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MEMORANDUM 20-134

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects and Communications Coordinator
DATE: September 9, 2020
SUBJECT: 2021-2026 CIP Recommendations and Establishing FY22 Legislative Priorities

The City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has undergone review by staff and City Advisory Commissions and is provided in draft form for your review at the September 14 worksession. I have updated project descriptions with current information regarding progress to date, scope, estimated cost, etc. Below is an overview of the updates, which are also indicated in red font in the draft CIP.

- **Two projects will be removed from the CIP because the projects have been successfully completed:**
 - a) Pratt Museum New Facility and Site Redesign
 - b) South Peninsula Hospital Hillside Stability Study
- **Partial funding has been obtained for one City of Homer projects and it remains in the CIP:**
 - a) City of Homer Radio Communications System Upgrade Project
- **One project has been recommended for removal from the 2020-2025 CIP. These projects will be removed for the reasons provided unless Council directs otherwise.** If so, please direct staff accordingly:
 - a) Seafarers Memorial Parking Expansion. At their July 22, 2020 meeting, the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission unanimously passed a motion in support of removing this project from the FY22 CIP and supported a future addition of a revised Seafarer's Memorial improvement project to the CIP.
- **Minor project updates:**
 - Legislative Priority Project Section
 1. Name of New Large Vessel Moorage Facility project changed to New Large Vessel Harbor. FY Legislative request updated to \$750,000 (\$250,000 annually for three years) to help complete the next step, the Navigational Improvement Feasibility Study.
 2. Main Street Sidewalk Facility: Pioneer Avenue North project was updated to show Council's \$98,000 appropriation from the HART-Road funds for design, permitting and formal cost estimating services.

- Mid-Range Project Section
- 3. Raw Water Transmission Main Replacement project updated to indicate initial State approval for FEMA review for funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
- State of Alaska Project Section
- 4. Homer Intersection Improvements project updated to describe pedestrian safety measures completed during the Pioneer Avenue Paving project and included in the Lake Street Rehabilitation project design.

● **No new projects have been proposed for inclusion in the CIP.**

Remaining Steps for Council in 2021-2026 CIP Process:

▶ **At the August 26 Worksession**

- 1) **Please provide staff direction regarding removing the Seafarer’s Memorial Parking Expansion project and any other project amendments necessary to bring the CIP to a final draft ready for public comment and Council action at the September 28th City Council meeting.**
- 2) **Discuss CIP project recommendations requiring formal City Council action, including recommendations for any new projects, promotion of projects from one section to another or removal of projects.**
- 3) **Discuss Legislative Priority Projects:** When Council formally adopts the CIP, the Resolution also designates five projects as the City’s top Legislative priorities; the top 2 of the 5 are also the City’s Federal priorities. The Legislative Priority designation directs City staff to advocate for those projects when meeting with our State and Federal representatives (understanding the limitations on State capital expenditures and earmarks in the current political climate).

In the past Council has elected to leave the previous year’s Legislative Requests on the top 5 list until the projects were funded. Last year, the top five priorities were:

1. Homer Barge Mooring & Large Vessel Haul Out Facility
2. New Large Vessel Harbor
3. Storm Water Master Plan
4. Main Street Sidewalk Facility: Pioneer Avenue North
5. Multi-Use Community Center, Phase 1

To assist you in your worksession discussion and your individual Legislative Priority selections, each Advisory Commission reviewed the CIP and selected two projects to recommend to you as Legislative Priorities. They are as follows:

- Economic Development Advisory Commission:
 1. New Large Vessel Harbor
 2. Barge Mooring / Large Vessel Haul Out Repair Facility

(Please note: the EDC also recommend City Council prioritize the Storm Water Master Plan and the Homer Harbor Cathodic Protection Project.)
- ADA Committee
 1. Main Street Sidewalk Facility: Pioneer Avenue North
 2. Public Restroom Barrier Removal

- Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission:
 1. Karen Hornaday Park Improvements
 2. Main Street Sidewalk Facility: Pioneer Avenue North

- Planning Commission
 1. Storm Water Master Plan
 2. Main Street Sidewalk Facility: Pioneer Avenue North

(Please note: the Planning Commission also recommend City Council prioritize the Barge Mooring Large Vessel Haul Out Repair Facility.)

- Port & Harbor Advisory Commission
 1. New Large Vessel Harbor
 2. Barge Mooring /Large Vessel Haul Out Repair Facility

Please submit your individual top 5 project selections to me (in order of rank #1-5) either at the end of the September 14th worksession or by email (jcarroll@ci.homer.ak.us) no later than Friday, September 18th. I will tally the individual Councilmember recommendations into a prioritized list and draft a resolution in advance of the September 28th public hearing on the CIP. (Keep in mind that projects ranked #1 and #2 will be your pick for the City's Federal priorities.)

The first Public Hearing for the CIP is scheduled for the September 28, 2020 City Council meeting. Adoption of the CIP and the FY21 Legislative Priority list is scheduled for the October 12, 2020 City Council Meeting.

I look forward to hearing back from you and incorporating your recommendations into the final draft of the CIP.