

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2018-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL IDENTIFYING THE CITY OF UNALASKA'S STATE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.

WHEREAS, Captains Bay Road is heavily used by commercial traffic currently, and future growth and business activity is expected to occur along Captains Bay Road requiring road improvements, water, sewer, and electric utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Robert Storrs Boat Harbor A and B Floats have served the community well for 32 years and in order to ensure the safety of those who use the dock and the vessels that moor at the Storrs Boat Harbor, the floats must be replaced and the dock redesigned; and

WHEREAS, the discharge piping and valves at lift stations 2 & 5 have been exposed to an extremely harsh environment for over 30 years and corrosion problems could lead to pump shut downs or prolonged pump runs due to pipe leaks or valve failures; and

WHEREAS, automatic meter reading will provide for a more accurate and cost efficient method of collecting utility usage across the community of Unalaska; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of derelict vessels currently litter Alaska's coastline and harbors and these numbers will increase every year unless action is taken to address aging fleets and changing commercial fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska recognizes the widespread costs and the environmental and navigational risks for both municipalities and the state, associated with derelict vessels; and

WHEREAS, the updating State statutes regarding derelict vessels, which lack the ability to track vessel owners, agency enforcement authority, statewide coordination of response, funding and vessel insurance requirements would have a direct benefit to Unalaska; and

WHEREAS, Unalaska has several sites that were subject to the Department of Defense's Formerly Utilized Defense Sites (FUDS) environmental program due to contamination which occurred during WWII activities, as well as WWII related contamination that is discovered during construction projects today; and

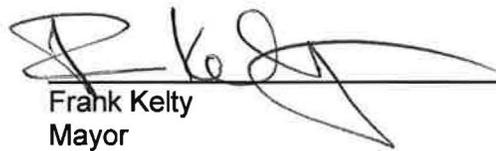
WHEREAS, support from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) is critical to managing these contaminated areas and ensuring Federal assistance and support; and

WHEREAS, habitat restoration on the local road system for Summer Bay Lake and Watershed, Morris Cove Lake and Watershed, and Unalaska Lake and Watershed will help to improve depressed salmon stocks; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Unalaska, by this resolution, hereby identifies its top state legislative priorities for FY19:

- Captains Bay Road and Utility Improvements Project \$24 Million
- Robert Storrs Boat Harbor Improvements \$9.5 Million
- Lift Stations 2 & 5 Discharge Pipe Replacement \$154,300
- Automatic Meter Reading System \$415,500
- Derelict Vessels Legislative Changes Initiative
- Environmental Remediation Support Initiative
- Habitat Restoration for Salmon Stock Improvement Initiative

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on January 9, 2018.



Frank Kelty
Mayor

ATTEST:



Marjie Veeder
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: ERIN REINDERS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
THROUGH: NANCY PETERSON, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
DATE: JANUARY 9, 2018
RE: RESOLUTION 2018-04 IDENTIFYING THE CITY OF UNALASKA'S STATE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

SUMMARY: Resolution 2018-04 outlines our state legislative priorities for the coming year. This list of projects will be submitted to the State for consideration in the Capital budget. All of the projects listed were included in last year's list. Additionally, we have included an initiative calling for legislative change addressing derelict vessels. This topic has been discussed at the Council level and was supported by AML this past November. The projects and initiatives are:

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PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: This is a recurring council action to express our support for certain initiatives and to submit to submit projects to the State of Alaska for consideration in their Capital budget.

BACKGROUND: The fiscal situation in State has not significantly improved regarding availability of funding or bonding initiatives. However, it remains necessary to provide the State our highest priorities.

DISCUSSION: The list of priorities is similar to the list from last year, and has one additional initiative. The initiative supporting the state statute updates to better address derelict vessels was supported by AML this past November. An overview of the top capital projects and initiatives for the State to consider are provided below.

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The Robert Storrs Boat Harbor has served the community well for 32 years and in order to ensure the safety of those who use the dock and the vessels that moor at the Storrs Boat Harbor, the floats must be replaced and the dock redesigned.

The discharge piping and valves at lift stations 2 & 5 have been exposed to an extremely harsh environment for over 30 years and corrosion problems could lead to pump shut downs or prolonged pump runs due to pipe leaks or valve failures.

Automatic meter reading will provide for a more accurate and cost efficient method of collecting utility usage across the community of Unalaska.

Hundreds of derelict vessels currently litter Alaska's coastline and harbors and these numbers will increase every year unless action is taken to address aging fleets and changing commercial fisheries. Derelict vessels result in widespread costs and the environmental and navigational risks for both municipalities and the state. The State of Alaska has outdated statutes regarding derelict vessels, which lack the ability to track vessel owners, agency enforcement authority, statewide coordination of response, funding and vessel insurance requirements. Therefore, along with the Alaska Municipal League, the City of Unalaska fully supports the passage of SB 92 by the State Legislature to address these issues and by updating of the current statutes.

LEGAL: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving this Resolution 2018-04.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve Resolution 2018-04

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: This list remains consistent with the City's adopted plans and previously identified priorities. I support this resolution.