

6/28/2022 Manager's Report

Regular City Council Meeting

Interim City Manager: Chris Hladick

1. I will be returning to the Island on July 4 and will be there until the July 13. I will be going to each department to see the facilities and to talk with employees. If any council member would like a tour of our ongoing capital projects please don't hesitate to call to set up a tour. The library project is progressing and may be of interest to council members.
2. Trident Seafoods: I will be meeting with representatives on Thursday, June 23, 2022 to discuss possible plans for their project in Unalaska. I appreciate the opportunity to get a briefing first hand. I will have more information by meeting time.
3. City Manager Interviews: Last week interviews were conducted for three possible candidates. Besides myself and JR Pearson, the Mayor and Dennis Robinson participated. The next step in the process is to have background checks run on the perspective candidates prior to invitations for onsite interviews in Unalaska. I think it is fairly normal protocol to invite spouses to accompany the candidates.
4. Department Head check-ins: I am conducting weekly check-ins with directors and also a weekly directors' meeting. The check-ins allow for a more in depth discussion of issues while at the directors' meetings. the agenda for the upcoming council meeting is reviewed to make sure information is received by the Clerk's office in a timely fashion.
5. JR Pearson has now departed but still available for phone calls. Our new HR Manager Amy Stanford is attempting to get to the island. HR has been working overtime to meet all the challenges before them while being shorthanded. On my trip out in July I will be focusing on working with Amy to brainstorm how to better fill key positions filled.
6. Patrick Shipp has resigned as Fire Chief; his last day will be July 6.
7. This council meeting marks the culmination of many hours of work in the development of next year's operating and capital budget. I want to thank everyone involved in the process. The Finance plays a key role in the process but also it can't be done without the cooperation of all the departments.
8. I will be working with Sebastian O'Kelly on possible dates for the annual Washington DC trip to visit with our Congressional Delegation. In the past we have gone to DC the end of September or beginning of October.
9. Summer AML meeting in Sitka: I am all set to attend the meeting this year in Sitka. I will be paying special attention to the City Manager association meetings to see if anyone would be interested in applying for Unalaska's opening.
10. It is my understanding that Senator Murkowski has put in for \$10M for the Captains Bay road project. I will be working closely with the public works and public utilities directors to get fully up to speed on this project.