeting with USCG Rear Admiral Moore

City staff were recently invited to have a discussion with U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Nathan Moore. RADM Moore is the Commander of the 17<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District and is responsible for Coast Guard operations throughout Alaska, the North Pacific Ocean, the Arctic Ocean, and the Bering Sea. We had a very productive discussion where RADM Moore was able to share current Coast Guard goals and objectives for our region, and

we were able to bring him up to speed on Homer-issues which include the large vessel harbor expansion. We look forward to continuing to work with RADM Moore and his staff in the future.

### **Skate Park Update**

As a follow up to my update at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, both skate park half pipes are now assembled, installed, and in operation at the HERC campus. Thanks again to the Friends of the Homer Skate Park, the Homer Foundation, and community members who contributed to the project!



### **All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Kickoff Meeting**

The City is working with AECOM Technical Services to update our All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. AECOM was contracted by the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to update the City's existing plan to fulfill current FEMA criteria. Hazard Mitigation Plans identify hazards which routinely impact a community, defines those hazards so community members understand their nature, determine impact locations within the community, describe their potential impact extent, and identify mitigation opportunities. Having an active plan can make the City eligible for mitigation grants. A kickoff meeting was held for Homer's All-Hazard Mitigation Plan update on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The planning team includes: Councilmember Erickson, City Planner Rick Abboud, Fire Chief Mark Kirko, Public Works Director Jan Keiser, Scott Mullen from South Peninsula Hospital, and Janna Davis from Homer Electric Association.

### **Council Chambers Audio**

The City has taken delivery of the final pieces of a new microphone system for the dais in Council Chambers. This upgrade is expected to improve audio in the room, online, and to help with better camera tracking. The IT-team has made plans to complete the installation between the November and December Council meetings. We are expecting the rewiring and installation to take approximately three weeks with completion occurring right after Thanksgiving.

### **Code Blue Ambulance Grant**

Alaska's Code Blue grant program, which helps Alaskan communities fund essential EMS equipment and transportation needs, has funding available this year and opened a brief grant application window. The Volunteer Fire Department has prepared grant application materials requesting funding to support the purchase of a new ambulance. If successful, it will defray the costs of replacing Medic 1 which had a target replacement date of 2022 according to the fleet replacement schedule published in the FY20/21 Budget.

## **2021 Camping Season is Complete**

The City's camping season ended on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The City will not be hosting off-season campers this year. I will include a report on the 2021 season with a future City Manager's report.

## **Personnel Updates**

**Public Works:** Public Works welcomed Pedro Ochoa as its new Building Maintenance Technician I. Pedro, a member of the Alaska Army National Guard's Infantry Airborne, has worked for the City of Homer for multiple years as a temporary employee, first with the PW Water & Sewer Department and most recently with Port & Harbor. Pedro is a graduate of Homer High School and has an Associates of Arts degree from the UAA's Kachemak Bay Campus. Pedro is an elite runner, having represented the National Guard in marathon events across the country.

**Library:** Homer Public Library is pleased to welcome Cinda Nofziger as our new Youth Services Librarian! Cinda has experience in both public and academic libraries in a variety of locations, including Wyoming and Michigan, and has worked with children over a range of ages. She also has ties to Homer, with family in the local area and many fond memories of visiting here as a child. While all timelines are subject to interference from COVID, having Cinda on the team lets us plan for bringing back regular storytimes and expanding our programs for children and young adults.

Attachment:

November Employee Anniversaries



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## Memorandum

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

<b>Dave Shealy</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Jenna deLumeau</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Ian Overson</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Years</b>