

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Mayor Tutiakoff and City Council Members

FROM: William Homka, City Manager

DATE: March 26, 2024

- **BACKHAUL SUPPORT:** U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), announced big wins for Alaska within H.R. 4366, the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2024 that includes many good things for Alaska, including \$1.7 million to the Ocean Conservancy to support a pilot program for backhaul of marine debris from multiple remote coastal communities in Alaska, likely including Dutch Harbor, St. George, St. Paul, Port Heiden Nome, and Yakutat.
- **CRPG-EPA Grant:** We anticipate receiving a draft application on Monday March 25. I have requested support letters from state and federal officials as well as the processing community. The grant has been refined and will seek funds to prove the resource.
- **GRANTS:** My team is pursuing and administering over 20 grants from various sources and a wide range of amounts and uses. Preparing grant applications is only the first step; receiving grant awards is exciting but also brings a lot of administrative work. About 20 of us met at the Unalaska Library on 3/21/2024 to discuss present applications and awards. Our goal is to develop a better coordination and tracking process so we do not run afoul of the administrative elements.
- **DMV/CDL:** Representatives from the IBEU met with Alaska elected representatives on a recent lobbying trip and advocated for improved connectivity at the DMV as well as traffic crossing gates near the airport. Their assistance was of great help to the City. I am working to address problems our industries and citizens are still having regarding the CDL process.
- **DPU DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT:** On March 19 we interviewed two candidates for Unalaska's next Director of Public Utilities. We are inviting a candidate to the island for inperson interviews the week of April 15, 2024.
- **DOCK FACE DREDGING:** A team of three (3) from Benthic GeoScience Inc arrived in Unalaska the week of March 10 and began the geo-science data collection process at the Unalaska Marine Center (UMC) and the Light Cargo Dock (LCD). Benthic is a sub-contractor for PND Engineering, the data collected is for the LCD & UMC Dredging project detailed in the CMMP. Their work is expected to take just over two (2) weeks.
- **ARCTIC ENCOUNTER SYMPOSIUM:** I plan to attend this conference in Anchorage April 10-12.

- **STAFFING UPDATE:** The tables below summarize HR actions and position openings.

Monthly HR Information

February 16, 2023 – March 15, 2024

Type of Action	Number Of	Internal	External
Hires	4	1	3
Pending Hires	3	1	2
Pending Offers	1	NA	NA
Resignations	1	NA	NA
Separations	4	NA	NA

Position Openings

Department	# Of Openings	Notes
Administration	1	HR Mgr
DPS	5	Police Officer (1), Police Sergeant (3), Corrections Officer
DPU	7	Director of Public Utilities, Water Operator, Waste Water Supervisor, Util Lineman (2), Util Lineman Chief, Apprentice Lineman
DPW	2	City Engineer, Installation Maint Worker
Finance	1	Controller
PCR	4	3 Lifeguards, Rec Coordinator
Planning	1	GIS Admin Replacement
TOTAL	21	

Of the 21 open positions

- 3 pending hires will reduce the number of open positions
- Recreation coordinator position has a pending offer
- 4 positions are in on the electric line crew
- City Engineer position will be discontinued and replaced with project manager
- GIS Administrator position in process of being revamped
- We plan to use recruitment firm for Controller position