

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

3 City Manager  
4 Public Works Director

5 **RESOLUTION 24-008**

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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
8 AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF  
9 \$25,000 TO KINNEY ENGINEERING, LLC'S TASK ORDER NO  
10 22-04 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO  
11 NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE  
12 DOCUMENTS.  
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14 WHEREAS, Resolution 22-073 authorized a Task Order to Kinney Engineering, LLC  
15 ("Kinney"), in the amount of \$140,472, to design the Heath Street Pavement Restoration  
16 Project, the scope of work for which was confined to the existing geometry of the road; that is,  
17 we did not contemplate changing the existing road grade or alignment; and  
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19 WHEREAS, The Independent Living Center ("ILC") opined, and demonstrated, that the  
20 intersection of Hazel Avenue with Heath Street is not only non-compliant with ADA  
21 requirements, it is dangerous for pedestrians because the sidewalk ends abruptly, vehicles  
22 speed around the smoothly curved corner from Heath Street onto Hazel Avenue, and there is  
23 no ramp that allows wheelchairs or strollers to safely cross Heath Street to the Post Office;  
24 allowing us to conclude this important pedestrian crossing point needed to be remedied; and  
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26 WHEREAS, We worked with Kinney to engineer possible solutions, which were  
27 challenging because it is a mid-block crossing, which sits at one of the steeper portions of the  
28 road, and ties into an existing a sidewalk on the east side of Heath Street, requiring us to  
29 balance issues relating to visibility, slope, and other geometrical constraints; and  
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31 WHEREAS, We eventually settled on a design, which would make the following  
32 improvements:  
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- 34 a. Provide an ADA-compliant "landing" for the Hazel Avenue sidewalk where it  
35 meets Heath Street, which will give pedestrians, wheelchairs and strollers a  
36 place a safe place to cross.
- 37 b. Reduce the radius of the curve that flows south from Heath Street to Hazel  
38 Avenue, which will require drivers to reduce speed as they go around the curve.
- 39 c. Install a painted mid-block crosswalk from the modified sidewalk at the end of  
40 Hazel Avenue, across Heath Street to the existing sidewalk on the east side of  
41 Heath Street, which will give pedestrians a safe space in which to cross the street  
42 and provide for ADA-compliant ramps from the sidewalks to the streets.
- 43 d. Install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon ("RRFB") at the crosswalk, which  
44 will increase the visibility of the crosswalk, where the flasher on the beacon will

45 be activated by a controller mounted at the beginning of the crosswalk on both  
46 sides of the street; and  
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48 WHEREAS, These improvements will be made at the time the Heath Street Pavement  
49 Reconstruction Project is constructed, hopefully within the next couple of years; and  
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51 WHEREAS, The engineering solutions developed for this intersection can be replicated  
52 at other locations, which is why a line item for "ADA Upgrades to Existing Sidewalks" was  
53 inserted into the Road Financial Plan, the HART Fund's budget planning document; and  
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55 WHEREAS, We also asked Kinney to do a closer inspection, including taking video  
56 camera images of the interior of the existing Heath Street storm drain, which was important to  
57 help us understand the condition of the storm drain and make a decision about whether it  
58 needed to be replaced; and  
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60 WHEREAS, Kinney's itemized costs for this extra work, which is outside of the  
61 company's original scope, is \$10,751.25 for the intersection/crosswalk modifications and  
62 \$5,430 for the storm drain inspection, for a total of \$16,181.25; and  
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64 WHEREAS, Ordinance 23-62 appropriated \$25,000 from the HART Road Fund to  
65 complete the design of the Heath Street Pavement Restoration Project; and  
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67 WHEREAS, This allocation includes a small contingency to address other unforeseen  
68 conditions that might arise; and  
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70 WHEREAS, Award of this change order is contingent on the adoption of Ordinance 23-  
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73 NOW THEREFORE, The Homer City Council does hereby authorize issuance of a Change  
74 Order in the amount of \$25,000 to Kinney Engineering's Task Order No. 22-04 related to the  
75 Heath Street Pavement Restoration Project.  
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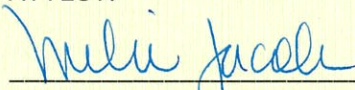
77 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.  
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79 CITY OF HOMER

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82 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

83 ATTEST:

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86 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK  
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88 Fiscal note: Ordinance 23-62 appropriated \$25,000 from HART Roads (160); \$25,000 remains.