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Memorandum 21-188

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council

THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

FROM: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner and Special Projects

Coordinator

DATE: October 21, 2021

SUBJECT: HERC Scoping Contract

The City issued a Request for Qualifications on September 27th. Although several firms were on the plan holders list, only Stantec submitted a response.

Staff met on Thursday the 21st to review the submittal and discuss next steps. Stantec was the consulting firm for the Public Safety Review Committee in 2014, which spent a lot of time looking at the HERC site for a joint Police and Fire station, and then ultimately for the Fire Station remodel and construction of the new Police Station. They know the HERC site and our community well! Stantec's proposed project team in their submittal and their extensive knowledge of the site lead are very strong. Their strengths are an asset as we move forward with the redevelopment of this site.

Its unlikely staff will have a final agreed upon scope of work and contract ready to sign by Monday's Council meeting. Council does not meet again until November 22nd. Staff recommends Council award the contract to Stantec, with a "not to exceed agreement." That will allow staff time to hammer out a final schedule, contract and start the project!

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