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City Council Meeting

Monday, July 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 23-072, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Providing Comments on Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Resolution 2023-048 to Place an Advisory Vote Question on the October 2023 Borough Ballot Asking Whether the Kenai Peninsula Borough Should Change its Regular Election Date. Aderhold/Mayor.

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Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Richard Derkevorkian, Assembly Member *RD*

DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Resolution 2023-*048*, Placing an Advisory Question on the Ballot at the Next Regular Election to be Held October 3, 2023 Asking Whether the Kenai Peninsula Borough Should Change its Regular Election Date (Derkevorkian)

This resolution would place an advisory vote on the ballot to determine whether the majority of voters in the Borough support changing the Borough's regular election date to align with the State and Federal regular election date.

Possible pro/cons for consideration:

- PRO:** Based upon historical numbers there would likely be an increase in voter turnout on even-numbered years when State and Federal elections are occurring on the same day.
- CON:** The Denali and Matanuska-Susitna Boroughs share its election with the State and those boroughs have see higher percentages of voter turnout on State and Federal election years but lower turnout in the years that only the municipal election is occurring.
- PRO:** Voters will only have to remember a single date on which to vote, assuming the cities align local city election dates with the borough's regular election date.
- CON:** Voters will have to stand in two lines, one for State and one for Borough elections to vote.
- PRO:** The patriotic energy from State and Federal elections will energize voters for the local elections.
- CON:** With two ballots to vote during State/Federal election years (even-numbered years) and one ballot to vote during the municipal election (every year), voter confusion may result.
- PRO:** Voters deciding on State and Federal issues, may add their previously absent voice to local issues because they are already at the polls.

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Re: Resolution 2023- 048

CON: The cities of Homer, Kachemak, Kenai, Seldovia, Seward, and Soldotna will still have an October election, as this does not change the cities election date, unless they choose to change their respective election dates.

PRO: A larger pool of election workers will be needed as there will be two election official teams at each precinct and absentee/early voting locations. Two teams may offer opportunities for more people to get involved in elections and get paid.

CON: The Borough and the State share the majority of the pool of local election workers. Additional officials are somewhat difficult to recruit. The Borough may have to increase pay and compete with the State to secure election workers in order to run a viable election.

PRO: This has been done in the Denali and Mat-Su Boroughs, so it certainly is possible.

CON: The State Division of Elections has informed the Borough that the State cannot run the Borough elections.

PRO: The Kenai Peninsula Borough voters will decide in one election who is elected to represent them on the local, state, and federal levels.

CON: As in the Denali and Mat-Su Boroughs, two separate elections being conducted simultaneously will mean: Two separate election boards, two-separate voting lines, two separate ballots, and two separate ballot boxes.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Introduced by: Derkevorkian
Date: 07/11/23
Action:
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2023-048**

**A RESOLUTION PLACING AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE
NEXT REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 3, 2023 ASKING WHETHER
THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SHOULD CHANGE ITS REGULAR ELECTION
DATE**

WHEREAS, Borough code, at KPB 4.10.050(A), currently provides: “Time of Regular Elections. Annually, on the first Tuesday of October, a regular election shall be held in the borough for the election of vacant borough offices, and for the determination of other matters as may be placed on the ballot”; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of an advisory vote on this question, an ordinance could be introduced to provide that the Borough’s regular election will be held annually on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November; and

WHEREAS, holding the regular election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November will mean that the Borough’s regular election will occur on the same day as any regular Federal/State election that is administered by the State;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI
PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

SECTION 1. That a question in substantially the following form shall be placed before the voters of the Kenai Peninsula Borough at the next regular election to be held October 3, 2023, as an advisory vote:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

Shall the Kenai Peninsula Borough change the Borough’s regular election date from the first Tuesday in October to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November to align with the Federal and State election date?

(THIS IS AN ADVISORY VOTE ONLY).

YES _____ NO _____

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2023.

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent:

Port & Harbor Commission Report to Council 7/24/2023

Recent Tasks:

Completed Strategic Plan (Copy Attached)

Upcoming August into Fall Tasks:

1. Preparing a Fleet Plan for road and water vehicles
2. Review Tariff and Parking as season closes
3. Develop Wood Grid Plan
4. Pursue Float Repair and Erosion Control Measures (grant seeking)
5. Review Communications Plan for Port Expansion
6. Comm. Shavelson would like to develop (with Council and Staff) a Port & Harbor Communications Plan in general for City to convey to public Harbor Operations updates. Will watch City newsletter through summer to gauge necessity but Commission felt it would be helpful to avoid lack of Public understanding on Harbor Happenings and Commission realizes and sees the effectiveness of HPD in social media communications. (Areas this would help: Float repair schedules, parking fee updates, water on/off anticipation or shut downs, fuel dock access hours). Effectively Partnership and Presence that informs the consumers...

Key Meetings and Updates:

-Chair and Bruce Friend met with (Council and Staff members present also) ACOE new Colonel and Project Staff. Key take-aways:

1. They will work with staff to minimize project costs beyond original contract scope
2. They will look for coordination opportunities on green energy development
3. This project has strong support from key political figures which could make it a more viable project (with funding) on the long term construction part.

-Chair and Mayor met with SBS to gain a better understanding of key industries in Homer and how they can be a partner in future, responsible and planned growth.

Specific Updates to Council:

Business Plan update (see attached memo from City Manager)

Submitted By: Crisi Matthews, Chair

PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
Draft 2023-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

Annually, the PHC prioritizes a list of ongoing, near-term, medium and long-term goals to aid the commission in charting a general course for the year and keeping on-task.

Ongoing Goals	1. Provide timely, relevant comment to the City Council on Port and Harbor issues.
	2. Identify ways that the commission can collaborate with staff to provide value
	3. Promote and support the investigation of the Harbor Expansion
	4. Improve Communication with Council, Commissions, and the Community at large <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Task (Commission): Meet at least annually with Council in a work session; collectively sign up to attend or listen to each council meeting b. Task (All): Send informational items to other commissions as needed c. Task (Staff): Ensure informational items are publicly available on City website and City social media d. Task (Shavelson): Draft 1-page communications plan
Near Term Goals By April 2023	5. Have a Preliminary Business Plan for the Port & Harbor (November) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Task (All): Review draft plan and develop steps forward
	6. Conduct a post-season recap of summer activities (October) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Task (Staff): Evaluate the success of the campgrounds program and other new activities
	7. Continue identifying underutilized assets and additional sources of revenue. (December) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Task (Staff): Review tariff and develop suggested edits for consideration by commission b. Task (Commission): Hold September work session on Harbor Tariff
	8. Promote workforce development and housing for seasonal workers. (Unspecified) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Task (Commission): Participate in Comprehensive Planning process with emphasis on housing.
	9. Update the Harbor Fleet Management plan. (September) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Task (Staff): Collect information about anticipated vehicle purchases, fuel type preferences, useful life, and cost for all Port & Harbor rolling stock b. Task (Commission): Review updated Fleet Management Plan
Mid Term Goals 1 - 3 Years (2024 - 2026)	10. Support Port Director to conduct a Replacement Reserve Study for the Small Boat Harbor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Task (Commission): provide feedback on the timeline and priorities for float replacement

	<p>11. Maximize financial returns for the city leases and promote cohesive Maritime aesthetic on the Spit a. Task (Commission): Review City base lease and provide zoning recommendations to Planning Department</p> <p>12. Develop a Homer Spit Uplands Improvement Plan including a paid parking plan a. Task (Commission): Host a public work session to collect thoughts and opinions on spit parking (January)</p> <p>13. Explore a vessel traffic study for the Spit to address congestion issues in the transient areas of the harbor. a. Task (Commission): Define problems and potential solutions</p> <p>14. Provide support on the City Comprehensive Plan rewrite. a. Task (All): Invite spit stakeholders to Comprehensive Plan rewrite meetings to ensure their perspective is represented.</p>
<p>Long Term Goals 5 Years or More (2028+)</p>	<p>15. Work with Federal and State agencies to develop long-term erosion control measures for the Spit. a. Task (All): Participate in ADOT&PF process</p> <p>16. Develop a plan to replace the Tidal Grids a. Task (Commission): Review possible parameters for financial plan for the Grids</p> <p>17. Seek funding to construct the Large Vessel Haul-out and Repair Facility. a. Task (All): Ensure that discussion of Homer Harbor Expansion includes the importance of this facility and does not affect the proposed site b. Task (Commission): Discuss potential lease arrangements for the facility at a Winter 2023-2024 commission meeting.</p>

OVERALL PHC DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of the PHC is to act in an advisory capacity to the City Manager and the City Council on the problems and development of the City’s Port and Harbor facilities. Consideration may include the physical facilities, possible future development, and recommendations on land use within the port and harbor areas. Duties and responsibilities are outlined in the PHC’s Bylaws and under Homer City Code 2.64.040.

Links to online info:

- Homer City Code 2.64: www.codepublishing.com/AK/Homer
- Homer Port and Harbor Website: www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/port
- Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 1: www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/port/port-homer-terminal-tariff-no-1
- City of Homer Adopted Budget: www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/finance/budgets
- City Comprehensive Plans: <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/planning/long-range-planning>

DUTIES OF COMMISSION/STAFF

Staff Liaison

- Assisting the Chair in setting meetings, preparing agendas, and other documentary material, and coordinating the acquisition of needed materials and training.
- Drafting/submitting reports, memos, and recommendations for those agenda items requiring decisions or recommendations by the Commission to City Council or the City Manager.
- Provide information about the budget.
- Inform the Commission of City Council actions and discussion of harbor-related issues.

Commissioners

- Attend City Council meetings as assigned.
- Attend work sessions and training opportunities.
- Come prepared to make a motion for action at meetings, or ask staff before the meeting for more information.
- Request information from the Staff Liaison or Presiding Clerk.
- Understand their role as an advisory body to City Council; for any change to happen regarding City policies or code usually a council member has to support a PHC's idea and be willing to sponsor a resolution or ordinance to change established City policies or rules.
- How the commission (as a whole) can communicate:
 - Work with the City Manager through the Staff Liaison to keep City Council informed on developing initiatives.
 - Send memos to Council periodically so they have a written report of what's going on; these are written by staff and likely will be part of the City Manager Report or under the PHC Report.
 - Have a Commissioner speak at a Council Meeting under Reports; the PHC is scheduled to give a report at the next City Council meeting following the PHC's regular monthly meeting. It is best to rotate members so Council gets to see and hear from each of you over time. Pay attention to feedback from Council; the Commission may need to change direction, or come up with more support for the topic.

Clerks

- Helps with packet preparation and dissemination
- Records meetings and prepares meeting minutes
- Ensures meetings are properly advertised
- Helps members understand and comply with City policies and procedures governing advisory bodies
- Helps the Commission learn to better communicate with City Council (Memorandums vs Resolutions and Ordinances)



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Memorandum

TO: Port & Harbor Commission
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: June 15, 2023
SUBJECT: Re: PHC Request for Status Update on Staff Review of Harbor Facilities, etc.

I received the request from the Port & Harbor Commission for a status update on a report underway at a staff level. This memo serves as my update to the Commission.

Across the last few months, I have had a part-time special projects coordinator working with the Harbor Administration team to review and consolidate data related to the Harbor Enterprises business operations. My expectation when I assigned the work was to develop a document that could be used as a baseline resource for port and harbor facilities and operations. I expect it will be very useful as we navigate the Army Corps General Investigation and beyond. Relatively complete drafts are being circulated at this time between myself and other team members to review, correct, and ask additional questions. I don't have a specific date upon which I expect this report to be completed, it's one of many concurrent projects being shared between City Hall and the Harbor, but I anticipate a public draft will be available before the end of summer.

From: [Kate Finn](#)
To: [Melissa Jacobsen](#); rkruse@ci.homer.ak.us
Subject: Brief LAB report for CC packet
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:07:53 AM

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Good Morning Melissa and Renae,
Here is a very brief up-date of LAB for Council tonight:

Library Advisory Board Report for July 24th 2023

There was a work session on July 11th. The Library Director has been working on a revision of the Library Policies and Procedures. He has involved the library staff, the Friends of the Homer Library, city staff and the LAB in this process. Our work session was to review the progress and make finalizing suggestions. We hope to pass this new Policies and Procedures at our next regular meeting on August 15th.

Thanks for all your work!!
Kate Finn
LAB Chair



MEMORANDUM

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Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
Date: July 18, 2023
From: Julie Engebretsen, Economic Development Manager
Through: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

Ordinance 23-46 authorizes the City to accept and appropriate grant funds and for the City Manager to execute the grant agreement. Acquiring lands with federal funds is complex and this green infrastructure partnership is a first in Alaska and for NOAA. Over the past month, staff has been working diligently with the City Attorney, local Kachemak Bay Research Reserve, University of Alaska and NOAA staff to work through the finer points of the land transactions. Some of the City's questions are still unresolved and more time is needed for NOAA to respond. Staff requests a postponement to the August 14th meeting to complete legal and financial due diligence to ensure the success of this grant agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Postpone Ordinance 23-46 to August 14, 2023
Informational Only.



MEMORANDUM

Update on Federal and State Grant Applications

Item Type: Informational Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor and City Council
Date: July 17, 2023
From: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects and Communications Coordinator
Through: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

This is an informational memo to highlight items on the attached chart summarizing Federal and State grant applications that have been submitted or are in process. New actions/information since the May 4, 2023 update are marked in yellow on the attached chart.

- At the conclusion of the State’s budget process, no City of Homer capital requests received State funding.
- The City’s application to the Federal RAISE program for Homer-wide non-motorized transportation planning and design was not selected for funding. Staff will request a debriefing with the granting agency to help clarify areas for improvement, potentially for another request for RAISE funds and to assist with approaches to other Federal applications. Staff wants to thank everyone who wrote letters of support and offered commitments to the project. Our application certainly was not turned down for a lack of support. HDR, who assisted with the application, noted that they “...have never worked on an application with more (or better/more passionate) letters.”
- The award of Federal FEMA Disaster Mitigation grand funding to replace the City’s Raw Water Transmission Mains was approved by Alaska’s Federal Delegation and has been approved by FEMA. We are now working on approval of a waiver to receive the funding (as the project will take longer than the program’s period of performance). After that is approved, we expect to receive an award agreement, which will eventually come before City Council for acceptance via an Ordinance.
- Two of Homer’s grant requests to Alaska DOT’s Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the Community Transportation Program (CTP) were selected to advance to the final round of project scoring by the Statewide Evaluation Board. The Board evaluated 16 projects for the Kenai Peninsula region and the strongest ones were the following:
 - TAP Homer All-Ages and Abilities Pedestrian Pathway (HOMER)
 - TAP Moose Pass (US FOREST SERVICE)

CTP Main Street Rehabilitation (HOMER)
CTP Homestead Avenue (SOLDOTNA)

The final scoring and ranking will be completed by a Public Evaluation Board (PEB). At the PEB meetings, the PEB will listen to project presentations, which, for the first time, will include the opportunity for public testimony. Funding will be allocated to projects in the order they are ranked by the PEB until the funds are exhausted. The PEB meeting dates have not been set by AK DOT&PF yet.

- Replacing Homer Harbor’s fish grinding building will receive Dingell-Johnson grant funds from the Department of Fish and Game. The project replaces the building and performs drainage improvements on the lot to ensure fish leakage is channeled into the outfall line rather than the storm drain. Total project costs and award amount is still being determined; when an award is issued, staff will prepare an Ordinance for City Council approval.
- In follow-up meetings with AK DOT&PF regarding Spit Road erosion issues, the State has decided to apply for a Federal PROTECT planning grant for the Spit Road Erosion Mitigation project. AK DOT&PF is partnering with Alaska Municipal League, HDR and the City of Homer to complete and submit the application, due August 18, 2023. More information about this development is covered in a Resolution of Support and backup memorandum for City Council consideration at the July 24, 2023 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:
Informational Only.

FY23 Project Supported	TPC	Grant Fund	Grant Funds Req	Match/Local Cost	Status	Notes
Slope Stability- Erosion Mitigation Program Kachemak Drive Peatland Water Quality Improvement (Kahcemak Sponge)	\$4,388,791	NOAA Habitat Conservation KBNERSS led/City partner	\$ 1,188,275.00 (land acquisition)	\$ 418,000.00 (land acquisition)	Submitted Awarded 4/1/2023 City reviewing sub-award	UAA accepted award; sent sub-award agreement to City Ord 23-46 to accept sub-award introduced 6/26/23 Grant is for Kachemak Drive peatlands acquisition
		Congressionally Designated Spending Request #1 of 4	\$ 1,890,000.00 (water works)	\$ 892,516.00 (water works)	Submitted 3/17/2023 4/20 Forwarded to Approp Subcommittee by Murkowski	To Sen Murkowski & Represenative Peltola City match eligible for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund & HART funds
		State of AK CAPSIS	\$ 2,744,994.00		Submitted 2/14/2023 NOT FUNDED in FY24 budget	State capital funding very unlikely in the State's FY24 budget
Beluga Slough Stormwater Treatment System	\$ 690,000.00	Alaska Clean Water Actions	\$ 153,307.00	\$ 107,182.00	Submitted 11/9/2022 Awarded 3/1/2023 Accepted via Ord 23-16(S)	City Council approved grant agreement Ord City costs in-kind + elibigle for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund
		State of AK CAPSIS	\$ 502,604.00		Submitted 2/14/2023 NOT FUNDED in FY24 budget	State capital funding very unlikely in the State's FY24 budget
Transportation Transportation Planning	\$ 960,000.00	Safe Streets For All KPB Applic/City partner	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 23,000.00 (in-kind)	Award announced KPB executing grant agreement	Application approved Reso 22-063
Non-Motorized Trans Network (REACH Project)	\$ 1,500,000.00	Fed RAISE Planning Grant	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	Submitted 2/28/2023 NOT FUNDED 6/28/23	HDR application support Reso 22-087 approved Project support Reso 23-012 approved Start date July '23/End date June '25 RAISE Constr Grant possible Feb '25
Homer All-Ages & Abilities Pedestrian Pathway Main Street Rehab/ Sidewalk South	\$ 3,900,000.00	State of AK Transportation Alternatives (TAP)	\$ 3,432,000.00	\$ 468,000.00	Submitted 2/15/2023 Advanced to final round: Public Evaluation Board (PEB) Awaiting DOT cost estimate (AK DOT&PF manages/constructs project)	HAPP sections in PW's 5-year road plan Project support Reso 23-011 approved PEB Review pending Award announce Aug '23; Perf period end date June '25 (\$500,000 set aside in HART for grant matching)
		State of AK Community Transportation Program (CTP)	\$ 3,696,000.00	\$ 504,000.00	Submitted 2/15/2023 Advanced to final round: Public Evaluation Board (PEB) Awaiting DOT cost estimate (AK DOT&PF manages/constructs project)	Main St in 7-10 year horizon in PW Road Plan Project support Reso 23-011 approved PEB Review pending Award announce Aug '23; Perf period end date June '25 (\$500,000 set aside in HART for grant matching)

FY23 Project Supported	TPC	Grant Fund	Grant Funds Req	Match/Local Cost	Status	Notes
Port & Harbor Float Systems 4 & 1 Replace	\$ 59,289,547.00	Fed Port Infrastructure Development Projects (PIDP)	\$47,135,190	\$ 12,154,357.00 (20.5% match)	Submitted 4/28/2023 Awaiting decision	HDR application support Ord 23-12 approved Council approved project support Reso 4/24/2023 Could apply for PIDP or RAISE '24 if '23 unsuccessful Added to STIP as illustrative project Revenue bond or TIFIA loan for match
		Municipal Harbor Grant	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	Grant for construction only must complete design to apply	If funded, leverages State match to lower City match on Federal PIDP Grant
		Denali Commission Grant			Application not begun Due date 4/14/24	Can be used as non-Federal Match May not be competitive - \$1M max award Could apply in '24 for Design/Engineering
Fish Grinding Building Replace & Drainage Improvements	\$ 374,978.00	ADFG Dingle-Johnson	\$ 250,000.00 (preliminary)	\$ 93,744.50 (preliminary)	Submitted 7/12/2022 Preliminary award announced 7/7/2023	Finalizing project cost estimate and award amount 25% local match funds in FY23 capital appropriation Ordinance to accept the grant forth coming
Building Code Development	\$ 587,500.00	State BRIC Sub-Grant (Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities)	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 117,500.00 (covered by State of Alaska)	Submitted 12/21/2022 Accepted for further review Awaiting decision	Council Approved application Reso 22-086 As a sub-applic State covers local match
Parks & Recreation Multi-Use Community Center	\$ 350,000.00	State of AK CAPSIS	\$ 350,000.00 (planning)	-	Submitted 2/14/2023 NOT FUNDED in FY24 budget	State capital funding very unlikely in the State's FY24 budget
Bayview Park Renovations	\$ 139,230.00	State of AK Healthy & Equitable Community Round 2	\$ 74,919.00	\$ 52,314.00 Addl redistribution funds requested	Submitted 4/24/2023 Awarded 5/8/2023 Accepted via Ord 23-36	Council Approved Resolution 23-031 \$12,000 donation from Kach Bay Rotary Additional funds from HART approved in COH Cap budget
Utilities - Infrastructure Resilience Drinking Water Resiliency (A-Frame Water Transmission & 250,000 gallon water tank)	\$ 2,852,253.00	Congressionally Designated Spending Request #2 of 4	\$ 1,931,090.00	\$ 921,163.00	Submitted 3/17/2023 4/20 Forwarded to Approp Subcommittee by Murkowski	To Sen Murkowski & Representative Peltola City costs eligible for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund & HAWSP
A-Frame Water Transmission	\$ 804,029.00	State of AK CAPSIS	\$ 643,274.00	\$ 160,818.00	Submitted 3/14/2023 NOT FUNDED in FY24 budget	State capital funding very unlikely in the State's FY24 budget
Beluga Lift Station	\$ 2,937,353.00	Congressionally Designated Spending Request #3 of 4	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 937,353.00	Submitted 3/17/2023 4/20 Forwarded to Approp Subcommittee by Murkowski	To Sen Murkowski & Representative Peltola City costs eligible for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund & HAWSP
Spit Road Erosion Mitigation	\$ 3,000,000.00	Congressionally Designated Spending Request #4 of 4 (USACE General Investigation)	\$ 1,500,000.00	-	Submitted 3/17/2023 4/20 Forwarded to Approp Subcommittee by Peltola	To Sen Murkowski & Representative Peltola Match funds potential from State PROTECT grant State DOT submitting PROTECT planning grant 8/14/23
Raw Water Transmission Main		FEMA Disaster Mitigation	\$ 1,988,650.00 (direct project costs)	-	Submitted 1/30/2020	4/11/23: Responded to latest FEMA request for information 5/2/23: Congressional Delegation approved award 7/11/23: FEMA working on Period of Performance Waiver

From: [janie leask](#)
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Members of the City Council, Mayor Castner, and City Manager Dumouchel

Thanks always for the work you do on behalf of our City and thank you for the resolution you passed proclaiming July as Parks & Recreation Month.

It seems summer may have (finally) arrived as I see the Spit is brimming with visitors and it's become the "no left turn" season. The HERC has also been overflowing with residents and visitors. Our three courts are maxed out with 24+ people waiting to play. We're also preparing for our 2nd Annual Cosmic Hamlet Pickleball Tournament co-sponsored by the City's Community Recreation and the newly formed Homer Pickleball Club. The tournament will be held at the HERC September 1-3 over the Labor Day weekend. I invite you to stop by.

In May the Council passed a resolution establishing Parks & Recreation as a priority within the current city budget and directed the City Manager to work with PARCAC and staff to bring forward a 10-year plan for Homer Parks & Recreation. As you're aware, I'm a huge fan and advocate of a separate Parks & Recreation Department. In earlier testimony before you, I stated I did a brief internet search of communities our size - Seward, Kenai, Kodiak, Soldotna, Wrangell, Bethel & Wasilla. These communities ALL have Community Parks & Recreation departments with missions similar to Homer Community Recreation.

I was taken aback when I read the City Manager's Report and a proposed structural reorganization of City departments and programs - "spinning out a handful of divisions that don't fit within the traditional umbrella of Administration". The proposed hierarchy would move Community Recreation under Community Development - a department that would include economic development, building codes enforcement, and planning. In my mind, regardless of the perceived efficiencies this may create, this is NOT where Community Recreation should go. I'm

hoping the Council will agree.

The resolution passed in May recognizes the importance of parks & recreation. I don't pretend to know all about City government and which departments should go where. I just know parks & recreation are incredibly important to our City, are a huge draw to residents and visitors alike, and bring in quite a bit of revenue. If the Library is a direct report to the City Manager, why isn't Community Recreation or a new Parks & Recreation Department? Under the proposed hierarchy, it feels buried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Leask
President, Homer Pickleball Club
USA Pickleball Ambassador, Homer