

## Manager's Report

June 14, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting

From: Chris Hladick, Interim City Manager

I am attempting to leave the island today, Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> and will be returning July 4. This is my 7<sup>th</sup> day on the job and I must say we have a great staff here at the City. I look forward to working with all the employees during the time I am here.

1. Cost to Benefit Ratio, Captains Bay Road: We have received a draft Cost to Benefit Ratio calculation for the Captain's Bay Road project. It is currently under staff review, however, I doubt that it will be a positive benefit due to the costs of construction in Unalaska. If you recall the Corps of Engineers had to conduct one for Carl Moses Harbor. It barely showed a cost benefit ratio of 1. But what if we had not constructed the harbor? The point is there are some things the city does to support industry. I have not reviewed the document yet so will reserve comment until I have.
2. Trident: I am meeting with Trident on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June to discuss the project. I have lots of questions about their plans and one in particular stands out. Where will they moor their fleet if in fact they do end up moving some or all of their operations to Unalaska? I will have a better idea after the meeting and report out to council.
3. IUOE 302: Administration and Finance are working to apply contractual obligations of the most recent negotiations to the budget. This information, due to its complexity, will come to council in a budget revision after July 1, 2022. It takes time to figure out the financial impacts.
4. Title 3: At the same time that 302 increases are being processed we will be working on updating Title 3. I am told that information should be ready for council by the first meeting in September.
5. Air Travel: This something that will be on the radar for some time. Frank Kelty reports that FAA issues are still holding up certification of a Saab 2000. Apparently a second Saab 2000 has been purchased but it is unclear if the plane will have the same problems with FAA. We shall have to wait and see.
6. Capital Projects Update: The Public Works Director will be updating council on capital projects the second week of July. I look forward to getting totally up to speed and hearing the progress on the projects in the works.
7. Succession Planning: Interim Finance Director, Clay Darnell, and I had a conversation about the need for this city-wide. While succession planning does not always work out like you would like, the do nothing alternative is not acceptable. The cost of losing upper management, as we all know, is high. Anything we can do to ensure smooth transitions is worthwhile. More on this in the future.