

Port and Harbor

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## Memorandum 20-187

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

THRU: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER

FROM: PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE: OCTOBER 30 2020

SUBJECT: COPPER RIVER SEAFOODS LEASE AMMENDEMENT REQUEST, LOT 13B

Copper River Seafood's current lease, signed in May of 2019, states in the "property development" section, their intention and wish to construct a 42' x47' new construction building. The time line for this construction is currently set to begin in September 2020 and be complete by Dec 31 2020. On October 13 2020 the City received a letter from Copper River requesting an amendment to that construction timeline to change it to a start date of February 2022 and a completion dated of end of year 2022, because of challenges encountered with the Covid 19 pandemic.

Staff recommend accepting the proposed amended timeline. The City has been supportive of working with the community during this Covid crisis, and Copper River Seafoods is a competitively active business in the harbor who is up to date on all account payments with the Port. The letter addressing the construction timeline and requesting the amendment, before that existing timeline had elapsed, indicates that they are responsive to their lease and its requirements.

The Port and Harbor Advisory Commission met on October 28 2020 and reviewed Copper River Seafoods' request for amendment to the lease construction timeline. The Commission made the below listed motion:

STOCKBURGER/DONICH MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE COPPER RIVER SEAFOODS LEASE AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE TO THE NEW START DATE OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022 AND A NEW COMPLETION DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Discussion

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Port and Harbor Advisory Commission recommend that Council approve the Copper River Seafoods' lease amendment to extend the property improvement construction timeline to the new start date of February 2 2022 and a new completion date of December 31 2022.