



# MEMORANDUM

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**Ordinance 26-04, an Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY26 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a Donation from the Homer Pickleball Club in the Amount of \$7,000 for the Purpose of Assisting with the Repair, Resurfacing and Repainting of Lines on the Floor in the Gymnasium in the HERC 1 Building.**

**Item Type:** Backup Memo  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Lord and Homer City Council  
**Meeting Date:** December 19, 2025  
**Through:** Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager  
**From:** Mike Illg, Recreation Manager

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**Issue:**

The City of Homer's (City) HERC gym (located in the big building) is used every day for multiple Homer Community Recreation programs. One of the most popular and active programs is pickleball and community members who play this sport are very supportive of improving the gym floor to enhance their participation and ideally not have to use tape to mark the pickleball court lines. While the City is continuing the efforts to plan for a new municipal recreation facility, staff recognize that it will take time before a new facility is available, therefore, staff is proposing to repair and refinish the HERC gym floor to extend its useful life.

The City Council has already approved the request for \$7,200 for a recoat for the HERC gym floor in the FY26 capital budget. This original proposal includes stripping the old finish from the gym floor and then application of two coats of finish to the floor that would improve the traction of the gym floor while protecting the maple wood flooring and extending its potential life. Understanding that the new recreation facility is still likely several years in the future, the local Homer Pickleball Club has inquired about the possibility of expanding the floor improvement project with the option of painting new pickleball lines on the gym floor as we are currently using tape for the three courts.

After months of conversations, research, options and inspections, it was determined the best option to incorporate the request is to sand the floor down: remove all old paint and paint lines; paint new lines that the users of the HERC gym actually need and use (pickleball court, basketball court and volleyball); remove 17 various residual metal plates from the floor left over from previous uses and

replace the metal plates with wood; and complete with the finished floor coats thereby extending the HERC gym floor's life and making a flooring system that matches the needs of the users of the facility. Knowing there is strong support from their members, the Homer Pickleball Club has offered to contribute \$7,000 to the City for this expanded project of improving and preserving the gym floor in the HERC.

Staff have estimated the total cost at \$38,000. This would include removing the 17 metal plates on the floor and interlacing them with new wood; sanding the floor to remove all the current paint and lines; painting new lines for pickleball courts, basketball court and volleyball court; and finishing the floor with new coating. A complete redo of the gym floor will vastly improve the playing surface; make playing safer; removes extraneous lines and makes it easier to see the new lines; facility users will no longer have to use tape for lines; and the project will allow for extended use until a future recreation facility is constructed. The request is to accept the \$7,000 from the Homer Pickleball Club towards the \$38,000 cost estimate to refinish and repair the HERC gym floor.

**Recommendation**

Accept \$7,000 from the Homer Pickleball Club for floor refinishing project

**Attachments**

December 16, 2025 Letter from the Homer Pickleball Club committing to a \$7,000 contribution.



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Mayor Lord and City Council Members:

At our December 16th meeting, the HPC Board took action to financially contribute \$7,000.00 toward the complete repair and refinishing floor project as proposed by Recreation Manager Mike Illg.

We appreciate the efforts of the City to work toward the construction of a new multi-purpose recreation center. We recognize the completion of this Center could take many years and in the interim, the flooring of the old HERC gym needs to be upgraded to make it a safe and welcoming venue for use by all the community users. The floor now sheds a chalky residue when used which makes it slippery. There is also a confusion of lines and logos painted on the floor which make it difficult for accurate play.

The Club is willing to support this project not only financially but also to volunteer manual labor to help prep the facility for the contractor's work if this is desired.

With our contribution to the project, we would appreciate being consulted when decisions are made regarding the color of lines being painted or other considerations which directly influence pickleball play.

We appreciate consideration of this proposal and await your decision.

Janie Leask

Board President

Cc: HPC Board of Directors