MEMORANDUM

Ordinance 23-52, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY24 Capital Budget by Appropriating an Additional $7,000 from the Port Fleet Reserves Fund to Purchase a Plow Truck. City Manager/Port Director.

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The work demanded of our port plow trucks is formidable and they are some of the hardest used vehicles in our fleet. Knowing we would need to phase in replacements soon, we budgeted $60,000 in the 2024/25 budget (Port Fleet Reserves) for a new F350 to serve as the main plow truck, with the intention of rotating the current main plow truck from Port Maintenance to the Fish Dock where it can serve for a few more years doing light duty plowing on the fish dock. The oldest plow truck in the fleet, currently the fish dock plow truck, will be added into the surplus auction list while it still has some value as a home owner plow truck.

Our Maintenance Supervisor spent a few weeks running down leads and costs for this purchase with our goal to have the new plow truck in service this fall. The best combination deal was to have a vehicle come straight from the factory with a new plow already installed. Normally we would buy the truck and have a new plow installed after it arrives but we are saving project dollars by purchasing it as a package deal. The new vehicle delivered to Anchorage is $62,000 which is $2000 over our estimated budget. Additionally, we will need approximately $5000 to set the truck up with a new lift gate, headache rack, studded snow tires and wheels, and the additional lights needed for plowing/working in the winter. This additional funding $7000, proposed in Ordinance 23-52would also come from the port fleet reserves.

Recommendation

Approval of Ordinance 23-52 appropriating an additional $7,000 to fund the increased purchase price of a Port plow truck and authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents.