Manager's Report

August 9, 2022

From: Chris Hladick, Interim City Manager

To: Mayor and Council

- 1. **Summer AML meeting:** The Mayor and I will be attending the Summer AML meeting in Sitka Alaska next week. I will be meeting with the City Manager association and let folks know of the vacancy and multiple vacancies that we currently have. After the Sitka meeting we will be traveling to Fairbanks for the Energy Conference being held at Chena Hot Springs.
- 2. **Meeting with Trident:** Bil Homka and I will be meeting with Joe Bundrant on August 22, 2022 to discuss the Captains Bay Road project.
- 3. **Captains Bay Road project documentation:** I have asked City Planner Bil Homka to prepare three documents. First, a white paper that will describe the project with the intended audience of legislators, State representatives, etc. A longer development plan for the project with a very detailed outline of all the issues including but not limited to financing, benefits, economic development, etc. And the last document a schedule showing all of the projects necessary with timelines for completion. Obviously, without financing, whether grant or loans etc., the project slips. This information will also be used for the meeting with Trident.
- 4. City Assessments: Some time ago I instituted the city assessment process as a communication tool. If you google city manager assessment of city services you find multiple years of the assessments. The last one that I help put together was FY 2014. I think it was not completed during Covid but I feel it is very important to bring this process back now. It will help inform the council and the public about what each department is doing and is a great booklet to give to legislators and congressman to educate them on what's happening in the City Departments. In this case it is extremely important to provide a new city manager a document that will save him/her many hours of work investigating each department.
- 5. **ADOT Airport Planning:** Bil Homka has been working with Airport Planner, Paul Khera, in regard to the master plan. Mr. Khera has notified the city in regards to available funding to lure more air service to the community. We are in the initial stages of researching this grant opportunity. Available funds from \$250K to a million dollars. More on this ...
- 6. Senator Murkowski visit: Senator Murkowski will be in Unalaska on August 23 for a field hearing in regard to environmental cleanup needs of ANCSA lands. The hearing will take place in council chambers during the day. In the event of bad weather the hearing will be held in Anchorage. People will call in to testify from around the State.
- 7. Assistant Administrator for NOAA fisheries, Janet Coit: Ms. Coit will be here in Unalaska August 26<sup>th</sup> to tour the city and participate in various meetings throughout the day. We are planning a public reception at Margret Bay Café at the Grand from 6:00 to 7:30pm. I have reached out to the local seafood companies to assist in planning the event. I am looking forward to meeting Ms. Coit.
- 8. **Fisherman's Memorial:** I had a discussion with the Mayor about this project and will be meeting with Karel Machlek to discuss some of the details and try to have answers regarding the project prior to coming to council with a resolution to finalize the funding they have requested. Issues

such as where it will go, security, will it be lighted, require security cameras? Who will be responsible for maintenance? We need to prepare a total cost for the project.

9. I leave on Thursday August 4, 2022 and will be returning August 22, 2022 and will be here for Murkowski visit etc. That will be a busy week with a city council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as well.