



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 23-046, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing a Task Order in the amount of \$379,661 to HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Homer Harbor Expansion Study's In-Kind Engineering Support Services and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
Meeting Date: 08 May 2023
From: Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

The following excerpts of the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission's unapproved minutes from their April 26, 2023 meeting are provided for Council's information.

6. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

Ronny McPherson, HDR – Homer Harbor Expansion Work-in-Kind Amendment Presentation

Mr. McPherson presented to the Commission regarding the Homer Harbor Expansion Work-in-Kind Amendment that's outlined in Resolution 23-046. He provided an overview of HDR's role in the project, explained what's included in the feasibility study and what work-in-kind means related to the project, and provided an overview of that the amendment entails. He responded to Commissioner's questions after his presentation.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was consensus of the Commission to take up item 10.C. at the beginning of new business.

10.C. Resolution 23-046, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing a Task Order in the amount of \$379,661 to HDR for the Homer Port Expansion Study's In-Kind Engineering Support Services and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director. Pending referral from the City Council. Agenda Item Report PHC 23-022

Mayor Castner explained he requested this be referred to the Commission because he wanted the Commission to have the opportunity to see it before it was adopted by Council. He referenced and reviewed the sections of the document where the amendments start and the comported task order later in the document. The comported includes a lot of things HDR had agreed to do alongside with the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the amendment is the new work. He shared concerns he had with the original task order regarding cost

estimates and quantifications, and with the computerized section because a lot of their interface is through staff. He thinks a lot of the problem they've been having is a lot of the process has been to staff centric, when there's a place for elected and appointed members to be taking part. This was something put together in a way that may be administratively efficient, but to him its lacking in any kind of savviness as far as how we're going to get this done. Mr. McPherson has alleviated a lot of that concern related to the money part, but he still has concern about lines of communication.

In response to questions Mr. McPherson explained the amendment is unique in that HDR is performing part of the feasibility study. The original contract is essentially for the owner's representative and being an extension of the staff, supporting the City through the USACE process. USACE has invited the City to perform parts of the feasibility as work -in-kind and that's what this task order is accomplishing. He believes that because of the relationship and the reputation HDR has, USACE is offering preliminary engineering design to the City. Otherwise USACE would perform the work in house with the local district if they have capacity, or they'll farm it out to the Engineering Research and Development Center (ERDIC) in Vicksburg, Mississippi to perform the preliminary engineering on the harbor design. Whatever is included in the scope of work has to be something USACE would have done, the communication piece falls under the general owner's representative piece. It's clear to HDR that having good communications and workflows between Commissions, Council, and staff is very critical. He explained exceedance related to task 11.2 #1, is not the same as glacial rebound but figuring storm surge and extreme water levels that could occur for any sort of design type of situation. Glacial rebound would be included in the relative sea-level rise portion of the study. Point was raised that the City is perusing some erosion support from USACE too. Mr. McPherson said where ever they can be of assistance so work isn't be repeated or could be leveraged to get addition funds makes a lot of sense to them.

No action was requested from Council regarding this matter and Commissioner Shavelson thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to receive this information.