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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Erin Reinders, City Manager  
Date: May 11, 2021  
Re: City Manager Report

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**Fireworks:** City staff issued an RFP for an Independence Day fireworks show. We received one proposal, and are working to finalize a contract. We are looking forward to a great show! Council has funding in the budget to pay for this show, but will need to determine what you want to do for New Year's Eve. Currently, there is only enough in the budget to cover one show a year. Costs have gone up considerably in the past few years, nearly double. When we discussed this previously, there was general consensus to focus on one show a year.

**Assessment of City Services:** We are in the early stages of putting together the annual Assessment of City Services for FY21. This year we hope to get this back on a more typical schedule and have this document out early in FY22. The primary purpose of this assessment is to inform the Council and our community of the City's accomplishments over the past year. This document outlines departmental missions, current situation in each of the departments, completed tasks, ongoing activities, and ideas for improvement.

**Local State of Emergency:** The State's emergency declaration has now officially ended. The current local state of emergency is set to expire on June 30, 2021. Council will need to take action if they wish to extend that state of emergency, and we will need to contemplate what that means in terms of operations and protective measures. We are exploring the future of the Isolation Site after June 30, 2021, as this site is identified in the B-Season COVID-19 mitigation plans for industry. The EOC is evaluating how to step down some programs that are no longer deemed necessary, and what operational initiatives we plan to continue regardless of the local declaration. We will continue doing Nixel Alerts when necessary and we will continue with wastewater surveillance. Local clinics will continue caring for patients, testing and providing vaccines. We do not anticipate future mass vaccination events at the PCR. So long as there are local mandates, we plan to continue staffing the airport to greet arriving passengers to inform them of the mandates and garner information to help with contact tracing.

**Virtual State Legislative Fly In:** Our COVID-19 friendly Zoom alternative to the Spring Juneau Lobby Trip went well on April 29, 2021. Participants included Mayor Tutiakoff; and Council Members Robinson, Gregory and Bell. It was a busy time in Juneau so we were glad to still be able to meet with several legislators, the DOT Commissioner, and the Governor. Conversations focused on Captains Bay Road Improvements, Bobby Storrs Boat Harbor A and B Float Replacement, DOT Airport Improvements and Master Plan, State Ferry System, the Community Assistance Program and the Shared Fisheries Tax Program.

**July Legislators Visit to Unalaska:** The Mayor, Michelle Price and I had a call with Lobbyist Dianne Blumer on Friday, May 7, 2021 to begin working out the details of a July visit to Unalaska. We are focused on July 29 and 30. More to come.

**Geothermal PPA:** As I mentioned previously, per Resolution 2021-14, I signed Amendment 1 to the Power Purchase agreement with OCCP extending the deadline for OCCP to obtain financing and the dates associated with interconnection and integration. As of the drafting of this memo, we have yet to receive a signed copy from OCCP, so we are checking on this. The City team met with OCCP on April 30, 2021 via Zoom. OCCP is still reviewing the details of the Heat Pump Study. We discussed EPS's Interim Intertie Study outlining necessary distribution network improvements. OCCP and the City are working on a MOU detailing how to proceed with these projects. We all agree that the details of these projects, and other projects, will need to expand as more specifics of the Geothermal Plant are learned.

**Directives to the City Manager:** One outstanding directive currently exists:

- *Cost Benefit Analysis for Captains Bay Road Project (March 30, 2021). Initiated.* The directive reads, "Implement a cost-benefit analysis for the proposed road improvements and utility expansion for Captains Bay Road." The Public Works Director continues working on a scope of work for this effort. We will be sure to work in potential funding opportunities. Given the magnitude of the Captains Bay Road project, this analysis will serve us well. However, also given the magnitude of the project, we are unsure of the cost of this sort of study and plan to issue an RFP at this point.