

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Mayor Tutiakoff and City Council Members  
FROM: William Homka, City Manager  
DATE: June 27, 2023

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- **Anchorage Visit June 12 – 15, 2023:**
  - City Attorneys: Met with Brooks Chandler, Charles Cacciola and Sam Severin about disposition of several matters including
    - Fiscal sustainability plan work from prior administration
    - \$200,000 settlement owed to City regarding triplex nuisance case
    - Work / capacity for law firm and Unalaska moving forward
    - Attorneys will visit Unalaska in July, date to be determined.
  - Alaska Permanent Capital Management: Discussed the sustainability plan and establishment of a local permanent fund. Met with William Lierman and Brandi Nicolai to learn the status of Unalaska's past work.
  - BDO – Met with Kelly Mays and Clay Darnell (remote attendance) to discuss the status of the FY22 Audit as well as cost overruns. Draft audit is taking longer than expected for reasons beyond the City's control.
- **Chris Hladick:** Visiting Unalaska June 25 – 28 to help develop City Manager scope of work for remainder of 2023.
- **Deed to Public Safety Property:** The City has finally obtained the deed to the public safety property. The City Attorney attempted to resolve the matter short of filing suit, but did have to file a quiet title action (authorized by council in 2021) in order to get the matter moving along. A settlement was agreed to, the deed was recorded and the quiet title action dismissed.
- **Unexploded Ordnance:** Citizen notified City Manager of potential ordnance near S-curves. Fire department set out cones to alert the public to stay away from the area until it can be safely addressed, which should be the week of June 26, 2023.
- **Local Emergency Planning Committee:** We are starting LEPC back up for Unalaska and need one or two elected officials to join. LEPC Membership Guidelines requires that we have "Elected Local Officials" in our organization. It would be great to have a City Council member or the Mayor sign up as a regular member and another elected official sign up as an alternate. The following link has details regarding LEPC and more sign up information: <https://form.jotform.com/231555985072059>
- **PenAir Crash Lawsuits:** On June 15, 2023 the City received a "walk away" offer from a lawsuit regarding the 2019 crash. PenAir proposes dropping all claims against the City of Unalaska with prejudice and each side bears its own costs and fees. The City would not be able to bring a claim for attorney fees against PenAir arising from the crash litigation. Although we can't recoup costs and fees from the litigation, the walk away offer reduces incurring more risk and costs otherwise. Staff would like to sign the agreement.
- **Compensation Study for unrepresented employees:** City Administration selected McGrath Consultants for the Title 3 Compensation Study. Contract preparation is underway.
- **Unalaska Fishermen's Memorial:** Scott Brown and I attended the Rusting Man Foundation's board meeting on June 22, 2023 where they discussed the project timeline and the City's involvement, programming needs, etc. Bil tasked DPW to take the project on as a CMMP project since it's funded with \$250,000 city funds and will need additional site development, costs and considerations as we prepare for the arrival and installation of the memorial.
- **Insurance Broker Visit:** Representatives from Marsh & McLennan will visit June 27 to discuss renewal for property, casualty, workers comp and marine liability policies.
- **Staffing Update:** Negotiating offer to Scott Brown to serve as Unalaska's new Director of Public Works. Other staffing information is unavailable due to staff travel and illnesses.