

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Mayor Tutiakoff and City Council Members

FROM: William Homka, City Manager

DATE: June 13, 2023

- **Japanese Training Squadron:** The JS Kashima and JS Hatakaze arrived June 5 carrying 550 officers and crew members, including 160 newly commissioned officers. The mission of the JTS is to develop the seamanship of the newly commissioned officers and promoting relationships with port of call countries. I want to thank employees in the city departments who worked to make the visit a success, including:

- Ports - Event planning & coordination, liaison with Japanese consulate and vessel agents
- PCR - Hosted several events including swim meet, Origami, 16 member band, and Judo demonstration
- Fire – Gear and support
- Albert Burnham – crafting 2 beautiful ceramic pieces representing Japan and Unalaska as gifts for the visiting ships.



A few highlights of the visit include:

- Memorial Park – Ceremony held on Tuesday, June 6 was attended by the US Coast Guard and the Japanese Squadron in uniform. Rear Admiral Konno Yasushigo and Rear Admiral Nathan Moore spoke to the audience about building future relationships and the continued importance of preserving allies around the world.
 - Swim meet – Five (5) community meet records were broken by the Japanese navy visitors, including:
 - Shiraki, Tuboi, Yunaka, Matsumoto – 1.45.58 for 200YD Medley Relay
 - Uchiyama – 2.19.50 for 200YD IM
 - Matsumoto – 53.17 for 100YD Freestyle
 - Shiraki – 1.06.76 for 100YD Backstroke
 - Tuboi – 1.05.13 for 100 YD Breaststroke
 - Naval band performance – 16 member band playing over 20 instruments in the PCR gym, with standing ovations and encore performances.
- Trilateral – Met at OC offices on Wednesday with Rear Admiral Moore about the future possibility for more USCG presence and designation as a family duty station. Much work on everyone's part needs to be completed for our community to gain an increased presence.
 - Compensation Study – Received 5 proposals for the Title 3 compensation study. Two did not meet our needs, one was 3 times the cost of the two we decided to interview. We are evaluating the two proposals and a decision will be made soon so that work can commence. We anticipate this project to last several months.

- I will be traveling to Anchorage Sunday June 11 and return Thursday June 15 at 8:00 pm. I plan to meet with our attorney and financial advisors about the fiscal sustainability plan. City Council had been working on this up to May 2022 and I want to find out where we left off and be able to make a recommendation about how to proceed.
- In my absence Marjie Veeder will serve as the Acting CM.
- Natalie Cale and Chris Price will also be in Anchorage next week. We plan to meet about possible ways to work together with Trident on the backhaul for barges and removing unwanted recyclable metal from the island.