

1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

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4 City Manager
Public Works Director

5 **RESOLUTION 23-114**
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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
8 APPROVING A CONSULTANT CONTRACT TO THE KACHEMAK
9 HERITAGE LAND TRUST IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF
10 \$30,000 TO ASSIST WITH ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR THE
11 KACHEMAK SPONGE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STORM WATER
12 MANAGEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
13 TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.
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15 WHEREAS, With the adoption of Ordinance 23-46, the City Council accepted a grant, as
16 a sub-recipient, from NOAA, through the University of Alaska Anchorage, acting for the
17 Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) for the Kachemak Sponge
18 Green Infrastructure Storm Water Management Project (Kachemak Sponge); and
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20 WHEREAS, The City has recently issued multiple contracts to various vendors to provide
21 professional services to support the Kachemak Sponge Project; and
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23 WHEREAS, City staff does not have the capacity to comprehensively shepherd these
24 transactions due to staff turnover in the Planning and Public Works Departments; and
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26 WHEREAS, Because the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust (“KHLT”) has the capacity and
27 expertise to manage these transactions and is already working with the KBNERR to acquire
28 other properties, with the same, highly-regulated funding source that will be used to purchase
29 the Kachemak Sponge properties, it makes sense to rely on the KHLT to supplement City staff;
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32 WHEREAS, There is currently \$96,860 in the Kachemak Sponge Project budget for direct
33 and indirect costs of City staff, the \$30,000 paid to the KHLT would cover services the City staff
34 would have otherwise performed, and accordingly, the costs for this work will be eligible for
35 reimbursement from the NOAA grant; and
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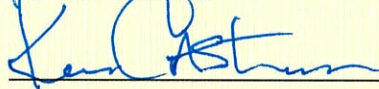
37 WHEREAS, Homer City Code allows exceptions to be made to competitive bidding
38 requirements where consultant contracts are involved. See HCC 3.16.060(d); and
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40 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby authorizes
41 issuance of a contract to the KHLT in the Not to Exceed amount of \$30,000 to supplement City
42 staff’s efforts regarding the Kachemak Sponge Project.
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44 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 23rd day of October, 2023.

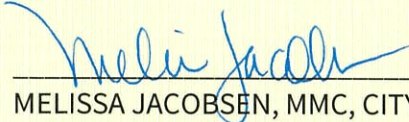
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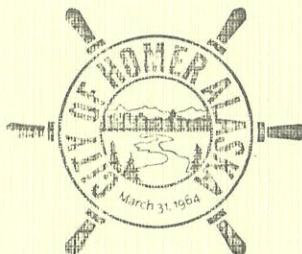
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ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: Ordinance 23-46





MEMORANDUM

Resolution 23-114, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Contract with Kachemak Heritage Land Trust in the not to exceed Amount of \$30,000 to Assist with Acquisition of Properties for the Kachemak Sponge Green Infrastructure Storm Water Management Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: City Council
Date: September 27, 2023
From: Janette Keiser, PE, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Through: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

I. Issue:

The purpose of this Memorandum is to recommend award of a consultant contract to the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust (“KHLT”) to assist with the acquisition of properties for the Kachemak Sponge Green Infrastructure Storm Water Management Project (“Kachemak Sponge”).

II. Background:

With the adoption of Ordinance 23-46, the City Council accepted a grant, as a sub-recipient, from NOAA, through the University of Alaska Anchorage, acting for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (“KBNERR”). This project involves some complex real estate transactions.

City staff does not have the capacity to comprehensively shepherd these transactions due to staff turnover in the Planning and Public Works Departments. The KHLT has the capacity and expertise to manage these transactions and is already working with the KBNERR to acquire other properties, with the same, highly-regulated funding source that will be used to purchase the Kachemak Sponge properties. Thus, it makes sense to rely on the KHLT to supplement City staff.

The KHLT would perform the following tasks:

- Coordinate with the various 3rd party vendors the City has commissioned to perform due diligence tasks: survey, wetland delineation, appraisals, title reports & Phase I environmental reviews.
- Liaison with property owners.

- Helping City mitigate unforeseen challenges that may arise

There is currently \$96,860 in the Kachemak Sponge Project budget for direct and indirect costs of City staff. The \$30,000 paid to the Land Trust would cover services the City staff would have otherwise performed.

Homer City Code allows exceptions to be made to competitive bidding requirements where consultant contracts are involved. See HCC 3.16.060(d).

III. RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council award a consultant contract to the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust in the Not to Exceed amount of \$30,000 to assist the City with the acquisition of properties for the Kachemak Sponge Project.