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## Memorandum 22-051

TO: MAYOR CASTNER & HOMER CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER  
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FROM: PORT & HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE: MARCH 24, 2022

SUBJECT: SUPPORT TO HIRE R&M FOR PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT  
GRANT PROGRAM (PIDP) GRANT DEVELOPMENT FOR HARBOR FLOAT  
REPLACEMENT

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At their March 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting, the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission reviewed and voiced their full support for staff's proposal to apply for grant funding for much-needed harbor float replacement. This proposal includes hiring R&M to develop a competitive grant application to submit to the Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDP).

An excerpt of the meeting minutes follows:

- C. Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDP) for Float Replacement
  - i. Port of Homer Asset Sheet for Float Systems
  - ii. R&M Proposal for PIDP Grant Development & Submission Management

Chair Matthews introduced the item by reading the title and deferred to Port Director Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins explained the results from the harbor float asset assessment. While they have been talking about a replacement plan for years they're still a ways away from making those repairs possible due to the floats getting worse faster than the Harbor Enterprise is able to save up the replacement costs in reserves. Chair Matthews spoke to the work harbor staff accomplished to get the grant and R&M hiring proposal together that was currently in front of the commission and City Council. She explained the time restrictions that they need to meet to make the grant and budget cycles/deadlines and what action would be needed from the commission at this time.

SHAVELSON/ULMER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT R&M BE HIRED FOR PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION MANAGEMENT ON HOMER'S BEHALF.

Commissioner Shavelson commented on how vital it is that we stay ahead of the float replacement improvements, and how this proposal sounds like an opportunity to do so.

Discussion ensued between commissioners and Mr. Hawkins on the following:

- How it is a great funding opportunity that has not been offered by other grant programs.
- The grant application process itself and if they get the grant what that would mean for funding repairs.
- Importance of all the photos; when commissioners talk to public it's good to have visual references to show how bad the floats have gotten.
- The need to take care of our existing infrastructure, especially in the face of all this planning to build an expanded harbor.
- What the float replacement priorities are if they receive the funding and if it included other floats like the Fish Dock; there are no limitations to the funding source but the focus would be on the float and mooring systems since they're the most foundational of the harbor.
- How much funding the Enterprise has now and how other kinds of funds (i.e. federal, state, other grants) can be used for matching.

VOTE: YES: SIEKANIEC, MATTHEWS, ZEISET, SHAVELSON, PITZMAN, ULMER

Motion carried.

Chair Matthews commented on how this grant proposal will be before City Council at their March 29<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, and encouraged the commissioners to attend and voice their support.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Ordinance 22-19