

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Mayor Tutiakoff
City Council Members

FROM: William Homka, Acting City Manager

DATE: May 9, 2023

- **City Council Directive:** On April 25, 2023 Council directed staff to prepare separate resolutions for funding the Rusting Man Foundation and the Q-Tribe. A resolution for Rusting Man is not necessary because Council [Resolution 2022-45](#) (attached) authorized \$250,000 support for the project but divided the payments: \$125,000 in FY23 and FY24. A resolution to support the Q-Tribe is on tonight's agenda.
- **Japanese Training Squadron:** Two ships are scheduled to arrive June 5 and will depart June 8. Ports is working with Political Affairs and the Japanese Consular Office in Anchorage.
- **Amended and Restated Trilateral MOU:** Approval for the Mayor to enter into the Amended and Restated MOU in relation to the IRT Trilateral Coalition is on tonight's agenda. On Wednesday May 10 at 3:00pm there will be a signing ceremony at the newly renovated public library. Attendees include representatives from the City, OC and Q-Tribe.
- **Library Project:** The Grand Re-Opening Ceremony went very well on Sunday, April 30, 2023. The ceremony was well attended by about 250 people. I listened to many guests' positive comments and how the results greatly exceeded their expectations.
- **Health Insurance:** Initial discussions indicated a 12% increase in cost to the city for providing health insurance. Final negotiations with Cigna lowered the increase to 6.5%. We are analyzing the impact of the increase.
- **IBU Contract:** Negotiations wrapped up Tuesday, April 25. The IBU members ratified the contract and it will be presented to City Council for review and approval at a future meeting.
- **Cruise Ships:** UVB announced five visits in May. [The calendar is attached](#). Regrettably the UMC is not able to accommodate the Silver Muse on May 8; the dock is already at capacity that day. The Viking Orion is scheduled to arrive May 10.
- **Sunderland Memorial Service:** Deputy Chief Simms agreed to represent the City at Jamie Sunderland's memorial service in Arizona. The City's longest serving Police Chief, Jamie's service brought many significant contributions to the department and our community and deserved our community's attendance.
- **Parkside Estates:** This 23 lot development on East Broadway is nearing completion. The final plat is scheduled for review and action at the Planning Commission's June meeting. The City and developer are working together on outstanding issues so the plat can receive final approval.
- **City Internet:** The City issued a RFQ for new fiber optic internet to begin on July 1, 2023. The City issued a notice of cancellation to Fastwyre, the company currently providing internet service.

Fastwyre did not submit a proposal to upgrade City internet service to fiber service before the April 24 deadline. We also learned Fastwyre’s service cost significantly more to provide significantly less bandwidth than other company’s offers. Staff will present a new contract to Council for approval. The City will continue with Fastwyre until the new service begins on July 1.

- **Lobbyist Contracts:** June is renewal month for our State and Federal lobbyists. New contracts will be presented to Council to review and approval soon.
- **Staffing Update:** We are making progress on filling positions, but there are still 14 positions that are either vacant or have employees serving on acting status. We have pending offers to fill the fire chief and city manager positions.

Department	Openings
Utilities	4 (not including line crew)
Public Works	3 (currently filled with acting)
Administration	1
Fire	2 (offer to chief candidate pending)
Finance	2 (currently filled with acting)
Planning	2
CMO	1 (offer pending)
Clerks	0
Ports	0
PCR	0
Police	3 (chief, officer, investigator)
TOTAL	14

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2022-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING FUNDING FROM FY23 AND FY24 TO RUSTING MAN FOUNDATION FOR THE UNALASKA FISHERMAN MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska acknowledges, appreciates and supports the Rusting Man Foundation's initiative to establish a memorial in Unalaska to commemorate fishermen lost at sea; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska wishes to provide financial support for the project; and

WHEREAS, in April 2022 the City of Unalaska received and reviewed a Community Support Grant application from the Rusting Man Foundation for \$250,000; and

WHEREAS; City Council spoke positively about providing support to the project from the City's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby approves a total funding amount of \$250,000 for the Unalaska Fishermen's Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to bifurcate the support for the project, with half the amount in FY23 and the other half in FY24.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council approves \$250,000 for the Fishermen's Memorial using General Fund money from the FY23 and FY24 budgets.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on November 22, 2022.



Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk



MAY

2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Silver Muse 8:00-14:00 PAX-290(596 capacity) Silversea	9	10 Viking Orion 8:00-17:00 PAX-930 Capacity Viking Cruise Lines	11	12	13
14 Seven Seas Explorer 8:00-18:00 PAX-750 Capacity Regent Seven Seas	15 Silver Whisper 8:00-14:00 PAX- 220 (392 Capacity) Silversea	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Senic Eclipse 9:00-14:00 PAX- 103 (228 Capacity) Scenic Cruises	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

May 5 CINCO DE MAYO
May 14 MOTHERS DAY
May 29 MEMORIAL DAY

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