



# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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**Resolution 23-045, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Expressing Support for Continued Operations of the Mariner Theater and the Kate Kuhns Aquatic Center and Indicating Council Interest in Initiating Discussions with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Regarding Potential Partnership Opportunities. Lord.**

**Item Type:** Resolution  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
**Meeting Date:** 24 April 2023  
**From:** Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

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Council Member Lord has provided Resolution 23-045 for Council consideration.

**Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution 23-045

**Attachments:**

Resolution 23-045

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

Lord

**RESOLUTION 23-045**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THE MARINER THEATER AND THE KATE KUHNS AQUATIC CENTER AND INDICATING COUNCIL INTEREST IN INITIATING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH AND KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING POTENTIAL OPERATIONAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) owns and maintains all school facilities around the Borough; and

WHEREAS, In Homer, these facilities include the Mariner Theater and the Kate Kuhns Aquatic Center located at Homer High School; and

WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough School Board (KPBSD) is responsible for the theater and pool operational costs which include keeping the doors open to both students and the wider Homer community; and

WHEREAS, The wider Homer community cares deeply about both of these facilities and utilizes them heavily within the current KPBSD operations; and

WHEREAS, The operational costs for both of these facilities are funded by the Base Student Allocation (BSA) and KPB school funding; and

WHEREAS, The lack of educational funding from the State of Alaska has resulted in the KPBSD School Board placing the operations of the theater and the pool on cut lists this year and in past years when facing multi-million dollar budget deficits; and

WHEREAS, There may be an opportunity for the City of Homer to partner with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District to ensure these facilities are managed for the maximum benefit of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, There are many things for all parties to consider and evaluate as part of envisioning possible changes to the operations of these facilities that could more sustainably and robustly support school and community use year-round.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports the continued  
43 operations of the Mariner Theater and the Kate Kuhns Aquatic Center and directs the City  
44 Manager to engage with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School  
45 District in conversations about potential partnership opportunities and to return to the City  
46 Council with an update and/or recommendation by August 2023 at the latest.

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48 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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51 CITY OF HOMER

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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

55 ATTEST:  
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58 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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60 Fiscal Note: N/A