



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 24-024, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Providing Direction to the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission and Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission Regarding Annual Review of the Land Allocation Plan. City Manager/Economic Development Manager.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
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Introduction

Each year the City reviews the Land Allocation Plan, with the goal of identifying property to offer for lease. Typically the plan goes to Commissions first, with recommendations provided to Council. The process can also be used to identify property considerations that merit further conversation, regardless of leasing status. This year, staff has identified that a property on the Spit is the subject of such a conversation and worthy of Council's attention early in the process.

The City property immediate down the Spit from the Fishin Hole currently is used for at least four activities: Pier One Theater, summer camping, seasonal parking, and barge/large vessel haul out in the off season. In the Capital Improvement Plan, this property is the site of a proposed Barge and Large Vessel Haul Out facility, and the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission has begun talking about how to make incremental improvements toward that goal. In the past, the Parks, Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission has been concerned with the loss of summer camping on the Spit. Staff recommends Council lead the conversation about the property by passing the resolution and providing direction to the Commissions on desired input. The process set out in the resolution provides the Commissions and community the time frame and opportunity to ask questions, become informed, and make recommendations to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 24-024

Attachments

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Port and Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes excerpt from December 2023

Port and Harbor Commission Packet Excerpt, December 2023