

Manager's Report  
September 27, 2022

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Bil Homka, Acting City Manager

1. **Fireworks:** Per City Manager directive (9/13) the budget amendment this evening includes provisions for two firework shows in FY23 – New Year's Eve and 4<sup>th</sup> of July and funds to complete and repair the fireworks trailer.
2. **Sanctuary:** Per City Manager directive (9/13) the city's federal lobbyists have been directed to begin work on a strategy for aiding the City and its trilateral partners to advocate against the marine sanctuary. As proposed, a 100 mile boundary would surround the Pribilof Islands (possibly more) and would negatively impact processing communities in Alaska. The proposal has already been added to NOAA's inventory list, which means it will be an active proposal for up to five years.
3. **Teleconference Participation in Executive Session:** Per City Manager Directive (9/13) the City Clerk's office has drafted amendments to Title 2.20.075 and change the ordinance to allow city council members to participate in executive sessions via phone, zoom or similar telecommunication methods. The proposal is on tonight's agenda.
4. **Alaska Airlines:** Chris is working on putting together a teleconference with Alaska, Ravn, and representatives of the Seafood processing community to talk about air service. Waiting to hear back from Scott Haberstadt of Alaska Airlines.
5. **Aleutian Airways:** Aleutian Airways has received FAA approval to operate the Saab 2000 in Unalaska. Chris is hoping to meet with leadership at Aleutian Airways in October to discuss their future plans.
6. **Dredging of the Bar:** The Corps of engineers will begin benthic surveys of the bar in September and October. This information is needed to finalize the design of the channel they plan to construct coming across the bar at the entrance of Dutch Harbor. It is so good to have this project moving. Brad Gilman and I started this process in the 2008 timeframe. Thanks to Senator Murkowski for the recent congressionally directed spending to make this project happen. The question is, once we dredge the bar how big will the ships be that come in and can we service them? The local Marine Pilots were instrumental in getting the project started and assisting the Corps with much needed information about the problems ships were having at low tide.
7. **Captain's Bay Road:** Bil Homka is working on a detailed plan for the project which will be presented to the council as there will be some decisions to make about amenities, etc. Additionally, what Trident decides will impact the scope of the project. This is definitely a priority for staff right now.
8. **Terminal Facility:** Later this fall staff in the planning department will present to the city council a draft of a public process for addressing the Terminal Facility. We need to start now.

- 9. **Travel:** Marjie Veeder will serve as Acting City Manager when Chris is off island in October. Bil Homka is scheduled to travel with the High School Swim Team to three swim meets next month.
- 10. **Title 3:** The Administration department’s HR Manager and Risk Manager have been working together to propose changes to Title 3, including text amendments as well as proposed scenarios for salary changes. Bil recommends the salary scenarios be separated from the text amendments so that any changes in salaries can be budgeted for this calendar year to address tax and IRS implications. The text amendments are needed but will need vetted by the city administration, legal and staff prior to presenting them to city council.
- 11. **Staffing:** As of 9/20/22 the City has 24 vacant positions. This includes the 5 vacant lineman positions. Vacancies are as follows:

| <b>Vacancies (9/20/22)</b> |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| City Manager Office        | 1         |
| Administration             | 2         |
| City Clerk                 | 0         |
| Finance                    | 1         |
| Planning                   | 1         |
| Police                     | 5         |
| Fire                       | 1         |
| Ports                      | 0         |
| PCR                        | 2         |
| Public Works               | 1         |
| Public Utilities           | 10        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>24</b> |

- 12. **GCI/JTA:** The Communication infrastructure project has installed about 62,000 feet of conduit and 57 vaults as of 8/26/22. The entire trenching project, which includes the city intranet and GCI lines throughout the community, is about 90% complete at this time. GCI is connecting residences to the fiber and the City is about to enter negotiations for the internet service contract.