

1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

3 City Manager/
4 Public Works Director

5 RESOLUTION 23-076
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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
8 APPROVING A CONTRACT TO KACHEMAK ELECTRIC COMPANY IN
9 THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 TO UPGRADE THE ELECTRICAL WORKS
10 AT THE FISH GRINDER SEWAGE LIFT STATION AND AUTHORIZING
11 THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE
12 APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

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14 WHEREAS, The FY24 Capital Budget includes \$40,000 to upgrade the electrical and
15 control works for the sewage lift station at the Fish Grinder Building, which is a companion
16 project to the work that was authorized by Ordinance 22-80, which funded upgrades to
17 electrical/control works for six other sewage lift stations; and

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19 WHEREAS, Resolution 22-089 awarded a sole source contract to Kachemak City Electric
20 for that work; and

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22 WHEREAS, Homer City Code requires an open market procurement where the
23 estimated value is more than \$25,000 unless an exception exists; and

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25 WHEREAS, Three authorized exceptions are applicable in this case:
26 *“Procurement of consultant and technical services”*, HCC 3.16.060(d). The scope of work
27 includes assessing the complex, highly technical issues, identifying the components that need
28 to be replaced/rehabilitated, furnishing the components, installing the components and
29 integrating the components with existing control systems. This needs to be done in the
30 dangerous environment of high voltage electricity, operating lift sewage stations and fragile
31 existing systems.

32 *“Procurement of ...construction completion services,”* HCC 3.16.060(f). The goal is not to
33 demolish the existing lift stations, but to rehabilitate the electrical/control systems that run
34 those lift stations. In this context, the work is to “complete” fully functional lift station systems.
35 *“Sole source procurement”* HCC 3.16.060(i). When staff first started exploring the issues, they
36 contacted four electric contracting companies, including: Shank Electric, Woodworth Electric,
37 Liberty Electric and Kachemak Electric. Kachemak Electric was the only company that
38 responded. It is unlikely we would get any better response advertising further afield because
39 so much of the work requires on-site field investigations to assess the problems and prescribe
40 fixes.
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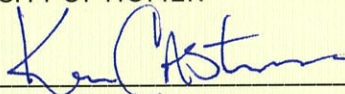
42 WHEREAS, There is no one else in Homer that has the degree of expertise and intimate
43 knowledge of the workings of our complex lift station electrical/control systems that
44 Kachemak Electric has considering that Kachemak Electric has:
45 Has worked with the City for over 30 years helping to keep the subject electrical panels
46 functioning;
47 Upgraded our current stand-alone SCADA system about 10 years ago;
48 Is the only local representative for our lift station SCADA vendor;
49 Is the only authorized supplier of parts for the system.

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51 WHEREAS, Kachemak Electric's price has been deemed fair and reasonable because on
52 previous competitive procurements where Kachemak Electric is one of several bidders,
53 Kachemak Electric has been the low bidder and Kachemak Electric's component prices are
54 similar to the prices we've paid for parts scrounged on eBay; and
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56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby
57 authorizes award of a sole source contract to Kachemak Electric Company for the
58 rehabilitation of the electrical/control works for the Fish Grinder Sewage Lift Station in the
59 amount of \$40,000 and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute the appropriate
60 documents.

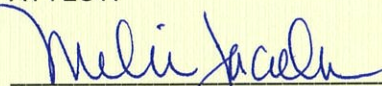
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62 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 14th day of August, 2023.

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64 CITY OF HOMER

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67 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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69 ATTEST:

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72 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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74 Fiscal Note: FY24 Capital Budget

