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Memorandum 20-141

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
FROM: Janette Keiser, Director of Public Works
DATE: September 3, 2020
SUBJECT: Update on Horizon Court repair

- I. **Issue:** We need more time than the existing emergency declaration allows to implement a long-term solution to the mini-landslide at Horizon Court, which is putting a City-maintained road at risk.
- II. **Background:** At their August 24, 2020, meeting, the Homer City Council passed Emergency Ordinance 20-58, declaring the earth movement at Horizon Court to constitute an emergency, a designation that lasts 60 days. We are in the process of enacting short-term repairs to the road and have commissioned the design of long-term repairs, which will involve supporting the ravine with some kind of earth retaining structure. In all likelihood, we will not be able to enact the long-term repairs within the 60 days allowed under the existing emergency declaration.

In the event the situation deteriorates, we may need to take immediate action so local residents could continue to access their homes. An extension of the emergency declaration would allow us to deploy exemptions to the Homer Procurement Code, in exigent circumstances. We will not exercise such exemptions unless it became necessary.

III. **Actions Recommended:**

That the City Council pass an ordinance allowing for additional time to address repairs needed for the continuing emergency situation on Horizon Court.