

1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

Mayor/Lord

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4 RESOLUTION 23-047(S)
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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
7 ~~ESTABLISHING A POLICY OF FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS TO~~
8 ~~VARIOUS~~ **ESTABLISHING RECREATION AS A FUNDING PRIORITY**
9 **IN THE FY23/24 BUDGET AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER**
10 **TO DELIVER A STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN AND SERVICES**
11 **VISION FOR PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES**
12 **WITHIN THE CITY OF HOMER TO THE CITY COUNCIL BY**
13 **NOVEMBER 2023.**
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15 **WHEREAS, The City of Homer owns and maintains 17 dedicated parks and over 520**
16 **acres of parklands; and**
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18 WHEREAS, The Homer City Council has identified recreational facilities within the City
19 of Homer that need replacement or improvements; and
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21 WHEREAS, **With broad public support,** ~~t~~The Homer City Council has shown a
22 willingness to provide funding commitments to meet some of those needs, or hypothecate
23 funds for future construction; and
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25 **WHEREAS, While the community is still working on the plans for a multi-use**
26 **community center and the existing HERC site, we have substantial existing assets and**
27 **services that should be maintained with a strategic vision both financially and for the**
28 **types and scope of Parks & Recreational services and partnerships we support in the**
29 **community; and**
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31 WHEREAS, The bi-annual budget process provides ~~the best~~ **an important** opportunity
32 for the City Council to fund improvements or hypothecate funds **within the broader scope of**
33 **City services and long-term visions, and how they fit within projected expenses and**
34 **revenues; and**
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36 WHEREAS, The Council ~~will is examine~~ **examining several** proposals of budgetary
37 expenditures or set-asides in the 2024-2025 budget cycle for the following **parks and**
38 **recreation** projects:

- 39 • Karen Hornaday Park
- 40 • Jack Gist Park
- 41 • A new indoor recreational facility
- 42 • **Bayview Park**

- 43 • **Recreational staffing**
- 44 • **Parks staffing; and**

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46 **WHEREAS, The City Council is having to assess the current budget without a**
47 **comprehensive long-term vision or financial plan for the City’s Parks and Recreation**
48 **assets and services.**

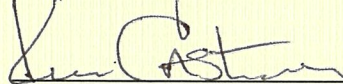
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50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council **establishes parks &**
51 **recreation as a priority within the current budget cycle, and hereby directs the City**
52 **Manager to work with the Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Commission and City staff**
53 **to develop and bring forward in the next six months a 10-year plan for Homer Parks &**
54 **Recreation which includes:**

- 55 • **Full maintenance program projections for all existing parks and recreation**
56 **facilities and associated assets (bathrooms, picnic tables, fire pits, etc.)**
- 57 • **At least two proposed pathways for a potential Parks & Recreation Department,**
58 **offering different levels of services and associated one-time and long-term costs**
59 **in operations and maintenance, with one possible pathway including the**
60 **existence of a modest new community recreation center**
- 61 • **An evaluation of the new Parks staffing from the 2023 summer season operations**

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64 declares this resolution reflects the policy intent for the subsequent funding of the engineering
65 and improvements at a level to be determined at the time of appropriation, whether through
66 the budget or budget amendment.

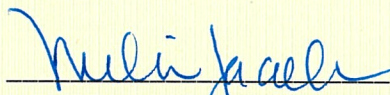
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68 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8th day of May, 2023.

70 CITY OF HOMER

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73 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

74 ATTEST:

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77 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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79 Fiscal note: N/A

