

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

Aderhold/Erickson

**RESOLUTION 23-118**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO INVESTIGATE  
POTENTIAL LOCATIONS AND RELATED COSTS FOR A FUTURE CITY  
OF HOMER MULTI USE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER FOR  
CITY COUNCIL REVIEW.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer Community Recreation division offers year round, affordable indoor and outdoor programs at the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC); and

WHEREAS, The Multi-Use Community Recreation Center project is the number two project on the City's 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan and continues to be a high priority for the community residents, city council and mayor; and

WHEREAS, The HERC campus is a highly desirable location for indoor and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, The recent hazardous materials (hazmat) study has determined the option to tear down or upgrade the existing HERC facilities at the HERC campus is currently impractical; and

WHEREAS, The City's ability to address the hazmat issues are subject to the availability of federal grants that will likely take years to secure and are not guaranteed; and

WHEREAS, In light of the hazmat issues, the City of Homer needs to pursue alternate location options to move the Multi-Use Community Recreation Center project ahead in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, The proposed facility size and design should have at least two basketball regulation sized gymnasiums that will accommodate multiple volleyball and six pickleball courts in addition to activity rooms to host instructional classes such as dance, karate, and yoga; and

WHEREAS, The City has limited funds for a new Multipurpose Recreation Center and a conceptual budget of not more than \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000 for building, parking lot and site amenities is set as a project guideline for the purpose of site selection (based on the amount of revenue that could be generated from a bond).

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby  
46 directs Administration to:

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48 1. Investigate possible land locations and existing facilities options including privately  
49 owned and city owned land;

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51 2. Establish and define criteria for Administration to select at least three potential  
52 options that would include (at a minimum): acreage, location, opportunity for future facility  
53 expansion, proximity to existing infrastructure (water, sewer, sidewalks), and cost;

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55 3. Develop a matrix that assesses the possible sites against the criteria and determine  
56 the top three potential sites based on the outcome of the assessment;

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58 4. Initiate conversations with property owners of the top three sites;

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60 5. Pursue site analysis for the top three sites with possible efforts from volunteer  
61 professionals;

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63 6. Identify a funding strategy for new site purchase if a non-city site is one of the top  
64 three options;

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66 7. Include the Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission in evaluation of  
67 the top three sites and possible purchasing strategies of any non-city properties; and

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69 8. Provide for public comment on the three selected sites and possible purchasing  
70 strategies.

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72 9. Report findings back to City Council during the first quarter of 2024.

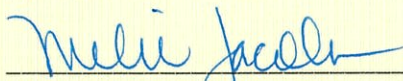
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74 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023.

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76 CITY OF HOMER

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79 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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84 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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86 Fiscal note: Staff time and wages.

