



# City of Homer

[www.cityofhomer-ak.gov](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov)

## Office of the City Manager

491 East Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603

[citymanager@cityofhomer-ak.gov](mailto:citymanager@cityofhomer-ak.gov)

(p) 907-235-8121 x2222

(f) 907-235-3148

## Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
DATE: November 23, 2022  
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for November 28, 2022 Council Meeting

---

### Sulfur Export Project

Earlier this year, approximately 20,000 tons of crushed bulk sulfur were delivered by truck to the cargo storage terminal on Freight Dock Road. Under current market conditions, this is about \$4M worth of materials. The sulfur was stored on the Chip Pad while the owners of the materials waited for a vessel and the right market conditions to export them. The sulfur is off to Mexico for use in fertilizer products. This past week, North Star Stevedoring and Kar-a-Van Transport loaded approximately 10,400 bags onto the M/V TBC *Praise*. The stevedoring effort included 54 longshoremen, split into two crews, running 12-hour shifts, 24/7 until the loading was complete. The Port Enterprise will benefit from this project in the form of wharfage, dockage, and storage costs that are estimated to total over \$215,000.





### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Sales Tax Revenues**

Last week, the Kenai Peninsula Posted the taxable sales numbers for the first quarter of FY23 (third quarter of calendar year 2022), and we've set another record for the City of Homer. Taxable sales are reported at \$99,553,824, a \$6M increase over last year. The City expects to receive approximately \$4.8M in revenue which will be shared between the General Fund, HART, HAWSP, and the Police Station.

### **CTP and TAP Project Submission Update**

Last week, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) notified us that the following City of Homer non-motorized transportation projects meet the initial eligibility requirements and may be invited to submit a full application for funding under the State's Transportation Alternatives Program: Ben Walters Lane Sidewalk, Svedlund/Herndon Sidewalks, the Homer All Ages & Abilities Pedestrian Pathway and the Kachemak Drive Non-motorized Pathway. Meeting eligibility requirements is the first step in the project application process. The next steps are to wait for the State to publish timelines and guidelines for submitting a full project application and to work with our Regional DOT&PF planner to build project scopes and cost estimates. We have yet not heard back on the three road surface projects submitted for Community Transportation Program eligibility yet. I will keep you updated as the process progresses.

### **Borough-wide Joint Information System Review**

Last week, Jenny Carroll, as the City's Public Information Officer, met with other emergency response personnel at the Kenai River Center in Soldotna to help update the Borough-wide Joint Information System (JIS). A JIS is a mechanism for affected and participating organizations to integrate and coordinate incident information to ensure timely, accurate, accessible, and consistent messaging during a crisis. The workshop, hosted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management, gave an overview of the current Borough-wide Joint Information System Agreement (last updated in 2016), how it can be called upon and solicited recommendations on how the JIS Agreement could be updated and improved after two large two scale events: the Swan Lake Wildfire and the Seward landslide near Lowell Point. A final draft of the JIS Agreement will be distributed to local, Tribal, state, federal, and nongovernment partners for formal approval by their governing bodies. While the City, fortunately, has not had to call on area partners to activate the JIS, we are happy the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Emergency Operating Plan includes this formal mechanism for information gathering and sharing, which is vitally important when an incident surpasses local resources and capabilities.

### **Special Assessment District Regulation Review**

Special Assessment Districts have been a challenge for the City in many different ways. I have tasked Special Project Coordinator Ryan Foster with an in-depth review of code, past and current practices, processes, etc. to help us reform the program to ensure it is useful for the public and reasonable for staff to manage across the multi-decade lifespan of many Districts. This project is in its early stages, but I expect we will come to Council next year with a work session, and more than likely, a proposal to update parts of City code.

Attachments: November & December Employee Anniversaries  
KPEDD Industry Outlook Forum Save the Date Flyer



# City of Homer

[www.cityofhomer-ak.gov](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov)

Office of the City Manager

491 East Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603

[citymanager@cityofhomer-ak.gov](mailto:citymanager@cityofhomer-ak.gov)

(p) 907-235-8121 x2222

(f) 907-235-3148

## Memorandum

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: Andrea Browning  
DATE: November 14, 2022  
SUBJECT: November Employee Anniversaries

---

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>25</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Jenna deLumeau</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Ian Overson</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Cinda Nofziger</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Pedro Ochoa</b>	<b>Public Works</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Year</b>



# City of Homer

[www.cityofhomer-ak.gov](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov)

Office of the City Manager

491 East Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603

[citymanager@cityofhomer-ak.gov](mailto:citymanager@cityofhomer-ak.gov)

(p) 907-235-8121 x2222

(f) 907-235-3148

## Memorandum

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: Andrea Browning  
DATE: November 28, 2022  
SUBJECT: December Employee Anniversaries

---

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>Mark Robl</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Bryan Hawkins</b>	<b>Port</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Todd Cook</b>	<b>Public Works</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Sean Perry</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Mike Zelinski</b>	<b>Public Works</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Josh Mershon</b>	<b>Port</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Regina Johanos</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Jenna Luchaco</b>	<b>Public Works</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Del Masterhan</b>	<b>Port</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Year</b>



SAVE THE DATE

01.5.2023

# INDUSTRY OUTLOOK FORUM

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH  
HOMER, ALASKA

**TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:**

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/JQOEUNGZVLBIADXH9](https://forms.gle/JQOEUNGZVLBIADXH9)

**Featuring a Homer Panel of experts to discuss:**

- *Childcare*
- *Housing*
- *Transportation*
- *The future for the community of Homer*