



# Agenda

## Port & Harbor Advisory Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Cowles Council Chambers In-Person & Via Zoom Webinar

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### CALL TO ORDER, 5:30 P.M.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (3 minute time limit)

### RECONSIDERATION

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [A.](#) Unapproved January 24, 2024 PHC Minutes

### VISITORS / PRESENTATIONS

- A. Greg Sutter, Blessing of the Fleet

### STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- [A.](#) Port Finance/Budget Report - FYTD Report for February 2024
- [B.](#) Port & Harbor Staff Report - February 2024
- [C.](#) Homer Marine Trades Association (HMTA) Report

### PUBLIC HEARING

### PENDING BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

### INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- [A.](#) Port Operations Report  
  
February 2024 Port Operations Report  
Annual 2023 Statistics (Completed)

January 2024 Statistics

[B.](#) February City Newsletter

[C.](#) February City Manager's Reports to Council

February 12, 2024

February 26, 2024

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** (3 minute time limit)

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

**COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

**COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regular Meeting is **Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m.** All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:30 P.M.**

Session 24-01, a Regular Meeting of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Crisi Matthews at 5:30 p.m. on January 24, 2024 in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS FRIEND, MATTHEWS, PITZMAN, SHAVELSON, SIEKANIEC, VELSKO, ZEISET & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS

CONSULTING: PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS, PORT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR WOODRUFF

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK PETTIT

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

SIEKANIEC/VELSKO MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (3 minute time limit)**

**4. RECONSIDERATION**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.A. Unapproved December 13, 2023 PHC Minutes

SIEKANIEC/PITZMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2023 REGULAR MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**6. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS**

**7. STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.A. Port Finance/Budget Report – FYTD Report for January 2024

7.B. Port & Harbor Staff Report – December 2023

Port Director Hawkins noted the second and final reading of the ordinance pertaining to the City’s share of additional funding in the amount of \$266,000, which passed at City Council’s meeting on Monday. He added that a resolution was passed requesting the state to match the additional funding. The Kenai Peninsula Borough also passed a resolution to state supporting the increase of their share of the funds for the project.

Other discussion topics included:

- Oil spills in the harbor.
- Property leasing on the Spit.
- Large Vessel Haul Out Facility.
- Cruise Boom Documentary.

7.C. Homer Marine Trades Association (HMTA) Report

**8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**9. PENDING BUSINESS**

9.A. Property Leasing

SIEKANIEC/PITZMAN MOVED TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER SHAVELSON’S MEMORANDUM REGARDING PROPERTY LEASING FOR RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. Shavelson offered clarification that the end of the proposed changes would include a sentence that reads, “This requirement does not apply to subleases.”

There was no further discussion.

Chair Matthews requested a roll-call vote.

VOTE: YES: VELSKO, ZEISET, FRIEND, SIEKANIEC, MATTHEWS, PITZMAN, SHAVELSON, ROGERS.

Motion carried.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

10.A. Scheduling Work Session for Port & Harbor Advisory Commission

The Commission agreed to schedule a work session for Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

11.A. Port Operations Report



11.B. January City Newsletter

11.C. City Manager's Reports to Council

**12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minute time limit)**

Scott Adams, city resident, expressed his concern about the potential impact of higher parking and launch fees in comparison to Seward's, suggesting that the City should align its pricing with Seward's to remain competitive for tourism dollars. He added that he felt it was a good idea for the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission to review leases before they go to City Council, given that the spit is within the Commission's neck of the woods. Lastly, Mr. Adams urged caution in balancing the development of the haul-out facilities with the public camping spaces on the spit to cater to a diverse range of visitors and to avoid restricting access with high camping fees.

**13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

Port Director Hawkins thanked everyone for a good meeting.

Port Administrative Supervisor Woodruff noted that the conference for the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at Land's End. She added that it will take place the same week as the regular meeting for the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission, and because of that they will possibly look to reschedule/cancel the meeting. Lastly, Ms. Woodruff added that a speaker is coming to Homer on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss cities, growth and change.

**14. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

**15. COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Rogers provided a brief background on herself and her reasons for wanting to get involved with the Commission.

Commissioner Zeiset thanked the Commission for a good meeting, and stated that he was excited about the Anchorage Boat Show.

Commissioner Velsko welcomed Ms. Rogers and thanked the Commission for a good meeting.

Commissioner Siekaniec welcomed Ms. Rogers.

Commissioner Pitzman thanked Chair Matthews for running an effective meeting. He also welcomed Ms. Rogers and thanked Commissioner Shavelson for his thoughtful work on the memorandum pertaining to property leasing on the spit.

Commissioner Friend thanked the Commission for a good meeting and thanked Mr. Shavelson for his work on the memorandum. He also welcomed Ms. Rogers.

Commissioner Shavelson welcomed Ms. Rogers, and congratulated Ms. Woodruff on her recent anniversary working with the City. He also thanked Mr. Scott Adams for his testimony. He spoke to property leasing on the spit, noting that extra scrutiny when evaluating leases would be a good idea to ensure that there are sideboards for sub-leasing.

Chair Matthews added that there are a lot of layers when sub-leasing happens and that it can often get messy. She thanked Mr. Shavelson for his work on the memorandum pertaining to property leasing on the spit.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Matthews adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

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Zach Pettit, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**FUND 400 - PORT & HARBOR ENTERPRISE FUND**  
**REVENUE DETAIL BY LINE ITEM, SORTED BY TYPE**

2/20/2024  
 64.1% of FY elapsed

A/C Num.	Revenue Categories & Descriptions	FY22	FY23	FY24 YTD ACTUAL		FY24
		7/1/21 - 6/30/22	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$	%	7/1/23 - 6/30/24
		ACTUAL	ACTUAL			BUDGET
<b>0600</b>	<b>HARBOR ADMINISTRATION</b>					
4515	Ferry Lease	18,000	18,000	18,000	100.0%	18,000
4650	Rents & Leases	413,267	503,987	360,788	72.2%	500,000
	<b>Operating Revenue - Admin</b>	<b>431,267</b>	<b>521,987</b>	<b>378,788</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	<b>518,000</b>
4527	PERS Revenue	92,383	-	-	0.0%	-
4634	Port Storage Fee	119,992	207,662	95,857	99.7%	96,164
4635	Port Impound Fee	204	816	997	0.0%	-
4705	Business Licenses	10	20	15	0.0%	-
4801	Interest On Investments	(62,000)	73,468	63,304	0.0%	-
4901	Surplus Property	26,078	2,187	-	0.0%	-
4902	Other Revenue	123,189	11,189	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Non-Operating Revenue - Admin</b>	<b>299,855</b>	<b>295,341</b>	<b>160,173</b>	<b>166.6%</b>	<b>96,164</b>
<b>0601</b>	<b>HARBOR</b>					
4245	Waste Oil Disp	603	1,079	-		-
4249	Oil Spill Recovery	(100)	-	-		-
4318	Parking Revenue	180,789	158,725	102,450	45.5%	225,000
4319	Electrical Supplies	2,275	1,449	798	33.2%	2,403
4402	Non Moving Fine	-	100	9,828		-
4624	Berth Transient Monthly	649,848	716,742	417,810	59.8%	698,295
4625	Berth Reserved	1,533,906	1,628,043	1,833,007	103.5%	1,771,547
4626	Berth Transient Annual	315,591	325,749	255,950	79.4%	322,486
4627	Berth Transient Semi Annual	130,453	132,878	26,286	17.3%	151,515
4628	Berth Transient Daily	152,145	159,413	89,662	59.9%	149,805
4629	Metered Energy	186,689	140,575	70,096	75.6%	92,677
4644	Pumping	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4645	Wooden Grid	5,006	4,089	1,701	29.9%	5,697
4646	Commerical Ramp	54,913	49,562	34,539	62.8%	55,000
4647	Berth Wait List	15,211	15,082	3,420	27.6%	12,394
4648	Steel Grid Fees	7,900	6,969	1,512	18.9%	8,000
4654	Spit Camping	-	35,018	147,686	0.0%	-
4663	Trans Energy 110v	47,616	34,863	27,388	64.1%	42,746
4664	Trans Energy 220v	16,186	20,569	16,686	58.0%	28,744
4665	Trans Energy 208v	205,197	204,723	102,908	64.6%	159,228
4666	Commerical Ramp Wharfage	38,422	41,055	42,902	27.2%	158,000
	<b>Operating Revenue - Harbor</b>	<b>3,542,651</b>	<b>3,676,683</b>	<b>3,184,629</b>	<b>82.0%</b>	<b>3,883,536</b>
4802	Penalty/Int	6,101	7,797	8,540	131.4%	6,500
4902	Other Revenue	68,633	66,923	43,431	60.9%	71,325
	<b>Non-Operating Revenue - Harbor</b>	<b>74,735</b>	<b>74,720</b>	<b>51,971</b>	<b>66.8%</b>	<b>77,825</b>

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<b>0602</b>	<b>PIONEER DOCK</b>					
4631	USCG Leases	35,067	38,976	26,947	73.8%	36,494
4637	Seafood Wharfage-PD	-	-	-		-
4638	PD Fuel Wharfage	207,277	198,654	127,624	59.4%	214,809
4639	Pioneer Dock - Wharfage	-	-	-		-
4641	PD Water Sales	11,338	9,291	4,914	46.8%	10,500
4642	PD Docking	41,079	39,991	21,770	47.3%	46,000
	<b>Operating Revenue - Pioneer Dock</b>	<b>294,761</b>	<b>286,911</b>	<b>181,255</b>	<b>58.9%</b>	<b>307,804</b>
<b>0603</b>	<b>FISH DOCK</b>					
4620	Ice Sales	272,257	243,997	188,449	70.9%	265,742
4621	Cold Storage	27,398	22,319	12,887	51.5%	25,000
4622	Crane Rental	193,965	203,818	109,244	57.4%	190,306
4623	Card Access Fees	5,780	6,144	2,709	47.5%	5,700
4637	Seafood Wharfage	17,200	20,530	15,363	88.7%	17,324
4700	Other Wharfage Fish Dock	6,694	9,945	29	0.3%	9,843
	<b>Operating Revenue - Fish Dock</b>	<b>523,294</b>	<b>506,754</b>	<b>328,679</b>	<b>64.0%</b>	<b>513,915</b>
4206	<b>Fish Tax</b>	<b>66,865</b>	<b>116,236</b>	<b>78,327</b>	<b>121.3%</b>	<b>64,562</b>
<b>0604</b>	<b>DEEP WATER DOCK</b>					
4633	Stevedoring	8,882	49,565	5,637	47.0%	12,000
4637	Seafood Wharfage	-	-	-	0.0%	-
4640	Deep Water Dock Wharfage	-	152,709	-	0.0%	40,426
4643	Deep Water Dock Docking	116,132	121,387	46,660	46.7%	100,000
4668	Dwd Water Sales	32,419	41,651	11,234	37.4%	30,000
4672	Port Security Revenues	-	-	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Operating Revenue - DW Dock</b>	<b>157,434</b>	<b>365,311</b>	<b>63,531</b>	<b>34.8%</b>	<b>182,426</b>
<b>0605</b>	<b>OUTFALL LINE</b>					
4704	<b>Outfall Line</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,800</b>
<b>0606</b>	<b>FISH GRINDER</b>					
4706	<b>Fish Grinder</b>	<b>7,018</b>	<b>6,803</b>	<b>10,393</b>	<b>140.6%</b>	<b>7,390</b>
<b>0615</b>	<b>LOAD AND LAUNCH RAMP</b>					
4653	L & L Ramp Revenue	132,446	120,243	63,203	48.6%	130,000
	<b>Operating Revenue - L &amp; L Ramp</b>	<b>132,446</b>	<b>125,519</b>	<b>63,203</b>	<b>48.6%</b>	<b>130,000</b>
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,534,952</b>	<b>5,981,065</b>	<b>4,505,748</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>5,786,422</b>
	<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>420,116</b>	<b>724,490</b>	<b>1,776,123</b>		<b>(0)</b>

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		ACTUAL	ACTUAL			BUDGET
<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>						
5101	Salary and Wages	1,128,870	1,195,402	870,446	59.5%	1,464,034
5102	Fringe Benefits	634,397	742,528	614,907	67.2%	914,743
5103	Part-time Wages	107,259	164,248	80,974	49.0%	165,371
5104	Part-time Benefits	12,256	19,005	9,466	49.6%	19,086
5105	Overtime	31,929	29,403	22,082	56.0%	39,439
5107	Part-time Overtime	855	212	506	13.1%	3,879
5108	Unemployment Benefits	348	-	163	0.0%	-
5112	PERS Relief	92,383	-	-	0.0%	-
	<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>2,008,297</b>	<b>2,150,797</b>	<b>1,598,545</b>	<b>61.3%</b>	<b>2,606,550</b>
<b>Maintenance and Operations</b>						
5201	Office Supplies	5,322	6,257	3,030	64.5%	4,700
5202	Operating Supplies	20,623	21,809	16,773	64.5%	26,000
5203	Fuel and Lube	40,700	43,534	23,762	65.5%	36,300
5204	Chemicals	6,410	-	-	0.0%	6,000
5207	Vehicle and Boat Maintenance	21,532	18,002	18,347	73.4%	25,000
5208	Equipment Maintenance	68,340	73,212	30,214	47.2%	64,000
5209	Building & Grounds Maintenance	24,264	56,517	15,693	23.4%	67,000
5210	Professional Services	16,176	47,195	19,445	90.4%	21,500
5211	Audit Services	37,510	16,196	14,702	36.3%	40,446
5213	Survey and Appraisal	24,000	-	17,500	140.0%	12,500
5214	Rents & Leases	4,280	3,716	3,219	46.0%	7,000
5215	Communications	17,310	8,840	6,919	86.5%	8,000
5216	Freight and Postage	2,619	1,492	1,023	18.6%	5,500
5217	Electricity	664,046	649,413	347,598	47.6%	730,450
5218	Water	75,643	85,913	80,475	96.7%	83,208
5219	Sewer	13,157	11,977	8,672	59.9%	14,472
5220	Refuse and Disposal	40,694	52,883	32,747	51.7%	63,300
5221	Property Insurance	64,722	88,108	106,791	110.2%	96,919
5222	Auto Insurance	10,007	9,740	10,852	101.3%	10,714
5223	Liability Insurance	86,649	77,367	86,006	124.6%	69,016
5226	Testing and Analysis	-	-	3,280	46.9%	7,000
5227	Advertising	6,076	4,345	5,067	72.4%	7,000
5228	Books and Subscriptions	26	107	-	-	-
5231	Tools and Equipment	9,471	17,252	1,859	11.1%	16,700
5234	Record and Permits	-	-	-	0.0%	2,000
5235	Membership Dues	6,088	7,435	2,180	31.1%	7,000
5236	Transportation	6,641	12,464	1,055	26.4%	4,000
5237	Subsistence	6,837	8,765	257	6.4%	4,000
5238	Printing and Binding	1,482	3,993	282	8.1%	3,500
5248	Lobbying	21,000	21,245	10,500	30.0%	35,000
5249	Oil Spill Response	2,833	-	-	0.0%	1,000
5250	Camera Area Network	214	7,094	-	0.0%	18,000
5252	Credit Card Expenses	104,946	100,587	97,088	93.4%	104,000

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5256	Waste Oil Disposal	45,458	18,691	27,504	61.1%	45,000
5258	Float and Ramp Repairs	8,545	43,986	7,541	30.2%	25,000
5287	Electrical Supplies	2,326	1,010	-	0.0%	2,100
5601	Uniform	8,785	5,986	8,500	89.5%	9,500
5602	Safety Equipment	10,601	5,880	4,871	32.5%	15,000
5603	Employee Training	7,918	5,681	23,626	61.4%	38,500
5606	Bad Debt Expenses	5,230	35,620	5,869	19.6%	30,000
5608	Debt Payment-Interest	4,665	16,800	-		-
5624	Legal Services	-	-	4,388	4.4%	100,000
5627	Port Security	-	-	-	0.0%	2,500
5635	Software	938	134	1,090	27.2%	4,000
5637	Diving Services	4,350	16,045	-	0.0%	8,500
5638	Signage Parking Delineation	12,243	18,065	16,992	54.8%	31,000
	<b>Total Maint. and Operations</b>	<b>1,520,676</b>	<b>1,623,355</b>	<b>1,065,716</b>	<b>55.7%</b>	<b>1,912,325</b>
	<b>C/O and Transfers</b>					
5106	Leave Cash Out	66,243	62,025	-	0.0%	73,867
5241	GF Admin Fees	-	-	-		-
5990	Transfers To	1,519,620	1,420,397	65,364	5.5%	1,193,680
	<b>Total Others</b>	<b>1,585,862</b>	<b>1,482,422</b>	<b>65,364</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>1,267,546</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,114,836</b>	<b>5,256,575</b>	<b>2,729,626</b>	<b>47.2%</b>	<b>5,786,422</b>



## **Memorandum**

**To:** Port and Harbor Advisory Commission  
**From:** Amy Woodruff, Port Administrative Supervisor  
**Date:** February 21, 2024  
**Subject:** February Staff Report

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### **Farewell to Chair Crisi Matthews**

Many thanks to Crisi Matthews for her 3 years of service on the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission. I've learned a lot from her and I appreciate her diligence and commitment to the community.

### **Harbor Expansion Update**

Bryan is in Juneau this week (2/19-2/25) speaking to legislators about Harbor Expansion and advocating for State match for the local share of project costs. He'll have an update for us at next week's meeting. I've also attached an update that Council Champions provided to City Council at their last meeting.

### **Anchorage Boat Show**

Several thousand people attended the Anchorage Boat Show, and Harbor Staff had the chance to have some good conversations about Harbor Expansion and solicit letters of support to bring to Juneau. Homer had a good showing and represented the local Marine Trades industry quite well.

### **Credit Card Fees**

I was able to roughly calculate our FY23 credit card fees at 2.95% based on fees / total credit card revenue. I've made a note to consider adding a credit card fee when we update the tariff for 2025.

### **2023-2024 PHC Strategic Plan & Goals**

We are tentatively scheduled to review our strategic plan in April 2024, however, we already have a work session that month. Let's discuss when we'd like to make time to revise the strategic plan.

### **Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant Update**

The Council Meeting coming up on 2/26 will have the second reading of Ordinance 24-12 for \$30k to HDR Engineering, and Ordinance 24-13 for \$7,350 to Alaska Harbors Consulting. Please consider attending that meeting or submitting public comment if you would like to testify as an individual.

### **Land Allocation Plan Update**

City Council has provided direction to the commission through Resolution 24-024, which asks the commission to consider the parcel on the spit that is used as both a campground and a Large Vessel Haul Out Facility. Specific requests included:

- 1) Review the revenue vs. cost of a city-run campground on this parcel.
- 2) Work with staff to determine the costs of the initial improvements.
- 3) Make a recommendation to the City Council on what part of the improvements the City should fund and those that a tenant would fund.
- 4) Make a recommendation to the City Council on lease terms that would attract long term private investment to develop the facility.
- 5) Respond to Council by the end of Calendar year 2024.

We will have a business item on the March agenda related to this request from council accompanied by a staff memo with more details from Port & Economic Development staff.

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

Staff from Agnew::Beck will be in Homer at the end of March to help kick off the Comprehensive Plan rewrite. They will be attending our March meeting as presenters, and I look forward to hearing from them about the Comp Plan process.

### **Spit Lease Update**

The Bob's Trophy Charters sublease was approved by council on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We've hired a new Port Property Associate and she will start in March. I'll invite her to attend a future commission meeting as a guest to introduce herself to the commission.

### **Cruise Boom Documentary**

This film is showing for free at the Homer Theatre on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>, the day before our meeting. I hope you can join us! I'll make a verbal report on the 28<sup>th</sup> about how the event went.

### **Mark your calendars:**

In support of one of our ongoing communications goals ("Meet at least annually with Council in a work session"), on **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (corrected date) at 5:00 pm** we will hold a Joint Work Session with City Council like we did last year. Please save the date!



## **Flag Code**

In response to public comment at the last PHC meeting, I am excerpting a section of US Flag code here. Obtained via

<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title4/chapter1&edition=prelim>

### **§6. Time and occasions for display**

(a) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

(b) The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

(c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

(d) The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, third Monday in January; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29; Easter Sunday (variable); Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Father's Day, third Sunday in June; Independence Day, July 4; National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

(e) The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.

(f) The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.

(g) The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

### **Attachments:**

Project update form

Resolution 24-024

Champions report to council on Homer Harbor Expansion

2023-2024 PHC Strategic Plan & Goals



Port & Harbor Special Project Status Updates  
February 2024

Fish Grinder Building Replacement	<b>Design in progress</b> <b>Project Funded</b>	We have received grant funding from ADF&G in the amount of 250,000.
Fish Grinder Building Drainage	<b>Design in progress</b> <b>Seeking project funding</b>	Pursuing additional ADF&G Funding for drainage project; notification June 2024
Parking Lot Improvements	<b>Project on Hold</b>	No further progress expected until permitting complete.
Paid Parking Program Planning & Permitting	<b>Project Funded</b>	Planned for winter 2023
Harbor Office ADA Entry Door Improvements	<b>Project in Progress</b>	Conducted site visit
Outfall Line Pump Controls	<b>Project Funded</b>	Public Works will complete project; waiting on supplier to manufacture controls
Ice Metering System	<b>Project Funded</b>	Install planned for Winter 24-25
Harbor Bottom Survey	<b>Project Funded</b>	Preparing RFP for the survey

Status Categories:

Seeking design funding Design funded Design in progress Design complete	Seeking project funding Project Funded Project in Progress Project Complete
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44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Homer City Council requests the Port and  
45 Harbor Advisory Commission to:

- 46 1. Review the revenue vs cost of a city run campground on this parcel.  
47 2. Work with staff to determine the costs of the initial improvements.  
48 3. Make a recommendation to the City Council on what part of the improvements the City  
49 should fund and those that a tenant would fund.  
50 4. Make a recommendation to the City Council on lease terms that would attract long term  
51 private investment to develop the facility.  
52 5. Respond to Council by the end of calendar year 2024.  
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Homer City Council requests the Parks, Art, Recreation and  
55 Culture Commission:

- 56 1. Consider the future of this property as a City run campground, and consult with Port  
57 and Harbor staff with regard to revenue vs cost to operating the campground.  
58 2. Engage with Pier One Theater about their long term facility plans.  
59 3. Report back to Council by the end of 2024.  
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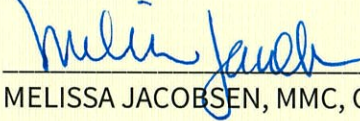
61 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2024.  
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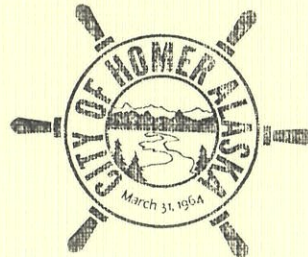
65 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR  
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71 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK  
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73 Fiscal Note: N/A





# MEMORANDUM

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## City Council Regular Meeting Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation Champions Report

**Item Type:** Informational Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
**Date:** February 6, 2024  
**From:** Council Members Lord and Hansen

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We met with staff on Friday, Feb. 2nd to get an update on the Harbor Expansion General Investigation study. We talked over the upcoming release of the President's FY25 (Fiscal Year) budget, sometime in February or March.

The Alaska District requested \$800,000 in the President's FY25 Budget to carry the Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation Study through the next fiscal year. They say the funds *should be* in the budget, but there is no way to know for sure until the budget is released. Similar to the City and the State budget process, the federal budget process will *begin* with the President's proposed budget being released to Congress. This is step one, and we certainly hope to be included in the President's FY25 budget for the USACE.

Whether or not we are included in that first step, we will want to engage with our Congressional delegation and USACE partners to do what we can for FY25 funding for the GI study. City staff has recently had meetings with USACE Alaska District folks, and we sent the Congressional delegation an update on the GI in early February.

Staff is working on bringing the Council a project timeline/Gantt chart at our next meeting (Feb. 26), taking into account the unknowns about FY25 funding. There are components of the study that may be advantageous to continue working on in the interim (like the sonar and geotechnical sampling), but that will be a decision for the Council to make after thoughtful review and consideration.

Unfortunately, the budgetary unknowns are going to be part and parcel of a federal project like this. We can just look at the continued lack of a FY24 federal budget to know that this isn't an isolated situation, nor about our particular project.

We encourage the Council, the Port & Harbor Commission, and the community to remember we are on a long-haul in a tumultuous time with federal budgets. We know this study will be invaluable for our community regardless of the outcome, and will help us to understand the potential for improving maritime transportation for the entire region. As leaders, we have the opportunity to ensure we are asking questions and engaging with our federal and state partners in positive, productive ways. We would love to hear feedback from the Council on any questions you have or actions you would like to see the City taking in this interim period.

**PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION  
2023-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Annually, the PHC prioritizes a list of ongoing, near-term, medium and long-term goals to aid the commission in charting a general course for the year and keeping on-task.

<b>Ongoing Goals</b>	1. Provide timely, relevant comment to the City Council on Port and Harbor issues.
	2. Identify ways that the commission can collaborate with staff to provide value
	3. Promote and support the investigation of the Harbor Expansion
	4. Improve Communication with Council, Commissions, and the Community at large <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Task (Commission): Meet at least annually with Council in a work session; collectively sign up to attend or listen to each council meeting</li> <li>b. Task (All): Send informational items to other commissions as needed</li> <li>c. Task (Staff): Ensure informational items are publicly available on City website and City social media</li> <li>d. Task (Shavelson): Draft 1-page communications plan</li> </ul>
<b>Near Term Goals</b> By April 2024	5. Have a Preliminary Business Plan for the Port & Harbor (November) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Task (All): Review draft plan and develop steps forward</li> </ul>
	6. Conduct a post-season recap of summer activities (October) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Task (Staff): Evaluate the success of the campgrounds program and other new activities</li> </ul>
	7. Continue identifying underutilized assets and additional sources of revenue. (December) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Task (Staff): Review tariff and develop suggested edits for consideration by commission</li> <li>b. Task (Commission): Hold September work session on Harbor Tariff</li> </ul>
	8. Promote workforce development and housing for seasonal workers. (Unspecified) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Task (Commission): Participate in Comprehensive Planning process with emphasis on housing.</li> </ul>
	9. Update the Harbor Fleet Management plan. (September) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Task (Staff): Collect information about anticipated vehicle purchases, fuel type preferences, useful life, and cost for all Port &amp; Harbor rolling stock</li> <li>b. Task (Commission): Review updated Fleet Management Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Mid Term Goals</b> 1 - 3 Years (2024 - 2026)	10. Support Port Director to conduct a Replacement Reserve Study for the Small Boat Harbor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Task (Commission): provide feedback on the timeline and priorities for float replacement</li> </ul>

	<p>11. Maximize financial returns for the city leases and promote cohesive Maritime aesthetic on the Spit  a. Task (Commission): Review City base lease and provide zoning recommendations to Planning Department</p> <p>12. Develop a Homer Spit Uplands Improvement Plan including a paid parking plan  a. Task (Commission): Host a public work session to collect thoughts and opinions on spit parking (January)</p> <p>13. Explore a vessel traffic study for the Spit to address congestion issues in the transient areas of the harbor.  a. Task (Commission): Define problems and potential solutions</p> <p>14. Provide support on the City Comprehensive Plan rewrite.  a. Task (All): Invite spit stakeholders to Comprehensive Plan rewrite meetings to ensure their perspective is represented.</p>
<p><b>Long Term Goals</b>  5 Years or More (2028+)</p>	<p>15. Work with Federal and State agencies to develop long-term erosion control measures for the Spit.  a. Task (All): Participate in ADOT&amp;PF process</p> <p>16. Develop a plan to replace the Tidal Grids  a. Task (Commission): Review possible parameters for financial plan for the Grids</p> <p>17. Seek funding to construct the Large Vessel Haul-out and Repair Facility.  a. Task (All): Ensure that discussion of Homer Harbor Expansion includes the importance of this facility and does not affect the proposed site  b. Task (Commission): Discuss potential lease arrangements for the facility at a Winter 2023-2024 commission meeting.</p>

**OVERALL PHC DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The purpose of the PHC is to act in an advisory capacity to the City Manager and the City Council on the problems and development of the City’s Port and Harbor facilities. Consideration may include the physical facilities, possible future development, and recommendations on land use within the port and harbor areas. Duties and responsibilities are outlined in the PHC’s Bylaws and under Homer City Code 2.64.040.

Links to online info:

- Homer City Code 2.64: [www.codepublishing.com/AK/Homer](http://www.codepublishing.com/AK/Homer)
- Homer Port and Harbor Website: [www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/port](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/port)
- Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 1: [www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/port/port-homer-terminal-tariff-no-1](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/port/port-homer-terminal-tariff-no-1)
- City of Homer Adopted Budget: [www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/finance/budgets](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/finance/budgets)
- City Comprehensive Plans: <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/planning/long-range-planning>

## **DUTIES OF COMMISSION/STAFF**

### **Staff Liaison**

- Assisting the Chair in setting meetings, preparing agendas, and other documentary material, and coordinating the acquisition of needed materials and training.
- Drafting/submitting reports, memos, and recommendations for those agenda items requiring decisions or recommendations by the Commission to City Council or the City Manager.
- Provide information about the budget.
- Inform the Commission of City Council actions and discussion of harbor-related issues.

### **Commissioners**

- Attend City Council meetings as assigned.
- Attend work sessions and training opportunities.
- Come prepared to make a motion for action at meetings, or ask staff before the meeting for more information.
- Request information from the Staff Liaison or Presiding Clerk.
- Understand their role as an advisory body to City Council; for any change to happen regarding City policies or code usually a council member has to support a PHC's idea and be willing to sponsor a resolution or ordinance to change established City policies or rules.
- How the commission (as a whole) can communicate:
  - Work with the City Manager through the Staff Liaison to keep City Council informed on developing initiatives.
  - Send memos to Council periodically so they have a written report of what's going on; these are written by staff and likely will be part of the City Manager Report or under the PHC Report.
  - Have a Commissioner speak at a Council Meeting under Reports; the PHC is scheduled to give a report at the next City Council meeting following the PHC's regular monthly meeting. It is best to rotate members so Council gets to see and hear from each of you over time. Pay attention to feedback from Council; the Commission may need to change direction, or come up with more support for the topic.

### **Clerks**

- Helps with packet preparation and dissemination
- Records meetings and prepares meeting minutes
- Ensures meetings are properly advertised
- Helps members understand and comply with City policies and procedures governing advisory bodies
- Helps the Commission learn to better communicate with City Council (Memorandums vs Resolutions and Ordinances)



**Homer Marine Trades Association  
Regular Business Meeting  
January 10, 2024  
Harbor Master's Office**

**MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Aaron Fleenor at 6:15 p.m.

Officers/Directors present/quorum: Officers and Directors present were Aaron Fleenor, Eric Engebretsen, Jen Hakala, Cinda Martin, Adam Smude, Bruce Friend, George Hall, Kate Mitchell, Mark Zieset and Communications Director, Amy Woodruff. Matt Alward was absent/excused.

**Guest Presentations:**

- Harbormaster, Bryan Hawkins reported that the City Council approved moving forward with the study and they appreciated the testimony in support, it actually changed minds. A resolution in support was sent on to the borough which the Assembly supported as well and now will go up to the State. The City ordinance to support funding has had its first reading. Spring projects include re-applying for the PIDP grant for float replacement which they did not receive last year due to additional engineering needed; the tariff update will be on the next agenda; updating the requirement for vessel insurance; updating the airport leases among other things. Bryan also reported that the Harbormasters Association has various scholarships available for 2024.
- KPC – Janel Harris reported that Mark Zeiset is presenting marine electronics on 1/26; Deckhand Skills and Coastal Navigation are planned for the spring. She is working on getting the AB course re-approved so that they can offer again this spring, she will then work on getting the 100-ton re-approved by USCG. She is also researching how to get the marine operator course approved as well as the safety courses required to complete the AB certification.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Mark Zeiset to approve the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

Approval of Minutes of November 29, 2023 meeting: Motion by Kate Mitchell to approve the minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

Treasurer's Report –Jen Hakala gave her report, attached for the record. We have \$22,533 in the checking with \$2,454 in A/R and \$295 in A/P. All other bills have been paid, a list is on the attached report. The cost of the Anchorage Boat Show will be paid in full once invoiced estimated amount of \$12,800 for our share, no deposit required. Bruce noted that he is just about ready to bill out for the Boat Show and Jen will catch up billings for the PME banner.

**Communication Director's Report – Amy reported the following:**

- Feedback about Christmas Party – great turnout! Adam and Desiree are agreeable to offering the space again in 2024. It would be nice to offer as an annual perk for members.
- Winter King Tournament – HCOC would like HMTA like to participate in the tournament in some way coming in March 2024; discussion held, suggestion to include HMTA ad with tournament invite; Amy will continue discussion with Brad to see what they'd like us to do
- FOL Survey – has been completed and we will schedule presenters based on results; suggested holding an informational event for parents outlining the available offerings for trades, Janel offered to coordinate through the college

**Committee Reports:**

- Draft Marketing Plan – Amy
- Advertising – Amy/Kate – Fisherman's News proposal for 2 x 2 ads @ \$1,750 for the year with ads running March through December; City funding is available

- Website/Social Media –Amy is still working on website updates and will be getting with Grady to re-align some of the categories to match up with the brochure
- Radio – Mark (re-visit spring agenda)
- Podcast options – Amy reported that there has been no further movement; rough proposal on the table until she, Jen and Shannon Moore have a chance to connect. Kate would like to provide the historical interview clips to be used in the podcasts and post on the website; she and George are working on getting a collection together.
- Workforce Development - Aaron
  - FOLs – Cinda update on survey; 41 students participated, top results were related to welding, underwater welding, designing boats, commercial fishing, boat building and repairs and deck handling. Handed over results to Amy who will coordinate presenters with Damara. Eric mentioned that there is a CTE committee meeting at the HHS on 1/22 to discuss the future of CTE courses at the high school. He plans to attend and will make an introduction to the committee for anyone else interested in attending.
  - KPC courses – Janel Harris [jlharris8@alaska.edu](mailto:jlharris8@alaska.edu)
- Hoodies/shirt status – Amy/Jen the shirts have arrived and are with Skiff Chicks for printing; the cost per piece is \$28/each; we will have 48 to award and/or sell @ \$50/each
- Scholarship – Cinda - Financial Aid presentation given at HHS and Flex in December; Spring scholarship application has been posted on KPB One Stop; 7 - AB Scholarships have been awarded for a total of \$3,850; she put in a request to Aleutian Harvester for funding and anticipates \$3,000; requested \$1,000 from Rotary. At this point we have \$150 remaining for the year without further funding from AH.
- Membership – Amy reported on 1 new member, Shoreline Vessel Support/Tyson Alward; she has been brainstorming on other prospects to invite such as SPH

#### Old Business:

- Annual To-Do List – Mark review/action items
- Anchorage Boat Show –
  - Adam Smude moved to ratify motion made at Round Haul on December 15<sup>th</sup> to secure spot at Boat Show consisting of 6,400 sf combined space at the same price as the '23 show. Bay Weld will need 2,400 sf but will cover 50% of the cost; \$12,600 will be HMTA's portion. More details to be discussed at January meeting; board members present constituted majority and agreed. Motion to ratify 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.
  - Eric reported that there is roughly double the square footage as last year for the price with the space reconfigured and moved to the rear of the show; he plans to bring 3 vessels, Halpin's, 36' flagship vessel with 3 - 1,000hp mercury outboards, a trooper vessel, and 33' catamaran. The Troopers will likely be present. There are 15 booths total to sell, Bruce has sold several spots but there are several spaces remaining.
  - Banner – there is 90' of wall space which would be ideal for hanging the banner

#### New Business:

None

Action Items for Amy:

FOL – schedule presenters

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Harbor Office

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the board members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cinda Martin, Secretary

# Operations & Maintenance report

Cod season is ongoing and boats and boats are delivering. Currently Copper River and Pac Star (E & E) are taking deliveries.... In the news....

## Ice Plant

- Ice Plant down time maintenance is about 95% done
- Plan on Ice plant startup first week March.
- Speed reducer Drive shaft bearing replacement on #1 and #3 ice machines
- Ammonia emergency dump box replaced.
- Ice bin, bait locker and ice delivery systems ready for startup.
- Crane's #1 and #4 in-op.. waiting for parts.
- Ammonia liquid and suction line inspections.
- Ongoing crane inspections and service happening this month.

## Port Maintenance

- Ongoing Snow removal and sanding
- W float replaced with new built in house.
- Installed used oil burner in maintenance shop.
- Ongoing electric pedestal maint.
- Keeping up with recurring monthly work orders.
- Snow blower and powered broom inspections.
- Inspect and service Fire Pump 01 (used for vessel fire on 2/18)

## Harbor Officers

- Heavy ice congested the Harbor through the end of January, but warm temperatures and wind finally helped dissipated it by early February.
- Landings at the Pioneer Dock and Deep Water Dock included: Tustumena, Aspen, Ann T. Cheramie, Kate Francis, Perseverance, and Endeavour.
- The Tustumena had its final winter sailing, and will return in May.
- Vessels utilizing the marine repair facility include: Camai, Arctic Seal, and Polar Bear.

- For about 2 weeks, staff pumped out and closely watched a Hewes Craft that was taking on water, and finally towed it to the Launch Ramp when ice permitted.
- Staff also logged several additional vessel pump outs, pollution incidents, and public assists.
- Operations and Admin staff met to discuss parking issues and cruise ship landings/lightering for the upcoming summer season.
- Isaiah Nevak completed his 6-month probationary period for Harbor Officer I. Welcome aboard Isaiah!
- A vessel fire on 2/18 saw responses from Good Samaritans as well as three local fire departments. Thanks to all who responded, the damage was mostly limited to the vessel that caught on fire, as well as some charring to the wood on the float.

### 2024 Ice & Crane Report

Date To	Crane Weekly	Crane Month	YTD Crane	Ice Weekly	Ice Month	YTD Ice
1/2/2024	1.8			shut down for maintenance		
1/9/2024	26.4			shut down for maintenance		
1/16/2024	32			shut down for maintenance		
1/23/2024	27.5			shut down for maintenance		
1/30/2024	9.75			shut down for maintenance		
		97.45	97.45			
2/6/2024	16.5			shut down for maintenance		
2/13/2024	20.6			shut down for maintenance		
2/20/2024	10			shut down for maintenance		
2/27/2024						
		47.1	144.55			
3/6/2024						
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3/27/2024						
		0	144.55			
4/3/2024						
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12/11/2024				shut down for maintenance		
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12/31/2024				shut down for maintenance		
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# Port & Harbor Monthly Statistical & Performance Report

For the End of Year: **2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	2589	2602	<u>Average on SWL</u>		
Monthly Transient	1861	1710	20' Stall	9	8
Semi-Annual Transient	67	72	24' Stall	51	58
Annual Transient	98	89	32' Stall	176	194
Annual Reserved	861	870	32'A Stall	13	14
			40' Stall	65	70
			50' Stall	31	32
			60' Stall	4	4
			75' Stall	5	4
			<b>Total:</b>	354	384
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>					
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Wood Grid	99	98			
Steel Grid	16	40			
			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
			1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
			Deep Water Dock	199	231
			Pioneer Dock	178	204
			Beach Landings	20	36
			Barge Ramp	1665	1792
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	13	12	Vessels Hauled-Out	6	8
Vessels Moved	297	271			
Vessels Pumped	55	32			
Vessels Sunk	3	4			
Vessel Accidents	3	10			
Vessel Impounds	5	1			
Equipment Impounds	20	12			
Vehicle Impounds	0	5			
Property Damage	7	8			
Pollution Incident	32	22			
Fires Reported/Assists	2	1			
EMT Assists	25	16			
Police Assists	16	13			
Public Assists	252	159			
Thefts Reported	2	3			
			<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
			Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
			Seafood tons	20809	3,046
			Cargo/Other tons	5226	10,184
			Fuel	308462*	319,633
			* Dec fuel not available at time of report		
			<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
				2,018	1,631
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Long-term Pass	158	176	For the full season:	2,371	1,778
Monthly Long-term Pass	52	58			
Seasonal Pass	49	33			
			<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
			<b><u>2022 Season and 2023 Season:</u></b>	593 tons more	

# Port & Harbor Monthly Statistical & Performance Report

For the Month of: **December 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	19	45
Monthly Transient	61	62
Semi-Annual Transient	4	1
Annual Transient	5	5
Annual Reserved	13	6

<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use		
Wood Grid	1	3
Steel Grid	1	3

<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	1	3
Vessels Moved	5	6
Vessels Pumped	5	3
Vessels Sunk	1	2
Vessel Accidents	0	1
Vessel Impounds	0	0
Equipment Impounds	0	0
Vehicle Impounds	0	0
Property Damage	0	0
Pollution Incident	6	1
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0
EMT Assists	0	0
Police Assists	0	0
Public Assists	7	9
Thefts Reported	0	1

<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Long-term Pass	11	12
Monthly Long-term Pass	0	0
Seasonal Pass	0	0

<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	25.4	60.8

<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
No. on list at Month's End		
20' Stall	2	0
24' Stall	32	44
32' Stall	170	183
32' A Stall	14	14
40' Stall	72	66
50' Stall	35	33
60' Stall	3	5
75' Stall	3	5
<b>Total:</b>	329	350

<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use		
Deep Water Dock	24	17
Pioneer Dock	18	19
Beach Landings	0	2
Barge Ramp	43	51

<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Hauled-Out	0	1
Year to Date Total	6	8
Vessels using facility uplands	3	5

<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.		
Seafood tons	614	4
Cargo/Other tons	26142*	2
Fuel	**	22,219

\* Alaska marine excavation Aug-Oct late reporting

\*\* not available at time of report

<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
For the Month of December	*	*
*Shut Down for Season		
Year to Date Total	2,371	1,778

<b><u>Difference between</u></b>	
<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	593 tons more

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For the Month of: **November 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	35	42	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	70	66	20' Stall	2	1
Semi-Annual Transient	2	3	24' Stall	30	47
Annual Transient	8	7	32' Stall	169	182
Annual Reserved	31	32	32' A Stall	14	14
			40' Stall	70	66
			50' Stall	35	34
			60' Stall	3	5
			75' Stall	3	4
			<b>Total:</b>	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
				324	352
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Wood Grid	0	0	Deep Water Dock	21	25
Steel Grid	0	0	Pioneer Dock	19	22
			Beach Landings	0	6
			Barge Ramp	57	59
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	0	0	Vessels Hauled-Out	1	1
Vessels Moved	3	3	Year to Date Total	6	7
Vessels Pumped	0	0	Vessels using facility uplands	3	5
Vessels Sunk	0	0			
Vessel Accidents	0	0	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Impounds	0	0	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Equipment Impounds	0	1	Seafood	0	802
Vehicle Impounds	0	1	Cargo/Other	676	0
Property Damage	0	0	Fuel	17,471	11,502
Pollution Incident	3	0			
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0			
EMT Assists	0	0			
Police Assists	2	0			
Public Assists	13	9			
Thefts Reported	1	0			
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Long-term Pass	0	4	For the Month of November	34*	20*
Monthly Long-term Pass	0	1	<i>* closed for season</i>		
Seasonal Pass	0	0	Year to Date Total	2,371	1,778
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
	57.9	39.9	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	
				593 tons more	



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For the Month of: **October 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	172	166	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	124	109	20' Stall	2	2
Semi-Annual Transient	2	6	24' Stall	56	49
Annual Transient	9	11	32' Stall	193	184
Annual Reserved	178	139	32'A Stall	13	14
			40' Stall	72	66
			50' Stall	35	33
			60' Stall	4	5
			75' Stall	8	4
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>357</b>
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Wood Grid	6	1	Deep Water Dock	18	14
Steel Grid	0	2	Pioneer Dock	10	21
			Beach Landings	3	6
			Barge Ramp	122	109
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	0	1	Vessels Hauled-Out	1	0
Vessels Moved	19	6	Year to Date Total	5	6
Vessels Pumped	1	2	Vessels using facility uplands	2	4
Vessels Sunk	0	0			
Vessel Accidents	0	0	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Impounds	0	0	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Equipment Impounds	3	2	Seafood	1,519**	232
Vehicle Impounds	0	1	Cargo/Other	1,564	1,263
Property Damage	0	0	Fuel	18,850	34,600
Pollution Incident	2	0			
Fires Reported/Assists	1	0	<i>** Processor wharfage June, July, &amp; Aug finally submitted- business' catch up from summer</i>		
EMT Assists	3	2	<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Police Assists	1	2	For the Month of October	295	156
Public Assists	11	12	Year to Date Total	2,337	1,758
Thefts Reported	0	0			
			<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	<b>579 tons more</b>	
Long-term Pass	4	5			
Monthly Long-term Pass	3	1			
Seasonal Pass	3	0			
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>			
	134.5	88.8			

\* not available at time of report

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For the Month of: **September 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	269	204	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	184	182	20' Stall	2	2
Semi-Annual Transient	4	4	24' Stall	74	79
Annual Transient	21	17	32' Stall	213	227
Annual Reserved	420	436	32' A Stall	14	17
			40' Stall	72	74
			50' Stall	35	34
			60' Stall	4	5
			75' Stall	8	7
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b>Total:</b>	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>		422	445
Wood Grid	4	6			
Steel Grid	0	1			
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			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
			1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
			Deep Water Dock	10	23
			Pioneer Dock	23	35
			Beach Landings	1	2
			Barge Ramp	172	135
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	1	1	Vessels Hauled-Out	0	1
Vessels Moved	36	24	Year to Date Total	4	6
Vessels Pumped	6	3	Vessels using facility uplands	1	4
Vessels Sunk	0	0			
Vessel Accidents	1	0	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Impounds	3	0	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Equipment Impounds	2	0	Seafood	111	297
Vehicle Impounds	0	0	Cargo/Other	1303	1730
Property Damage	0	0	Fuel	28,967	6,692
Pollution Incident	1	2			
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0			
EMT Assists	0	3			
Police Assists	3	2			
Public Assists	51	15			
Thefts Reported	0	0			
			<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	For the Month of September	349	202
Long-term Pass	3	3	Year to Date Total	2,042	1,602
Monthly Long-term Pass	0	4			
Seasonal Pass	0	2			
			<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	
	172.2	132.3		440 tons more	

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For the Month of: **August 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	425	389	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	305	267	20' Stall	2	1
Semi-Annual Transient	2	1	24' Stall	73	70
Annual Transient	8	11	32' Stall	205	218
Annual Reserved	175	203	32' A Stall	14	16
			40' Stall	72	73
			50' Stall	35	32
			60' Stall	4	4
			75' Stall	8	5
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>418</b>
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Wood Grid	13	12	Deep Water Dock	27	24
Steel Grid	0	5	Pioneer Dock	23	35
			Beach Landings	1	4
			Barge Ramp	280	220
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	1	2	Vessels Hauled-Out	1	2
Vessels Moved	72	62	Year to Date Total	4	5
Vessels Pumped	16	6	Vessels using facility uplands	1	2
Vessels Sunk	0	1			
Vessel Accidents	0	4	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Impounds	1	0	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Equipment Impounds	3	0	Seafood	532	328
Vehicle Impounds	0	0	Cargo/Other	691	1365
Property Damage	0	2	Fuel	44,813	59,107
Pollution Incident	4	4			
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0			
EMT Assists	6	4			
Police Assists	1	4			
Public Assists	34	32			
Thefts Reported	0	0			
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Long-term Pass	0	2	For the Month of August	425	364
Monthly Long-term Pass	4	6			
Seasonal Pass	0	2	Year to Date Total	1,693	1,400
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
	243.7	237	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	<u>293 tons more</u>	

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For the Month of: **July 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	386	428	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	274	256	20' Stall	1	0
Semi-Annual Transient	1	1	24' Stall	69	65
Annual Transient	8	9	32' Stall	195	205
Annual Reserved	0	1	32'A Stall	14	14
			40' Stall	73	71
			50' Stall	33	31
			60' Stall	4	4
			75' Stall	7	4
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>394</b>
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Wood Grid	13	12	Deep Water Dock	22	21
Steel Grid	1	2	Pioneer Dock	20	31
			Beach Landings	1	6
			Barge Ramp	285	286
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	2	1	Vessels Hauled-Out	0	0
Vessels Moved	70	40	Year to Date Total	3	3
Vessels Pumped	15	2	Vessels using facility uplands	0	0
Vessels Sunk	0	0	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Accidents	1	1	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessel Impounds	1	0	Seafood	259	249
Equipment Impounds	2	2	Cargo/Other	72	4166*
Vehicle Impounds	0	0	Fuel	37,834	41,780
Property Damage	3	1			
Pollution Incident	3	0			
Fires Reported/Assists	0	1			
EMT Assists	6	2			
Police Assists	3	2			
Public Assists	46	18			
Thefts Reported	0	1			
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Long-term Pass	9	3	For the Month of July	582	433
Monthly Long-term Pass	10	11	Year to Date Total	1,268	1,036
Seasonal Pass	0	0			
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
	414.6	200.5	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	<u>232 tons more</u>	

\*Scrap recycling load out

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For the Month of: **June 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	605	637	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	327	321	20' Stall	0	0
Semi-Annual Transient	11	8	24' Stall	62	57
Annual Transient	6	8	32' Stall	190	200
Annual Reserved	0	0	32'A Stall	14	14
			40' Stall	71	70
			50' Stall	33	30
			60' Stall	4	4
			75' Stall	7	4
			Total:	<u>381</u>	<u>379</u>
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Wood Grid	26	34	Deep Water Dock	6	22
Steel Grid	8	16	Pioneer Dock	22	9
			Beach Landings	4	2
			Barge Ramp	213	283
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	5	1	Vessels Hauled-Out	0	0
Vessels Moved	39	62	Year to Date Total	3	3
Vessels Pumped	2	5	Vessels using facility uplands	0	0
Vessels Sunk	0	0	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Accidents	0	3	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessel Impounds	0	0	Seafood	162	190
Equipment Impounds	8	0	Cargo/Other	51	837
Vehicle Impounds	0	1	Fuel	55,624	56,813
Property Damage	2	3			
Pollution Incident	3	4			
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0			
EMT Assists	6	3			
Police Assists	1	1			
Public Assists	25	24			
Thefts Reported	0	1			
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Long-term Pass	26	26	For the Month of June	224	188
Monthly Long-term Pass	21	21	Year to Date Total	686	603
Seasonal Pass	15	11			
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
	238	174.2	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	<u>83 tons more</u>	

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For the Month of: **May 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	252	282	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	222	195	20' Stall	10	0
Semi-Annual Transient	16	25	24' Stall	59	59
Annual Transient	9	5	32' Stall	189	194
Annual Reserved	4	2	32'A Stall	14	13
			40' Stall	69	70
			50' Stall	34	31
			60' Stall	5	4
			75' Stall	6	3
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b>Total:</b>	386	374
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Wood Grid	21	20			
Steel Grid	5	8			
			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
			1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
			Deep Water Dock		17
			Pioneer Dock		12
			Beach Landings	6	3
			Barge Ramp	244	271
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	0	1	Vessels Hauled-Out	0	0
Vessels Moved	31	42	Year to Date Total	3	3
Vessels Pumped	0	1	Vessels using facility uplands	3	2
Vessels Sunk	0	0			
Vessel Accidents	1	1	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Impounds	0	0	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Equipment Impounds		0	Seafood	202	362.6
Vehicle Impounds		2	Cargo/Other	554	74
Property Damage	0	1	Fuel	32,880	31,026
Pollution Incident	1	6			
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0			
EMT Assists	0	1			
Police Assists	2	1			
Public Assists	18	12			
Thefts Reported	0	0			
			<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	For the Month of May	201	216
Long-term Pass	42	41			
Monthly Long-term Pass	12	7	Year to Date Total	462	415
Seasonal Pass	21	9			
			<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	47 tons more	
	197.4	223.7			

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For the Month of: **April 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	132	321	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	101	132	20' Stall	10	8
Semi-Annual Transient	19	17	24' Stall	53	57
Annual Transient	9	9	32' Stall	187	191
Annual Reserved	1	4	32'A Stall	14	14
			40' Stall	71	71
			50' Stall	34	29
			60' Stall	5	4
			75' Stall	6	4
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>378</b>
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Wood Grid	4	6	Deep Water Dock	22	27
Steel Grid	0	1	Pioneer Dock	14	9
			Beach Landings	1	3
			Barge Ramp	100	147
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	1	1	Vessels Hauled-Out	0	1
Vessels Moved	10	14	Year to Date Total	3	3
Vessels Pumped	4	0	Vessels using facility uplands		3
Vessels Sunk	0	0	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Accidents	0	0	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessel Impounds	0	1	Seafood	618	284
Equipment Impounds	0	3	Cargo/Other	114	409
Vehicle Impounds	0	0	Fuel	31,652	22,259
Property Damage	0	0			
Pollution Incident	1	2			
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0			
EMT Assists	1	0			
Police Assists	0	0			
Public Assists	15	6			
Thefts Reported	1	0			
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Long-term Pass	15	12	For the Month of April	124	133
Monthly Long-term Pass	0	2	Year to Date Total	261	199
Seasonal Pass	10	4			
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
	154.6	105.8	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	<u>62 tons more</u>	

## Port & Harbor Monthly Statistical & Performance Report

For the Month of: **March 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	196	60	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	86	76	20' Stall	20	12
Semi-Annual Transient	3	2	24' Stall	54	58
Annual Transient	5	5	32' Stall	196	185
Annual Reserved	39	38	32'A Stall	15	13
			40' Stall	69	70
			50' Stall	33	31
			60' Stall	5	4
			75' Stall	5	4
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>377</b>
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Wood Grid	6	2	Deep Water Dock	19	14
Steel Grid	0	1	Pioneer Dock	24	3
			Beach Landings	3	2
			Barge Ramp	60	136
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	2	1	Vessels Hauled-Out	3	2
Vessels Moved	5	6	Year to Date Total	3	2
Vessels Pumped	3	4	Vessels using facility uplands	6	3
Vessels Sunk	0	0	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Accidents	0	0	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessel Impounds	0	0	Seafood	702	394
Equipment Impounds	0	0	Cargo/Other	2864	238
Vehicle Impounds	0	0	Fuel	27,594	8,641
Property Damage	0	0			
Pollution Incident	5	1			
Fires Reported/Assists	1	0			
EMT Assists	1	0			
Police Assists	0	0			
Public Assists	7	6			
Thefts Reported	0	0			
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Long-term Pass	9	12	For the Month of March	125	66
Monthly Long-term Pass	0	2	Year to Date Total	137	66
Seasonal Pass	0	4			
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
	127.5	135.3	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	<u>71 tons more</u>	



## Port & Harbor Monthly Statistical & Performance Report

For the Month of: **February 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	41	28	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	49	44	20' Stall	37	30
Semi-Annual Transient	2	4	24' Stall	48	57
Annual Transient	4	2	32' Stall	190	182
Annual Reserved	0	9	32'A Stall	14	12
			40' Stall	67	70
			50' Stall	33	31
			60' Stall	5	4
			75' Stall	5	3
				399	389
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>					
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Wood Grid	5	2			
Steel Grid	0	0			
			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
			1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
			Deep Water Dock	16	11
			Pioneer Dock	2	5
			Beach Landings	0	0
			Barge Ramp	37	64
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessels Towed	0	0	Vessels Hauled-Out	0	0
Vessels Moved	6	3	Year to Date Total	0	0
Vessels Pumped	1	3	Vessels using facility uplands	5	1
Vessels Sunk	1	0			
Vessel Accidents	0	0	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Vessel Impounds	0	0	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Equipment Impounds	0	2	Seafood	579	709
Vehicle Impounds	0	0	Cargo/Other	3	64
Property Damage	1	0	Fuel	2444	15514
Pollution Incident	0	2			
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0			
EMT Assists	1	0			
Police Assists	0	0			
Public Assists	15	8			
Thefts Reported	0	0			
			<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	For the Month of February	11**	***
Long-term Pass	9	15	**Opened early, last week of Feb.		
Monthly Long-term Pass	0	3	***Shut Down for Maintenance		
Seasonal Pass	0	1	Year to Date Total	11	0
			<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	11 tons more	
	162.9	131.9			

## Port & Harbor Monthly Statistical & Performance Report

For the Month of: **January 2023**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Daily Transient	57	31	No. on list at Month's End		
Monthly Transient	58	49	20' Stall	30	34
Semi-Annual Transient	1	0	24' Stall	47	56
Annual Transient	6	4	32' Stall	188	180
Annual Reserved	0	0	32'A Stall	14	11
			40' Stall	67	69
			50' Stall	33	31
			60' Stall	5	3
			75' Stall	5	3
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>			<b>Total:</b>	389	387
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Wood Grid	0	0			
Steel Grid	1	1			
			<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>		
			1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	Deep Water Dock	14	16
Vessels Towed	0	0	Pioneer Dock	3	3
Vessels Moved	1	3	Beach Landings	0	0
Vessels Pumped	2	3	Barge Ramp	52	31
Vessels Sunk	1	1			
Vessel Accidents	0	0	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Vessel Impounds	0	0	Vessels Hauled-Out	0	0
Equipment Impounds	2	2	Year to Date Total	0	0
Vehicle Impounds	0	0	Vessels using facility uplands	5	**
Property Damage	1	1	<i>** tracking started in Feb 2022</i>		
Pollution Incident	3	0	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
EMT Assists	1	1	Seafood	138	0
Police Assists	3	1	Cargo/Other	23,671	38
Public Assists	10	8	Fuel	10,332	9,480
Thefts Reported	0	0			
			<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	For the Month of January	*	*
Long-term Pass	30	41	* closed for season		
Monthly Long-term Pass	2	1	Year to Date Total	0	0
Seasonal Pass	0	1			
			<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b><u>2022 YTD and 2023 YTD:</u></b>	0	
		89.8			

# Port & Harbor Monthly Statistical & Performance Report

For the Month of: **January 2024**

<b><u>Moorage Sales</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>Stall Wait List</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Daily Transient	42	57	No. on list at Month's End	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Monthly Transient	49	58	20' Stall	21	30
Semi-Annual Transient	1	1	24' Stall	34	47
Annual Transient	4	6	32' Stall	167	188
Annual Reserved	3	0	32'A Stall	11	14
			40' Stall	73	67
			50' Stall	36	33
			60' Stall	3	5
			75' Stall	3	5
			<b>Total:</b>	<hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/>
				348	389
<b><u>Grid Usage</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>			
1 Unit = 1 Grid Tide Use					
Wood Grid	3	0			
Steel Grid	1	1			
<b><u>Services &amp; Incidents</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>Docking &amp; Beach/Barge Use</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Vessels Towed	0	0	1 Unit = 1 or 1/2 Day Use	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Vessels Moved	3	1	Deep Water Dock	16	14
Vessels Pumped	6	2	Pioneer Dock	20	3
Vessels Sunk	0	1	Beach Landings	0	0
Vessel Accidents	0	0	Barge Ramp	13	52
Vessel Impounds	0	0			
Equipment Impounds	0	2	<b><u>Marine Repair Facility</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Vehicle Impounds	0	0	Vessels Hauled-Out	0	0
Property Damage	1	1	Year to Date Total	0	0
Pollution Incident	3	3	Vessels using facility uplands	3	5
Fires Reported/Assists	0	0			
EMT Assists	0	1	<b><u>Wharfage (in short tons)</u></b>		
Police Assists	0	3	In Tons, Converted from Lb./Gal.	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Public Assists	8	10	Seafood	0	138
Thefts Reported	1	0	Cargo/Other	34	23,671
			Fuel	*	10,332
			*not available at time of report		
<b><u>Parking Passes</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>Ice Sales</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Long-term Pass	25	30	For the Month of January	*	*
Monthly Long-term Pass	1	2	* closed for season		
Seasonal Pass	0	0	Year to Date Total	0	0
<b><u>Crane Hours</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>Difference between</u></b>		
	97.5	87.2	<b><u>2023 YTD and 2024 YTD:</u></b>	<hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<hr style="border-top: 1px solid black;"/>
				0	0

# CITY OF HOMER NEWSLETTER



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## WHAT'S INSIDE?

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

### HOMER ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL ORGANIZED BY HOMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Parade on Pioneer Avenue

#### Winter Carnival Parade Saturday, February 10th, at Noon on Pioneer Avenue

The annual Homer Winter Carnival is here! It's time to shake off the winter blues! Bring the whole family, bundle up, grab a hot drink, and come join the excitement of the parade on Pioneer Avenue.

Let's see how creative participants can get this year with the theme of "What's old is new"! You'll see custom floats, marching bands, groups from our local schools, antique cars, animals, bikers, walkers and more!

This year's featured performer is the Krewe Music Group.

After the parade, pop into some local shops, take a walk through downtown, and mingle with your neighbors. It's the perfect opportunity to get out into the fresh air and enjoy our charming town.

<https://www.homer.alaska.org/events/winter-carnival-celebration/>

#### A Bit of History

The Winter Carnival in Homer has been celebrated for over 70 years! The tradition began when residents from surrounding areas would come into town to celebrate and break the mid-winter cabin fever.

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Discover something new today and see the latest City project updates information! Learn about ways community members can get involved at City Hall and in the Homer community.

### Follow us on Social Media

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# LIBRARY EVENTS

## VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Zoom in and listen to your favorite authors talk about their latest books. For a complete list of Upcoming Speakers, go to [libraryc.org/homerlibrary/upcoming](https://libraryc.org/homerlibrary/upcoming).

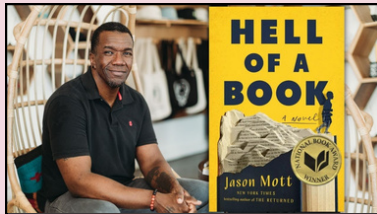
### February 8 at 4 pm

Spice, Spirit, and Swoon—A Guaranteed Happily Ever After with Rom-Com Author **Tessa Bailey**



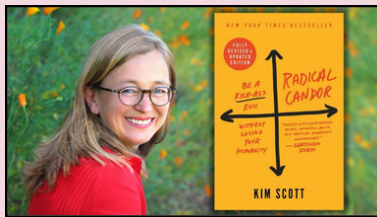
### February 20 at 12 pm

Exploring Identity, Love, and Being Black in America in Fiction Writing: A Conversation with Award-Winning Author **Jason Mott**



### February 28 at 10 am

Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity: An Author Talk with **Kim Scott**



## SPECIAL & ONGOING EVENTS



**Big Read 2024**  
Read with your community! Ongoing events for the month of February.  
<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/nea-big-read-2024>

Book copies are available at the library circulation desk.



**Councilmember Conversations**  
Noon to 1 pm, the second Tuesday of each month, September - May, at the Homer Public Library.

**February 13: Shelly Erickson**

CHECK OUT MORE LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



**Homer Public Library**  
500 Hazel Street - 907-235-3180  
[circ@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:circ@ci.homer.ak.us)  
[www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library](https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library)



# COMMUNITY CORNER

What's happening around the City of Homer

## SALSA DANCE CLASSES

**When: Thursdays, 6:30 - 8 pm**  
**Where: Homer High Green Room**  
**Fee: \$10 person, per class (ongoing)**



**Register Here:**

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/com-rec/salsa-dance-classes-winter-2024>

This friendly introductory dance class begins February 1st. Whether you come alone or with a partner, you're welcome to be part of the group and explore Salsa dance fundamentals.

## SELF-DEFENSE CLASS



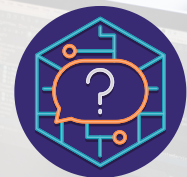
**Attention Ladies!**

Homer Police Department is having it's 5th self-defense class!

**When: March 2, 2:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Fee: FREE**

**To Register: Email Lt. Browning at [rbrowning@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:rbrowning@ci.homer.ak.us)**

## Tech Help



Twice each month you can drop by the library and get help with whatever computer or e-reader questions you have. These sessions are FREE!

**When: 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Where: Homer Public Library**  
**Fee: FREE**

# COMMUNITY RECREATION



Check out all that Community Recreation has to offer! To view the programs and events, go to <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/com-rec>

## Adult Basketball League Playoffs and Championship Game

Six teams will compete for the basketball championship title. Check out the draft bracket and schedule [here](#).

### When:

Saturday, February 3 at 11 am - 6:30 pm  
Sunday, February 4 at 2:00 - 7:30 pm

**Where:** Homer High School

**Fee:** Free

## Women's Drop In Basketball

Drop in basketball time for women and girls only. This is for participants in 7th grade to adults. Please bring separate clean indoor shoes. Please call 907-235-6090 for more information.

**When:** Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Where:** Homer Middle School Gym

**Fee:** \$5/adults (punch cards and 3 month passes available), FREE for 7th-12th graders

## Youth Pickleball After School Winter 2024

Youth Pickleball! Classes for 4th, 5th, 6th grade students (min. 4, max. 14) TWO Sessions offered.

**When:** Mondays & Fridays; 3:15 - 4:25 pm

**Where:** the HERC gym (large building next at the skateboard park).

**Fee:** \$25 per session

**To sign up:** Contact Jeanne to register and get on the list at 907-299-2437 or [jeannemena@gmail.com](mailto:jeannemena@gmail.com)

## Drop-In Volleyball

Drop in/Pick up volleyball! Learn elements of the game such as positions on the court and basic skills including set, bump, and spike. Good sportsmanship and separate clean indoor shoes are required. When playing at Homer Middle School, participants should enter through the Multiple Purpose Room.

### When & Where:

Sundays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Homer High

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Homer Middle

**Fee:** \$5/visit for adults, FREE for 7th-12th grade students



## Jewelry Making Classes Taught by Art Koeninger



### When:

Intro to Silversmithing: February 17-18

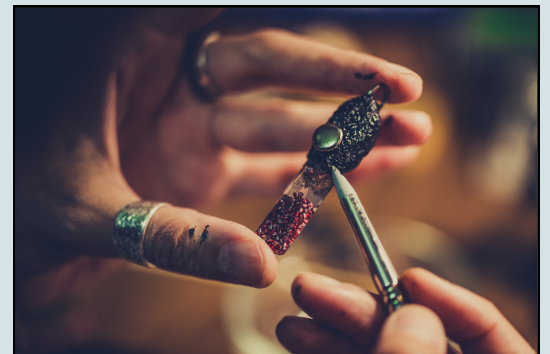
Lost Wax Casting: February 23-25

Intermediate Silversmithing: March 2-3

**Where:** Homer High School

**Fee:** \$150 or \$90 for repeat students in addition to cost of materials (average project \$5 - \$15)

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/com-rec/jewelry-making-classeswinter-2024>



Making Jewelry





# CITY HALL

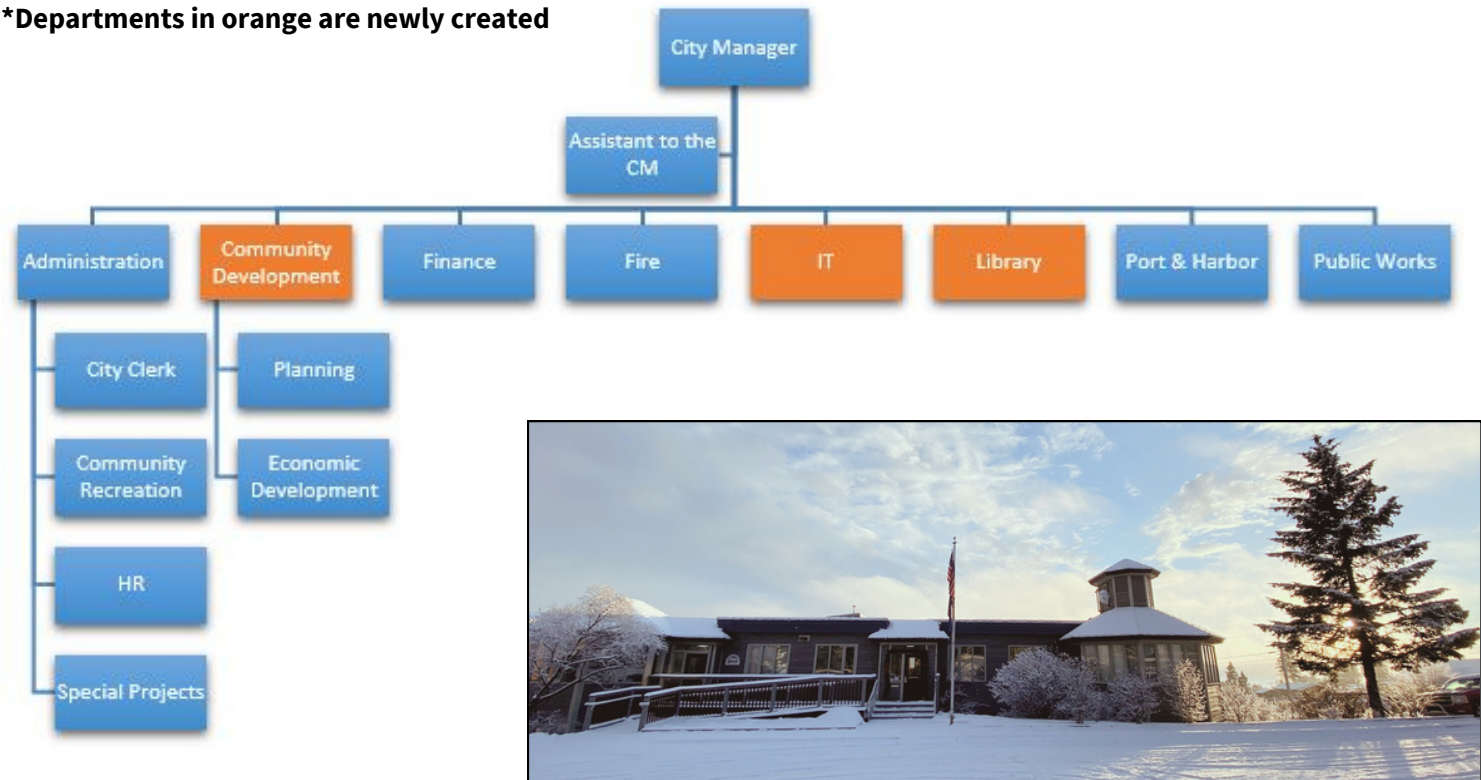
## RESTRUCTURING

In January the City Council approved a restructuring of the City organization which resulted in the creation of three new departments. We now have independent departments for the Library, Information Technology, and Community Development.

The City's organization design has not changed much since the mid-1980s. After a bit of a shuffle in 1985 we've only seen two significant changes: the deletion of the Department of Health in 1991 and the split of the Department of Public Safety into separate Police and Fire Departments in 2017.

The City Manager proposed the reorganization with the intent of better matching organizational design with how the City operates. The new structure provides a more transparent view of City operations through documents like the budget and increases the organization's effectiveness at providing services to the City's residents, businesses, and visitors. City staff will be working to implement the changes over the next month.

**\*Departments in orange are newly created**



Homer City Hall

## STAY IN THE LOOP

There are multiple ways you can stay up to date on important issues. We want to hear from you and welcome public input when making decisions that affect you.

All scheduled meetings can be found through the link below, on the City of Homer website. By clicking on each meeting, you can view the current Agenda. You can voice your comments and concerns during any of the Public Comment sections of a meeting. During the Comments from the Audience section, each person is allowed 3 minutes to comment on whatever topic they wish. There is no response as it is a one-way open forum for the Mayor, City Council Members, the City Manager, and Commissioners to hear what the public has to say.

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/meetings>

# PARKS

## PARK PLANS

City staff met recently with the Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC) to review the most recent drafts of the Park Master Plans for Bayview and Karen Hornaday Park.



**How You Can Help:** There will be a work session to review some more options. The meeting is open to the public. The Agenda will be posted to the [PARCAC Worksession Meeting Details](#) page closer to the meeting date.

**When:** February 15, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm

**Where:** City Hall, Cowles Council Chambers

**Please provide feedback on these projects by clicking the links below.**

Bayview Park Master Plan Update:



<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/publicworks/bayview>

Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan Update:



<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/publicworks/karen-hornaday-park-master-plan-update>

# LIBRARY

## BENCH DESIGN PROPOSALS

The Friends of the Homer Library (FHL) and the National Park Service are collaborating to establish a new community space on the 2.24-acre land parcel located between the library and Poopdeck Trail. This initiative aims to expand the library's mission beyond its physical confines, transforming the area into a cultural, educational, and recreational asset for the community.

To enhance the space, FHL has released a Request for Proposals (RFP), inviting designs for two public benches. The first bench will be positioned at the western end of the trail where it intersects with Poopdeck Trail, while the second bench, featuring a "wraparound" design, will encircle a spruce tree in the knoll area. Local artists and craftworkers are encouraged to submit their creative proposals for consideration.

All proposals must be received by FHL **no later than 8:00 pm on February 20, 2024.**

**Proposals can be submitted in three ways:**

1. Via email to [dberry@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:dberry@ci.homer.ak.us) (preferred)
2. In-person at the Homer Public Library
3. By mail to: Homer Public Library Attn: Dave Berry 500 Hazel Ave. Homer, AK 99603

**[Click HERE to view the full Request for Proposals \(RFP\) Document](#)**

The full details of this RFP and additional information about the Western Lot Project can be found on the Homer Public Library's website. <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/western-lot-project>



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## SHORT TERM RENTALS

In the Spring of 2022, Homer City Council identified community housing as a priority issue. Since then, many efforts have been made to gather data and look at potential solutions. In November 2023, Council introduced Ordinance 23-61 that has been a topic for public meetings, conversations, and recommendations.

The proposed Ordinance 23-61 would amend Homer City Code, adding a section on short-term rentals. The initiative stems from concerns about housing availability for both seasonal workers and year-round community members. Acknowledging the economic benefits and challenges posed by short-term rentals, the ordinance aims to establish regulations to ensure safe operation, prevent public nuisances, and facilitate the collection of appropriate taxes, with a commitment to ongoing adjustments based on community needs and feedback.



Cabin with a View

### Share Your Thoughts

Coming up, on **February 26**, there will be a Public Hearing. We want the public to get involved! Click the link to comment on the proposed regulation.

#### What does the Ordinance do?

- Requires registration with the City and provides state business license and KPB sales tax compliance form.
- Requires Self-Certify Basic Life Safety; are there smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, etc.
- Requires an emergency contact be provided for the police department and neighbors within 300 feet.

#### What the Ordinance does not do.

- Does not cap the number of units in a neighborhood or city wide.
- Does not require life safety inspections.
- No change in city capacity; no new staff, no increased enforcement.

COMMENT HERE | 

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/planning/draft-short-term-rental-regulations>

READ MORE 

Click the Links Below

- [Ordinance 23-61](#)
- [Memorandum for Ordinance 23-61](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Strong Towns Presentation

**When:** Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Kachemak Bay Campus, Room 202  
**Fee:** FREE

Homer welcomes nationally renowned speaker Charles Marohn of Strong Towns.

### Free Movie “Cruise Boom”

**When:** Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Homer Movie Theater  
**Fee:** FREE

This 60-minute film takes a current look at the effects of cruise ship tourism in Sitka Alaska.

<https://artchangeinc.org/cruiseboom>



Cruise Ship in Whittier, AK

# PORT & HARBOR

## HOMER FISH DOCK AND ICE PLANT: A HUB OF PRODUCTIVITY AND SUPPORT

The Homer Fish Dock and Ice Plant public use facilities built in 1983, have played an important role in the maritime activities of Homer.

Stretching 383 feet, the Fish Dock boasts two 50-foot side berths and is equipped with eight public-use cranes, including two 5-ton and six 2.5-ton cranes, making it a versatile resource for various marine operations. The dock also offers 8,600 cubic feet of bait storage. Open 24/7 throughout the year, the Fish Dock caters to a diverse group. It serves fishermen, fish buyers, charter operators, Cook Inlet Aquaculture, researchers, Cook Inlet Spill Prevention & Response, Inc. (CISPRI), communities without road service, non-profits, government agencies, marine contractors and salvage operations. The dock employs three full-time operators with diverse skill sets.



Homer Fish Dock with Cranes



Maintenance Supervisor Del Masterhan giving a tour of the ice plant to Councilmember Hansen with fish dock operators Japheth McGhee & Tom Gilbert.

At the heart of its operations is the Ice Plant, operational from February through November, and capable of producing 40 tons of ice per day. This ice is sold and delivered to boats, fish processors, and buyers, supporting the needs of the fishing industry. In its 40 years of service, the Ice Plant has supplied nearly 130 thousand tons of Flake Ice.

Our dock and ice plant staff hold many skills that range from Ammonia Refrigeration Engineer/Operator to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, hydraulics, and some IT expertise, making it a comprehensive hub for maritime activities and support in the region.



Fish Totes

### DID YOU KNOW?

The 30th Anniversary of the Homer Winter King Salmon Tournament is this year!

The tournament will take place on **March 23, 2024**

For more information and to register, go to [www.homerwinterking.com](http://www.homerwinterking.com)



# HOMER HARBOR EXPANSION



## STUDY UPDATE



At the [January 22 City Council Worksession](#), Ronny McPherson and KC Kent of HDR provided an overview of the Baseline Conditions Report they completed and have submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Homer Harbor General Investigation.

HDR collected new field data and utilized the plethora of existing data along with existing studies to document and create a model of the wave and tidal action, storm surge and sediment transport in the study area.

Understanding the existing ocean and meteorological (or Metocean) conditions is important to the design process. The modelling tool will be used to evaluate the performance of different design option. Taken together with data from the geophysical investigation and environmental review, it allows the project development team to tailor designs to the specific conditions of the proposed site to best meet project objectives.

At the regular meeting on January 22nd, Homer City Council passed two pieces of legislation in support of the Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation. They unanimously approved [Ordinance 24-05](#), committing additional match funds for the Harbor Expansion Study. Mayor Castner and Councilmembers all expressed commitment to maintaining positive city-state-federal partnerships and the importance of the tasks added to the General Investigation, so we have solid information on which to better evaluate feasibility.

[Resolution 24-012](#) was also adopted, which supports the State of Alaska's continued partnership in the General Investigation and requests funds in the State's FY25 Capital budget to complete the other half of the additional local sponsor match requirement study.

If you missed the Council worksession or the Regular meeting, you can still listen to the meeting or read the minutes on the City's website. [Check it out here.](#)

**Keep engaged with the study at [www.homerharborexansion.com](http://www.homerharborexansion.com)**

## CAMPGROUND HOST NEEDED FOR MARINER PARK

The city of Homer, Port & Harbor department is currently seeking one campground host for Mariner Park, April 1 through October 31, 2024.

In exchange for campground host services provided, the City of Homer's Port & Harbor will provide one free, dedicated camp space (plus room for a commuter vehicle), a \$100/week stipend, plus a \$50/month utility stipend.

Interested parties can contact harbormaster, Matt Clarke, for further information at (907) 235-3160 or [mclarke@ci.homer.ak.us](mailto:mclarke@ci.homer.ak.us).

Find more information here: <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/port/campground-host-needed-mariner-park>



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## PROMOTION CEREMONY



Joe Kahles, Samantha Cunningham, Councilmember Shelly Erickson, Captain Jake Richter, Captain Jaclyn Arndt, Councilmember Caroline Venuti, Chief Mark Kirko

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) celebrated a significant moment with its first promotion ceremony in the history of the department. This ceremony celebrated the promotions of Jaclyn Arndt and Jake Richter to the rank of Captain.

Surrounded by fellow firefighters, family, and friends, the ceremony was led by Chief Kirko who offered words of gratitude and encouragement to the two new Captains. This promotion reflects Jaclyn's and Jake's dedication, hard work, sacrifice, and commitment to the safety and well-being of Homer. We are so proud of you both for this accomplishment!



Former HVFD Captain Tim Yarbrough and Captain Jaclyn Arndt



James Squires Pinning Captain Jake Richter



Councilmember Caroline Venuti, Captain Jaclyn Arndt, Councilmember Shelly Erickson

## HVFD EMT 1 CLASS NOW UP AND RUNNING!



2024 EMT I Class

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department started its annual EMT I class in January with ten students! Some are familiar faces who were already essential in our 911 responses at the department last year, and some are brand new, but all of them are enthusiastic about joining our team and running calls with us. Students will spend 160 hours in the classroom and countless more hours on their own study time. They will learn a whole new language, perfect hands-on skills, and learn the steps needed to assess and treat those critically ill and injured. At the same time, they will be learning how the Volunteer Fire Department works and become familiar with the equipment and fleet that we use to take care of Homer. We are looking forward to welcoming students into our volunteer family as they complete their training.

Excerpt by Assistant Chief of EMS Samantha Cunningham

# HVFD LADDER TRUCK HAS ARRIVED



HVFD Ladder Truck

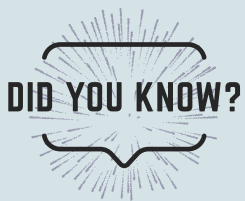
A long-awaited ladder truck is a welcome addition to the Homer Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) fleet. The addition of this truck gives the department the ability to quickly and safely rescue people trapped by fire on elevated floors and assists with reaching windows and roofs faster to create ventilation paths. It also provides the ability to more effectively combat fire in commercial and industrial facilities and can be used in many technical rescue situations by providing safe lifting with anchoring capabilities.

The new Ladder truck is a 1998 E-One with a 100-foot ladder and has a 1,500 Gallons Per Minute (GPM) pump. The elevated waterway is capable of delivering 1,250 GPM. It has seating capacity for 6 firefighters and will carry a host of firefighting and rescue equipment and tools.

The addition of this truck, purchased from the City of Ketchikan, helps ensure that the department can respond promptly and effectively to emergencies, ultimately improving its service to the residents of Homer.



HVFD Ladder Truck Extended



The first successful aerial ladder truck was invented and patented by Daniel D. Hayes in 1868. This horse-drawn truck had a ladder attached that could extend to a height of 85 feet. Four to six men were able to fully extend the ladder in under 40 seconds by turning a crank. It was mounted onto a turntable and could swing to where it was needed.

## MITIGATION STRATEGY

Homer's Hazard Mitigation Plan is a blueprint to help make Homer a resilient community. The Mitigation Strategy section identifies key resources, ensuring effective responses to potential hazards.

### 1. Identification of Resources:

The plan examines human, technical, and financial resources and examines their ability to expand. For example, authorities like the Police Chief and the City of Homer Finance Department play vital roles in providing law enforcement and financial support.

### 2. National Flood Insurance Program Participation:

Active involvement in this program equips communities like Homer with valuable tools to implement effective floodplain management, reducing flood-related risks.

### 3. Mitigation Goals:

Goals focus on enhancing climate protection, creating a healthy community, and safeguarding critical facilities against hazards.

### 4. Recommended Actions:

Tailored actions are recommended, ranging from education and awareness; structure and infrastructure projects; preparedness and response; and local plans and regulations.

### 5. Prioritized Action Plan:

A strategic sequence for action implementation, prioritized based on urgency and potential impact, ensures efficient hazard mitigation.

### 6. Plan Integration:

Identifying the items above and integrating them into Homer's relevant plans, policies, and programs is an integral part of decision-making and resource allocation.



Find the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan on the City's website: [City of Homer Local Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)






In this section, we aim to keep readers informed about the latest developments in public safety in the community. Whether it's news about crime prevention, emergency preparedness, or updates on local law enforcement activities, we've got you covered. Our goal is to promote a safe and secure environment for all community members and visitors of Homer, and we believe that staying informed is a crucial part of achieving that. Read on to learn more about what's happening in public safety in Homer.


## Winter Driving Tips

- 1** **WARM UP**

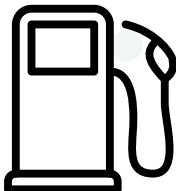
Warm up your car at least 1 minute before driving to warm up the oil. This will keep your engine running smoothly.
- 2**



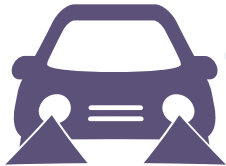
Clear snow and ice off windows, mirrors, and lights.
- 3**




Have an emergency kit for the unexpected.
- 4**



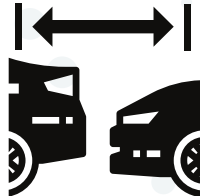
Fuel up! Keep gas tank at least half full. If you get stuck, you will want to keep the car running to stay warm.
- 5**




Use headlights to see and be seen! Make sure your bulbs are working.
- 6**




Wear your seatbelt and make sure kids are buckled in too!
- 7**




Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you. At least 3 car lengths.
- 8**




Avoid using cruise control in icy and snowy conditions.
- 9**



Service your car regularly to check oil and fluids.
- 10**



Keep speed slow and steady in snow and icy conditions.
- 11**



Check your tire pressure and tread regularly.



## Work Anniversaries

Thanks to the following staff members for your dedication, commitment and service to the City and to the taxpayers of Homer!

### January

Names	Dept.	Years
Teresa Sundmark	Library	17 Years
Tomasz Sulczynski	IT	16 Years
Andrea Browning	Admin	12 Years
Brody Jones	Public Works	10 Years
Jona Focht	Dispatch	9 Years
Lynda Gilliland	Finance	6 Years
Amy Woodruff	Port	3 Years
Rose Riordan	Port	2 Years

# Welcome

## January New Hires

The City is delighted to extend a warm welcome to Kaleb and Ed. We are thrilled to have them join the team!



**Kaleb Harvey** will be attending the Police Academy in Sitka for 17 weeks before starting his position with the Homer Police Department.



Ed Gross, Associate Planner

The Planning Division welcomes **Ed Gross** as full-time Associate Planner. Ed relocated to Homer from Anchorage and has a background in construction and a degree in Landscape Architecture. Most recently he worked as a cost estimator for asphalt and concrete paving companies. Ed will be busy in the coming weeks and months learning the policies and procedures of the Planning Division, with a focus on processing development applications. This comes just in time for the upcoming construction season, the peak time of year for processing zoning permits. Please join us in welcoming Ed to the City of Homer!

## DEL WAS ON THE TODAY SHOW!



Barbara and Del Masterhan

In a delightful surprise, our own Del Masterhan, Port Maintenance Supervisor, made a special appearance on the Today Show with his wife, Heather, celebrating her 50th birthday! They even had a snazzy sign representing the 49th state. What a memorable day!

## EMPLOYEE HIGH FIVES

Way to go guys! Working hard through the cold weather to keep things safe and everything running smoothly.



How many Harbor Officers does it take to change a light bulb? Harbormaster Matt Clarke was recently called upon to assist a vessel when one of the bulbs heating their engine room burned out. The usual caretakers were out of town, so he stepped in to help keep this vessel warm.

Ian Overson (HPD Jailer) Clearing Snow

# CITY OF HOMER ROSTER

**Mayor** - Ken Castner (2024)

## City Council

Donna Aderhold (2024)

Jason Davis (2025)

Shelley Erickson (2024)

Storm P. Hansen (2025)

Rachel Lord (2026)

Caroline Venuti (2026)

## City Staff Leadership

Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk/Deputy Director of Administration

Mark Robl, Chief of Police

Bill Jirsa, Chief Technology Officer

Julie Engebretsen, Economic Development Manager

Elizabeth Walton, Finance Director

Mark Kirko, Fire Chief

Dave Berry, Library Director

Andrea Browning, Personnel Director

Bryan Hawkins, Port Director

Ryan Foster, City Planner

Mike Illg, Community Recreation Manager

## Commissions and Boards

ADA Advisory Board

Economic Development Advisory Commission

Library Advisory Board

Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

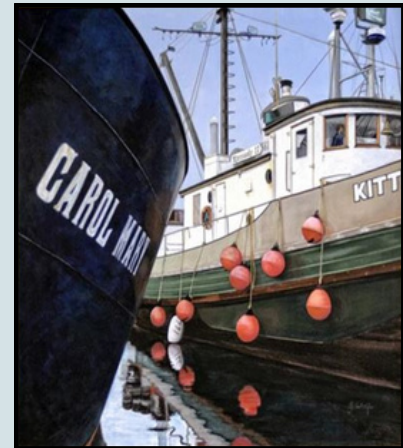
Planning Commission

Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

# MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION



Homer Harbor, by Ed Tussey- City Hall



Kittiwake II, by Gaye Wolfe - City Hall

Learn more about the municipal art collection at:

[www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/  
prac/city-homer-municipal-art-collection](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/prac/city-homer-municipal-art-collection)

## STAY CONNECTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Go to [cityofhomer-ak.gov/cityclerk/stay-connected-city-council](http://cityofhomer-ak.gov/cityclerk/stay-connected-city-council) to find instructions on how to listen, provide testimony, and participate in the meetings via Zoom.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### February

5	3:30 pm	Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
8	4:00 pm	ADA Advisory Board
13	4:30 pm	Economic Development Advisory Worksession
13	6:00 pm	Economic Development Advisory Commission Regular Meeting
15	4:30 pm	Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Worksession
15	5:30 pm	Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission Regular Meeting
20	4:30 pm	Library Advisory Board Worksession
20	5:30 pm	Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting
21	5:30 pm	Planning Commission Worksession
21	6:30 pm	Planning Commission Regular Meeting
28	5:30 pm	Port & Harbor Advisory Commission Regular Meeting

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## JOIN OUR TEAM

- Find current job listings for the City of Homer
- Sign up for Job Alerts
- Apply Online at: [cityofhomerak.applicantpro.com/jobs](http://cityofhomerak.applicantpro.com/jobs)

### ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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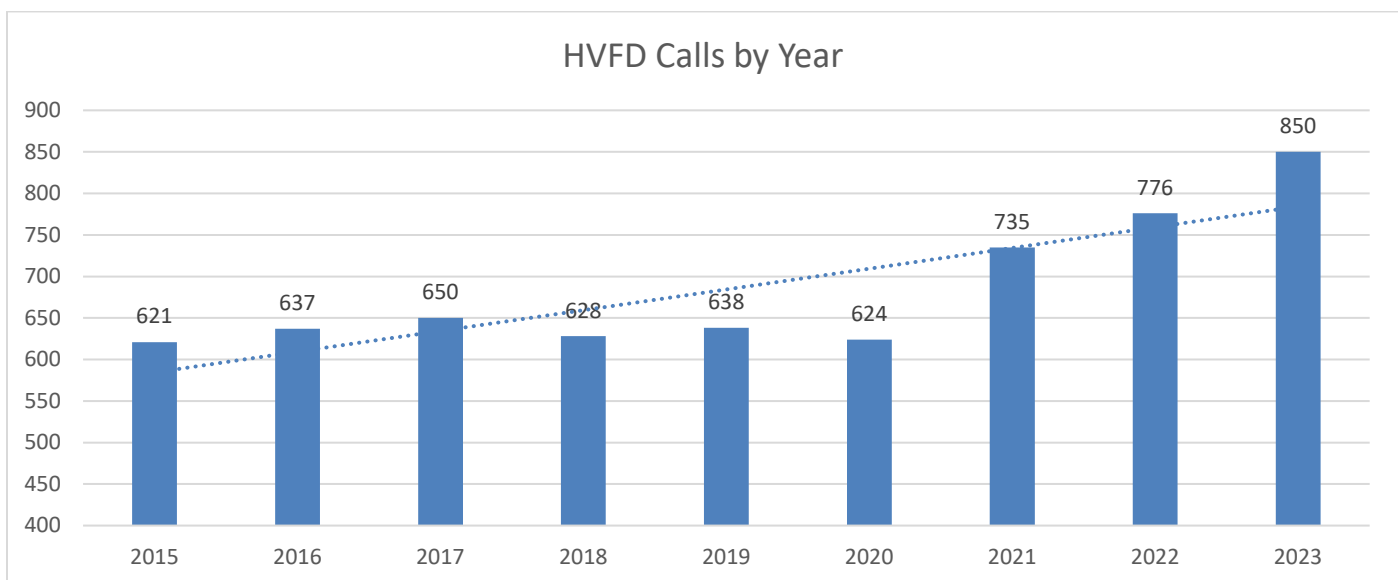
### Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager  
DATE: February 7, 2024  
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for February 12, 2024 Council Meeting

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#### HVFD Calls for 2023

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) has seen significant growth in calls for service over the last decade. For many years, calls hovered in the 620-650 range annually. In 2021 HVFD saw a big jump up to 735, and in 2023 the Department hit 850 calls which is a 34% increase over the average for 2015 to 2020. The Department's staff and volunteers are putting considerable effort into keeping pace with the growing requests for service. Our fleet is doing its best as well, but we continue to have challenges with aged vehicles and slow supply chains. We are fortunate that Council has supported some major fleet purchases across the last couple years which are helping HVFD meet this increasing need – the City's first ladder truck was delivered recently; the new pumper/tanker is on order and in line to be built this year; and a new ambulance has been funded and staff are attempting to lock down a unit that can be delivered in the next year. We have many more fleet replacements to be considered in the near future, and, unfortunately, supply chain issues continue to make it difficult to receive fire apparatus in a timely fashion (lead times on many items have pushed past 2 years!).



#### Transportation Plan Update

The Transportation Plan will be making its way to the Planning Commission on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The plan is a little behind schedule due to the very full schedule the Planning Commission has had across the last couple months. The most recent draft is available at <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/planning/planning-commission-draft-transportation-plan-2024>.

### **Homer Projects Included in Draft STIP**

Alaska's 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) includes mention of a number of projects important to the City of Homer which were considered thanks to input received in Resolution 21-065, Resolution 23-083(A), and comments provided by the City during the STIP's public comment period. It's important to note that the STIP is not final until approved by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. The STIP can be viewed at: <https://dot.alaska.gov/admsvc/stip/final/2024.01.19%20%20STIP%20Final%20for%20Approval.pdf>

### **Comprehensive Plan Update**

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee had its first meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>. They are currently reviewing the draft public participation plan developed by Agnew::Beck. More to come soon regarding public engagement opportunities.

### **Visit from Strong Towns and Screening of the Movie "Cruise Boom"**

In February we have some interesting events happening for folks interested in planning and tourism. Charles Marohn from Strong Towns will be in Homer on February 20<sup>th</sup> to give a talk at the college at 6pm. Strong Towns has a mission to promote a "pattern of development that is financially strong and resilient" and works "to elevate local government to the highest level of collaboration for people working together in a place." This event will be a great opportunity for the public to learn more about planning in preparation for the Comprehensive Plan update which will have multiple public meetings in the spring and early summer.

A week later on February 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a free showing of the movie "Cruise Boom" at the Homer Theater. The movie was filmed in Sitka and takes a look at the cruise ship industry and the impacts of tourism. The Port & Harbor and Economic Development have partnered to bring this movie to town and engage in conversations related to the impacts of tourism on small cities in Alaska.

### **Short Term Rental Update**

The short term rental (STR) ordinance's (23-61) public engagement tour continues with stops at the Economic Development Commission on February 13<sup>th</sup> and the Planning Commission on February 21<sup>st</sup>. By the time the ordinance gets back to the Council on February 26<sup>th</sup>, staff and Council Champions Aderhold and Davis expect to have a substitute ordinance influenced by the public comment received across the last few months. STR information for this project is available on the City website including the schedule of public participation opportunities and a public comment form: <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/planning/draft-short-term-rental-regulations>

### **2023 Library Report**

The Homer Public Library's 2023 Annual Report is now available (attached to this report). The document gives an overview of all the activities that took place during 2023 at the library. Over 125,000 visits were logged to the library last year!

# Homer Public Library 2023 Annual Report



## **Seldovia Adopts Resolution Supporting Harbor Expansion Study Update**

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Seldovia City Council approved a resolution (24-26) expressing support for the Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation. The resolution from our neighbors acknowledged the regional importance of our harbor and its critical importance to those living in the City of Seldovia. Mayor Castner, Councilmembers Aderhold and Hansen, and I will be sharing this, along with other supporting documents, with the state legislature later this month.

## **Finance Reports**

This report will be accompanied by some new financial reports related to cash and fund balances. Expect that these reports will evolve across the next year. If Council has questions or suggestions please forward them to my office and we will work with you to address your concerns.

## **Hornaday Park Master Plan Update**

The Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission will hold a special work session on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. This commission will be reviewing and commenting on the draft Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan. The whole plan will be up for conversation, but the commission intends to focus much of their energy on the future of Upper Hornaday which has previously been operated as a campground. The work session will be followed at 5:30 PM by their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

## **AMLJIA Meeting**

On January 26<sup>th</sup> I attended a quarterly meeting of the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association (AMLJIA) as a member of the board of trustees in Anchorage. My travel and participation is funded by the AMLJIA. The most notable update from that meeting is the continued progress on the potential consolidation

between AMLJIA and the state's other public entity risk pool Alaska Public Entity Insurance (APEI). A consolidation is intended to produce a stronger pool that can provide more services to its membership. The two groups have been meeting and developing a vision and framework for implementation of a new entity that would be called the Alaska Public Risk Alliance (APRA). Much more work remains to develop the concept, and acceptance of a consolidation would require votes of each entity's board and then their membership (which includes the City of Homer). The earliest a consolidation could be complete and APRA operational is July 1, 2025.

Attachments:

- February Employee Anniversaries
- Memorandum from City Clerk re: Memorandums 101
- 2023 Homer Public Library Annual Report
- AKDOT Commissioner Anderson Letter Re: 2024-2027 STIP
- Seldovia Resolution 24-26 Supporting Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation
- Building a Strong Town Presentation Flyer
- Cruise Boom Homer Screening Flyer
- SBDC Quarterly Report



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## Memorandum

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: Andrea Browning  
DATE: February 12, 2024  
SUBJECT: February Employee Anniversaries

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I would like to take the time to thank the following employees for the dedication, commitment and service they have provided the City and taxpayers of Homer over the years.

<b>Jenny Carroll</b>	<b>Admin</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Morgan Tracy</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Kevin Co</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Tyler Jeffres</b>	<b>Police</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Years</b>
<b>Matt Swerdzewski</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Mike Swoboda</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Year</b>



# MEMORANDUM

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## Memorandums 101

**Item Type:** Informational Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
**Date:** February 7, 2024  
**From:** Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

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At the January 22, 2024 City Council Meeting, Council Member Lord asked for some guidance related to the use of Memorandums related to Council actions.

For City Council, Boards, Commissions, Committees, and etc, there are three types of memorandums that are used, informational memos, backup memos, and action memos.

Informational memos, such as this one, are used to relay non actionable information to the body it's prepared for. Another example is the Council Champion memos that give information but don't require action.

Backup memos provide information that provides information on a specific matter the body will be taking action on. For example, back up memos to ordinances or resolutions.

Action memos are used for routine actions that don't rise to the need of having ordaining or resolving language. Action memos are used for matters such as appointments to boards and commissions, to voice non objection to alcohol and marijuana licenses, to review and approve letters from Mayor and Council being sent on behalf of the City of Homer.



# Homer Public Library 2023 Annual Report



*On January 20, chilly patrons waited forlornly for Storytime to begin*

- Jan.-Mar.: The Art in the Library program displays acrylic and graphite paintings by Counsel Langley.
- Jan. 1: The balance in the Library Endowment Fund stands at \$42,460.95.
- Jan. 13: Showing of *King Lear*.
- Jan. 17: The Library Advisory Board responds to the petition to remove titles from the children's and young adult collections.

The year opened with ongoing debate about a petition to remove all the LGBT materials from the children's and young adult areas in the library. On Jan. 17, following hours of public testimony and hundreds of written comments, the Library Advisory Board (LAB) voted to leave all 55 titles in their existing locations. The controversy regarding library materials continues, however: on Nov. 16, the state Attorney General issued an open letter to all public and school libraries in Alaska, advising them of the laws concerning distribution of sexually-explicit materials.

From February through August, staff worked with the Friends of the Library, the Library Advisory Board and the City Council to completely overhaul and modernize all the library's policies. In the last six months of the year, City staff and Council worked on reorganizing the City's administrative structure. Effective Jan. 8, 2024, the library became an official department for the first time since 1985.

The project to upgrade the western lot moved forward. On April 10, Council adopted Resolution 23-030, supporting improvements to the grounds. During the summer, the Friends of the Library hired local experts to conduct a survey of plant species in the area. In October, work crews laid the gravel for the first part of the trail upgrades.

- Jan. 18: New microform reader set up.
- Feb 1-28: National Love Your Library Month. Prize drawings in the library each week.
- Feb. 3: Library videophone replaced.
- Feb. 4 and 9: Alice Porter teaches two workshops on making accordion-book boxes.
- Feb. 6: Scan-to-email function set up on the library's public copier.
- Feb. 25: Celebration of Lifelong Learning honors Samantha Cunningham and Thea Person.
- Mar. 4: In-person workshop led by Dimi Macheras and Casey Silver, authors of *Chickaloonies*.
- Mar. 9: Local writer Derek Stonorov, author of *Living in Harmony with Bears*, visits the library.
- Mar. 14: Lt. Browning from the Homer Police Department delivers a talk on *Parenting in the Digital Age*.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed so much. Our hardworking staff prove every day that the library is the heart of Homer. The Friends of the Library poured their energies into a huge range of public programs and provided invaluable support for library operations, especially the summer reading program. Members of the LAB carried out their duties thoughtfully and considerately, spending many hours reading the challenged titles, hearing input from the public, and debating revisions to library policies. Volunteers donated more than 2,400 hours of labor, not to mention thousands of dollars to the Giving Tree, the library endowment and the Friends of the Library. Finally, a big thank you to all the library patrons and community organizations that gave their time and expertise to speak up at public meetings, collaborate on programs, participate in events and just come in to read. The library is what it is because of your efforts.



*Homer High School Swing Choir performed at the Celebration of Lifelong Learning, February 25*

## January

The library hosted a showing of the Royal Shakespeare Company's *King Lear* on Jan. 13. The new microform reader was set up on Jan. 18, offering much greater zooming, contrast adjustment, cleaner prints and the ability to save and email images.

At the Jan. 17 meeting, the LAB heard more public testimony on the petition to remove LGBT+ books from the children's and young adult collections, then voted to retain each of the 55 items in its existing location.



- Mar. 16: The library upgrades from version 3.1 to version 3.9 of the catalog software.
- Mar. 23: Public phone replaced with a new armored model.
- Mar. 24, 6:15-7:45: Margaret Willson visits the library to talk about her newest book, *Woman, Captain, Rebel*.
- Mar. 31: First-ever wedding in the library.
- Apr.-Jun.: The Art in the Library program displays photographs by R. J. Nelson.
- Apr. 1: Monthly checkout limit on Kanopy is raised to 5 videos per patron.
- Apr. 6: Community Poetry Reading.
- Apr. 7: Final memorial plaque for Duffy Murnane installed in the front entryway of the library.
- Apr. 10: Council adopts Resolution 23-030, supporting improvements to the library grounds.



*The memorial bench for Duffy Murnane was completed and dedicated on April 26*

## February

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Community Recreation and SPH kindly donated four sun lamps to the library for checkout. The library videophone was replaced, and the main public copier was upgraded with the ability to scan to email, not just to USB. Interlibrary loan fees increased by \$2 to cover the rise in postage costs. The LAB and PARCAC committees passed motions of support for improvements to the western lot, and the ADA Commission expressed verbal approval.

Staff began overhauling the library policies, combining them all into a single document and editing to remove duplication, internal contradictions and out-of-date material, as well as adding sections to cover new and emerging policy concerns.

The Celebration of Lifelong Learning on Feb. 25 was a smash hit! Nearly all 80 tickets sold out and the building was packed. Congratulations to Samantha Cunningham and Thea Person, our adult and youth awardees, respectively.

## March

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Marylou Burton, a long-time member of the Friends of the Library, received the Audrey Kolb Award from the Alaska Library Association. The award is given to individuals who “have shown a significant contribution in the life and activities of libraries,” a description which fits her perfectly.

On March 16, the library shifted the catalog into the cloud and jumped eight versions of the software. The new catalog brought significant improvements to workflows and greatly reduced the burden on the City IT staff.



- Apr. 10, 13, 17 and 20:  
Workshops teach participants how to make an accordion book-in-a-box out of a poem and pictures.
- Apr. 21: Reading by local poet Peter Kaufmann.
- Apr. 26: Ceremonial lighting of the lotus lamp marks the completion of the Duffy Memorial Bench.
- May 5-6: Spring Book and Plant Sale.
- May 6: Bookmobile at the Safe and Healthy Kids Fair.
- May 15: *Little Loon Finds His Voice*, by Yvonne Pearson, is the first book of the season featured on the Story Walk Trail.
- May 21: Volunteers with Serve the City help clean up the landscaping at the library.
- Jun. 3: Summer@HPL kicks off with crafts, games and storytime.
- Jun. 6-Aug. 1: Outdoor Adventures and Stories in partnership with the Center for Alaska Coastal Studies.

Building maintenance staff replaced the public phone with a new armored model. The lock on the front door broke in mid-March, forcing us to leave one door closed until March 28.



*Friends of the Library volunteers handed out more than 800 free books during the Independence Day parade*

## April

Community members gathered in the library on April 6 to share their favorite poems, and local author Peter Kaufmann gave a reading on April 21. The Duffy Murnane memorial bench reached completion this month, with a plaque installed on April 7 and a ceremony of lighting the lotus lamp on April 26.



- Jun. 6-8: In partnership with Challenger Learning Center of Alaska, *Science in the Summer: Be a Physicist* teaches kids about science and science careers.
- Jun. 9: After nine years of invaluable work at the library, Jackie McDonough steps down as Library Technician I.
- Jun. 12: In partnership with Pier One Theatre, kids perform a book.
- Jun. 14: Leap into Science explores light and shadow.
- Jun. 15: The Story Walk Trail features *Butterfly Park*, by Elly MacKay.
- Jun. 17: Cartoonist Lee Post teaches families and adults how to tell a story in cartoon form.
- Jun. 20: David Scheel, author of *Many Things Under the Water*, visits the library to talk about his book and his research on octopi.
- Jun. 19-20: Midsummer Magic takes kids on a trip to find Shakespearian sorcery both indoors and outside.



Young writers read their work on-air at KBBI on July 18

## May

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The book and plant sale was successful, as always. On May 19, Samantha Cunningham from the Homer Fire Department provided all staff with training in using the AED machine at the front desk.

Volunteers carried out a day of service on May 21, helping to clean up the library grounds. Parks staff also surveyed the grounds and noted a number of issues, including invasive species, problems with drainage and settling and various minor maintenance tasks. Going forward, the City will care for the Margaret Pate garden on the south side of the library and the flowerbed at the base of the Homer Public Library sign.

## June

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The summer reading program kicked off on June 3. On June 21, local community members celebrated the summer solstice with a street fair on Hazel Avenue. David Scheel's author talk was a great success, with more than 50 attendees. The bookmobile received a new access ramp.

After nine years with the library, Jackie McDonough stepped down as Library Technician I on June 9. Over that time, she did superb work staffing the front desk, repairing materials, training volunteers, assisting with policy rewrites, organizing materials in the vertical files and duplicates collections, and generally being amazing. We will miss her!



- Jun. 21: Summer solstice celebration and street fair on Hazel Avenue.
- Jun. 22-Jul. 14: Teens collaborate to produce their own 'zine.
- Jun. 28: Leap into Science explores balance.
- Jul.-Sept.: The Art in the Library program displays oil paintings by Achim Jahnke.
- Jul. 4: The bookmobile participates in the Independence Day parade.
- Jul. 5: The library implements automatic renewals.
- Jul. 11-18: Mercedes Harness leads a writers club for young participants. Authors have the chance to add their books to the library's collection and read their work on KBBI.
- Jul. 12: Leap into Science explores wind.
- Jul. 15: The Story Walk Trail features *I Got Rhythm*, by Connie Schofield-Morrison.
- Jul. 19-22: LEGO contest.



*Volunteers from Global Credit Union provided mountains of food for the End of Summer Reading Party on July 29*

## July

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The library implemented automatic renewals on July 5, which means items renew themselves without human effort unless a) they're on hold, b) the renewal limit has been reached, or c) the patron's card is blocked. Patrons who have email addresses in the system receive a notice that the item has or has not renewed.

The entryway of the library displayed a friendship banner, painted by local schoolkids in honor of Homer's sister-city relationship with Teshio, Japan. It will hang there all through 2024, the 40th anniversary of the relationship.

Our tiny Friends of the Library volunteers were very enthusiastic about handing out books in the July 4 parade—we distributed 800-1,000 titles.

The summer reading program reached its grand conclusion on July 29! Upwards of 100 people attended, with lots of chalk-drawing, game-playing and hot-dog-eating. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped set up and take down, to say nothing of local businesses which donated prizes and food.

Much of the equipment in the server room was replaced on July 1-2. The new upgrades allow for better routing of traffic within the building and improvements to the wi-fi system. The public works department cut a new drainage channel from the staff parking lot and dredged the ditch at the south side of the main lot.



- Jul. 27-28: In partnership with Challenger Learning Center of Alaska, *Science in the Summer: Be a Physicist* teaches kids about science and science careers.
- Jul. 29: End of summer reading party includes music, games, ice cream and hot dogs, with prizes for reading-challenge participants and LEGO contest winners.
- Aug. 6: Commemoration of the Hiroshima bombing features a replanting of the memorial ginkgo tree.
- Aug. 8: Corky Parker, author of *La Finca*, visits the library to talk about her book.
- Aug. 15: The final Story Walk Trail book of the season is *Blueberry Shoe*, by Ann Dixon.
- Aug. 28: City Council passes Resolution 23-082, adopting the revised Homer Public Library Policies and Procedures.
- Sept. 5: Dawn Brooks begins work as a Library Technician I.
- Sept. 8-9: Fall Book and Plant Sale.



*Staff from Public Works dredged out the drainage channel on the south side of the parking lot on August 15*

## August

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On Aug. 6, the library hosted a ceremonial replanting of the ginkgo tree, commemorating the bombing of Hiroshima. On August 8, author Corky Parker delivered a talk about her life running a bed and breakfast in Puerto Rico.

On Aug. 29, City Council voted to approve the revised library policies and also allocated funding for upgrading the trail surface on the western lot. The Homer Public Library sign at the corner of Heath and Hazel received repairs and a fresh coat of paint. Thanks to artist Brad Hughes, who both created and repaired the work.

The library submitted three building-related projects for Homer's 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan: replacing the siding, installing a sliding gate at the entrance, and an engineering study for possible future remodeling.

## September

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The library hosted a candidate forum for borough mayor and borough assembly on Sept. 14, and a forum for city council candidates on Sept. 18. Despite some technical issues with the first one, both fora gave candidates a chance to present themselves directly to constituents. Many thanks to KBBI, KDLL, the Peninsula Clarion, the League of Women Voters and the other volunteers who put the event together.

Building maintenance installed new burners in the boiler room, which proved their worth during the later months of the year. The September book and plant sale went w



- Sept. 14: Candidate forum for Homer assembly seat and borough mayor.
- Sept. 18: Candidate forum for Homer city council.
- Sept. 26: Zoom author visit by Margaret Willson, author of *Woman, Captain, Rebel*. This is a followup to her in-person talk on March 24.
- Oct. 1-Jan. 31: Art in the Library displays works by Elizabeth Kandror.
- Oct. 6: Author visit by John Messick, author of *Compass Lines*.
- Oct. 12: Discussion panel with Guiding Growth.
- Oct. 20: New fish added to the fish wall in front of the library, honoring donors who contributed to the library endowment fund or the Friends of the Library endowment.
- Oct. 24-31: Wi-fi nodes upgraded throughout the library, allowing faster data and more simultaneous users.



*Halloween in Homer is serious business*

## October

On Oct. 20, Moose Run Metalsmiths installed new fish on the fish wall, for the first time in nearly 20 years. The fish wall is an art installation in the plaza outside the library and features copper fish adorned with the names of major donors. Current policy awards a small fish to donors who contribute \$500 in direct financial assistance to the library (preferably through one of the endowment funds), while donors who give \$2,500 or more qualify for a large one.

On Oct. 10, work crews began spreading gravel for resurfacing the Story Walk Trail. Crews from public works have since made some changes to address drainage issues. The survey of plants on the western lot is complete, and the western lot committee chose a few plants to explore further for signage and programs. City IT staff upgraded the wi-fi system, which increases the number of simultaneous users from 40 to 60 and allows higher bandwidth.



- Oct. 26: Author visit by local writer Robert Stark, author of *Warflower*.
- Oct. 31: Trick or treat in the library.
- Nov. 30: *Juneau to Juneau* travelogue by Marylou Burton.
- Dec.: Revisions to the teen area, including new seating, tables and lighting.
- Dec.: Giving Tree up in the lobby.
- Dec. 31: The balance in the library endowment fund stands at \$56,496.11.

## November

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On Nov. 16, the Attorney General of Alaska posted a public letter to all school and public libraries in the state. The letter reviews state laws governing sexual offenses against minors, and warns librarians that including “indecent materials” in the library collection may be a prosecutable offense if minors are able to find those materials.

The library hosted an excellent travel program by Marylou Burton on Nov. 30, describing her six-and-a-half-year voyage around the world with her husband. Ninety-six people attended!

## December

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We added new chairs, tables and lighting in the teen section. Throughout the month, patrons purchased 38 books from the Giving Tree and donated more than \$900 in gift certificates to the Homer Bookstore.

We revived the digital picture frame that displays Homer patrons with their library cards from 2011, and it’s out on the table by the front desk. During 2024, the Friends of the Library will add new photos to the show.



*In 2011, City IT Network Administrator Tomasz Sulczynski showed off his library card for the slide show*

# Thank you!

Our deepest thanks to all those who supported the library over the past year. Many members of the public contributed their time, energy and money to guarantee the success of the institution. We here recognize those who donated to the library's long-term sustainability:

## **Library Endowment Fund**

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Anonymous (2)

National Philanthropic Trust

Donna and Wayne Aderhold

Dave Berry

Marcia Kuszmaul

Kerry Ozel

## **Friends of Homer Public Library Endowment Fund**

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Anonymous

Doug and Landa Baily



# 2023 by the numbers at Homer Public Library



**125,675**

Visits to the library



**157,634**

Items checked out

**729**

New library cards issued

**13,504**

Patrons attended programs

**2,919**

sessions  
Study Rooms + Meeting Room

**1,135**

attended  
Summer Reading events

**25,595**

sessions  
Public computers + library WiFi

**2,466**

Volunteer hours logged





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January 9, 2023

Jennifer Carroll  
Special Projects & Communications Coordinator  
City of Homer  
491 East Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Ms. Carroll:

Thank you for your comments on the draft 2023-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. We greatly value stakeholder engagement and appreciate your attention to the draft STIP. This letter is in response to City of Homer Resolution 21-065, Resolution 23-083A as well as the City of Homer's comments provided in publicinput.com.

We note your request to add Homer Harbor Expansion to the 2024-2027 STIP and that the Homer Harbor Expansion project is estimated at \$278,000,000. The project description will describe that the project completes a US Army Corps of Engineers feasibility study with the purpose of constructing a large vessel harbor to the north of Homer's existing Port and Harbor. We apologize that this was missed in the initial draft, and this will be added as a community driven project seeking funding in the final STIIP.

We also appreciate the City's diligence in maintaining the Homer Harbor port infrastructure. As you note, we have included the Homer Harbor Critical Gloat System Replacement project in the community driven not yet funded portion of the STIP.

Access to the Homer Spit is critical to the Kenai Peninsula and Alaska. We recognize the need for the Homer Spit Coastal Erosion Mitigation project, and value our partnership in applying for discretionary grants to support mitigation and stabilization efforts. We also appreciate the City of Homer's support for the M/V Tustumena Replacement Vessel project, and recognize the AMHS reliance on the Homer Spit for the ferry terminal.

We note that the city of Homer is officially requesting the inclusion of the REACH (Realizing Equitable, Accessible Connectivity in Homer) project in the Alaska 2024-2027 STIP as an illustrative project. This project involves Planning, pre-development and construction activities to comprehensively transform Homer's major travel routes into complete streets with pedestrian pathways. We understand this initial effort is estimated at \$1,400,000. This will be added as a community driven project seeking funding in the final STIP.

We note your support for the Kachemak Drive pavement preservation project to include non-motorized accommodations and your desire to add it to the STIP. We will add this project to our needs list, and also encourage you to consider it for a discretionary grant opportunity in the future. We would be interested in collaborating with you on this effort.

*"Keep Alaska Moving"*

Thank you for your comments on the Sterling Highway Milepost 157-169 Reconstruction Project (Anchor Point to Baycrest Hill). We have passed your comments along to our design team, and will consider the improvements suggestions to Baycrest Overlook and Dimond Creek Crossing. We have received many comments in support of the Diamond Creek Crossing.

Thank you for your support of the Transportation Alternatives Program, the Community Transportation Program, the ADA Implementation and Guidance efforts, as well as the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure formula program.

We also note your proposal to add the following road projects to the STIP:

- Sterling Highway Milepost 172 Drainage Improvements. DOT&PF appreciates attention to this area, and the potential drainage problems. We have added to our needs list, and will be evaluating this area for subsequent projects in the near future.
- Homer Main Street Rehabilitation and Sidewalk. We appreciate your description of the need and have added this to our needs list.
- East Hill Road and West Hill Road Bike Lanes. We note this request and have added this project to our needs list.
- Sterling Highway Milepost 169-175 Pavement Preservation and Safety Upgrades. We note this request and have added this project to our needs list.

Sincerely,



Ryan Anderson, P.E.

Commissioner

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

**CITY OF SELDOVIA  
RESOLUTION 24-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA  
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE HOMER HARBOR EXPANSION GENERAL  
INVESTIGATION STUDY**

**WHEREAS,** Homer's Port & Harbor is a regional port and community hub which is critically important to those living in the City of Seldovia; and

**WHEREAS,** Homer's Port & Harbor serves the needs of commercial vessels operating across southcentral and western Alaska, and the Arctic in the maritime industrial, marine transportation and commercial fishing industries and, over time, the increased demand for services provided by the Homer Port & Harbor has outgrown Homer harbor's ability to safely and efficiently serve this fleet; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Homer ("City") has identified a new large vessel port expansion among its highest ranked priority capital improvement projects since 2004 to (1) meet the growing needs of our commercial fleet, (2) address overcrowding and associated navigational safety concerns and high maintenance costs, and (3) support emerging regional and national economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** in recognition of this need, the City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") entered into a Federal Cost Share Agreement in March 2023 to initiate a Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation ("GI") that investigates all planning aspects needed to build a large vessel harbor at the Homer Spit including, but not limited to: selecting a preferred design alternative and construction methods, evaluating social, economic and environmental factors, determining costs and conducting a cost benefit analysis; and

**WHEREAS,** the initial cost of the Homer Harbor Expansion GI study was set per the USACE Project Management Plan (PMP) at \$3,000,000, as a shared partnership between the USACE, the State of Alaska, and the City (\$1.5M federal/\$750,000 State of Alaska/\$750,000 City of Homer; and

**WHEREAS,** after reaching the study's Alternatives and Measures Milestone, the USACE project development team updated the PMP to include two additional activities in the GI scope (geotechnical analysis and ship simulation) so that the study would have sufficient data to develop the most realistic benefit to cost ratio; and

**WHEREAS,** the additional work increases the cost of the GI study by \$1,154,093 to be similarly shared between the Federal and local partners; and

**WHEREAS,** Homer City Council passed Resolution 23-130 agreeing to the revised scope and cost of the GI under the PMP, stating it is prudent to continue to explore options for a harbor expansion to relieve congestion and improve navigational safety within Homer's Port and Harbor; and



**WHEREAS,** consistent with the shared local match partnership, Homer City Council Resolution 23-130 additionally expresses the City of Homer's intent to appropriate funds in the amount of \$288,524 for fifty percent of the required local sponsor match and to seek State matching funds for the remaining fifty percent; and

**WHEREAS,** investment in the GI supports current and future maritime, marine transportation, and commercial fishing industry promoting the livelihood of individuals in the Kenai Peninsula, the City of Homer and its surrounding remote communities, and the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** support of for the GI study and the completion of the Homer Harbor Expansion project, aligns with the City of Seldovia's Comprehensive Plan and regional priorities and partnership between the City of Homer, City of Seldovia, and Seldovia Village Tribe;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA :**

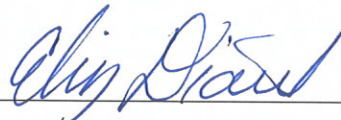
**SECTION 1.** That the City of Seldovia supports the State of Alaska providing \$288,523 in additional match funds in the FY25 State budget in order to fully fund local match requirements for the Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation study in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Homer as the development of this public facility will help enhance safety and economic prosperity among the many Alaskan communities who depend on services operating out of Homer Port and Harbor.

**SECTION 2.** That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Dunleavy and legislative delegates for the Kenai Peninsula.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

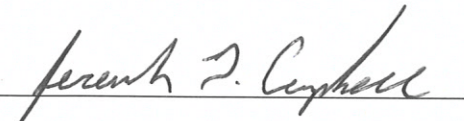
**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia on this 22nd day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:

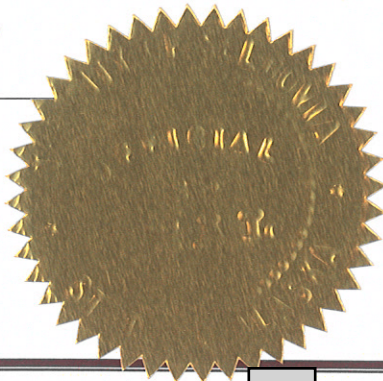


Liz Diamant, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Jeremiah Campbell, Mayor





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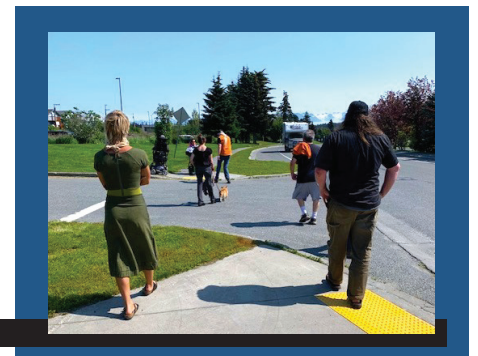
Homer community members, groups, and the City of Homer are actively seeking solutions to local challenges like sustainable growth, affordable housing, a walkable and bike-able community, and fiscally responsible local government.



## A COMMUNITY PRESENTATION WITH CHUCK MAROHN STRONG TOWNS FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

Charles “Chuck” Marohn is the founder and president of Strong Towns. He is a land use planner and civil engineer with decades of experience. He holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning, both from the University of Minnesota.

Visit <https://www.strongtowns.org> for more info.



**Tuesday February 20, 2024 • 6 pm - 7:30 pm**

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Talk begins at 6 pm followed by Q&A

**In Person: Kachemak Bay Campus, Room 202**

**Online: Zoom**



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81377496791>  
Meeting ID: 813 7749 6791  
Passcode: 99603

Join the City of Homer and community partners for a special guest presentation, “Building a Strong Town” by Strong Towns founder Chuck Marohn. Strong Towns advocates for a new way of thinking about the way we build our world, and supports thousands of people across the United States and Canada who are working to make their cities safe, livable, and financially resilient.

We look forward to connecting Marohn and his organization’s experience with Homer residents interested in building a resilient and prosperous community, and to spark conversation and solutions as the City of Homer begins development of a new Comprehensive Plan that will guide our community for the next 10-20 years.

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For more event info, contact:  
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January 29, 2024

City of Homer  
491 E. Pioneer Ave  
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Mayor Castner, City Council, and City Staff,

This letter serves as our quarterly report from October 1 to December 31, 2023. Homer Business Advisor Robert Green finished the year on a high note, supporting 130 business owners and entrepreneurs while receiving 100% client satisfaction on surveys. It was a relatively slow year for capital infusion, with interest rates for business loans often double what they were two years ago. This past year, 78% of Homer clients chose to meet in person with Robert, indicating a strong preference from local business owners and entrepreneurs to have this service in their community rather than travel to Soldotna. Here is a summary of deliverables to the Homer community during the quarter (year):

Client Hours: 122.8 (622.1)	Jobs Supported: 40 (258)
Total Clients: 34 (130)	Capital Infusion: \$0 (\$293,000)
New Businesses Started or Bought: 6 (10)	Client Surveys: 100% positive (100% positive)

This report provides lists of the top advising topics and top industries obtaining technical assistance from the Alaska SBDC in Homer. Assistance to entrepreneurs looking to start new businesses and business planning were the top topics this quarter. Accommodation jumped into the top spot for industries advised, while retail stores and professional guides remained near the top of the list.

Topics

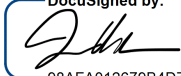
1. Start-up Assistance: 50.7 hrs (41%)
2. Business Planning: 30.8 hrs (25%)
3. General Management: 16.2 hrs (13%)
4. Buy/Sell Business: 9.0 hrs (7%)
5. Legal Issues: 8.1 hrs (7%)

Industries

1. Accommodation: 38.7 hrs (32%)
2. Retailers: 17.9 hrs (15%)
3. Guides: 14.5 hrs (12%)
4. Manufacturing: 13.7 hrs (11%)
5. Entertainment: 9.7 hrs (8%)

We would like to thank the City of Homer for their support of the Homer Business Advisor position. The \$10,000 funding provided by the mayor and city council is critical in retaining the Homer SBDC office in 2024. We greatly appreciate the knowledge, experience, and consistency Robert Green brings to efforts in Homer. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Jon Bittner  
Executive Director  
Alaska SBDC



# MEMORANDUM

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## Homer Harbor Expansion Study Monthly Written Update

**Item Type:** Informational Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor and City Council  
**Date:** February 22, 2024  
**From:** Jenny Carroll, Special Projects and Communications Coordinator  
**Through:** Rob Dumouchel, City Manager and Bryan Hawkins, Port Director

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**Purpose:** This memorandum provides the Homer Harbor Expansion Study monthly written update to Homer City Council per Resolution 23-037.

### The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Project Development Team (PDT)

Continuing study activities:

- USACE Vertical Team Alignment on the Project Management Plan (PMP): The scope and cost components of the PMP have Pacific Ocean Division (POD) approval; POD approval of the PMP is pending review and approval of work-in-kind related to the geophysical investigation and modeling activities. Confirming the study schedule in the PMP is pending release of President's FY25 Federal Budget.
- A two-day Ecological Modeling Workshop for environmental specialists is being organized.
- Homer Small Boat Harbor Vessel Economic Survey is routing through the USACE for approval.
- Permit applications are out to proceed with geotechnical investigations.
- Preparing to conduct environmental fieldwork in summer 2024 utilizing FY23 funds. This, coupled with completion of the geotechnical survey and core sampling plan will allow the USACE to move forward with design work when study activities resume in full.

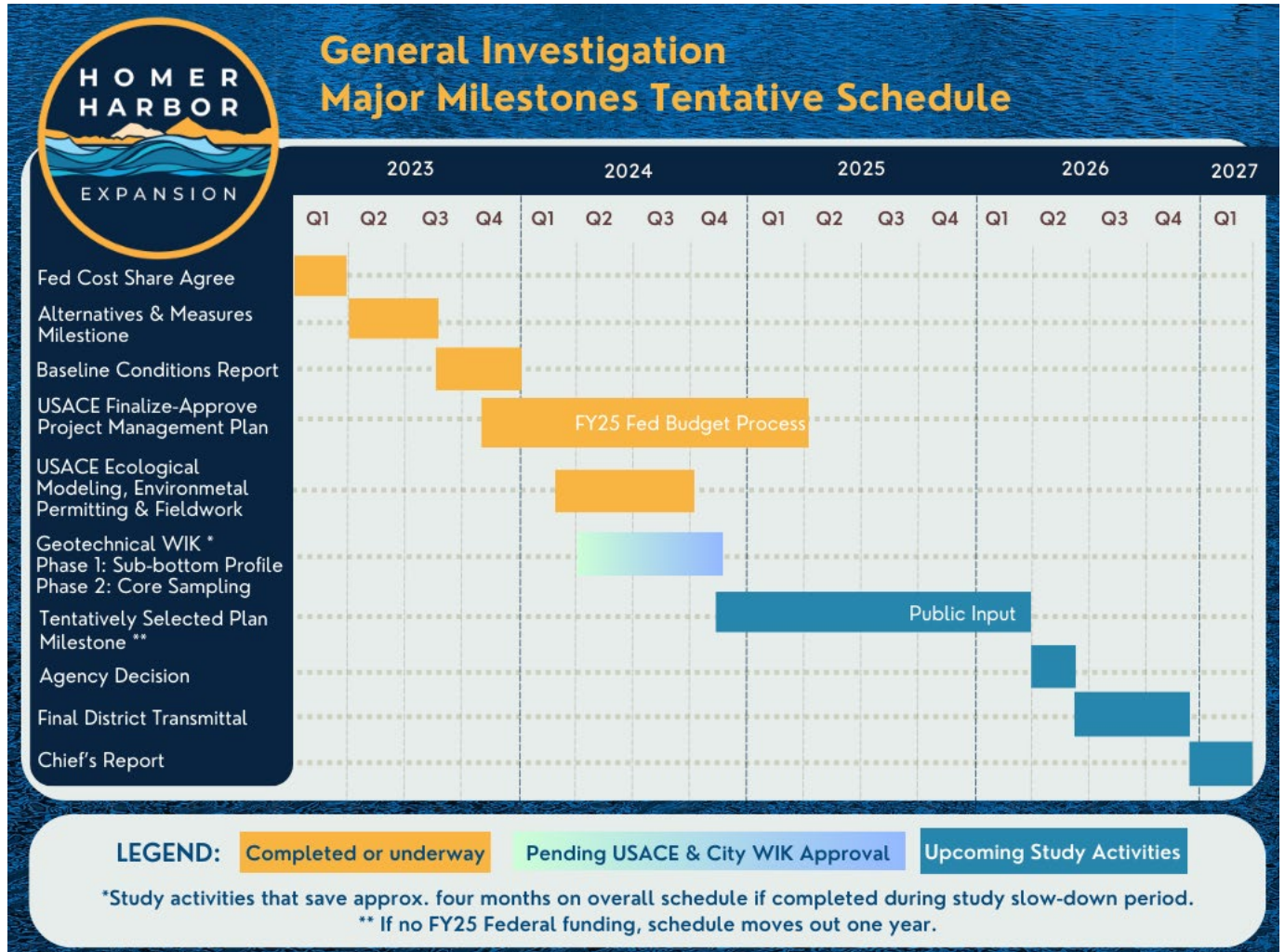
### HDR – Owner Representative:

- Completed and submitted the Baseline Conditions Report for USACE PDT review.
- Presented overview of the Baseline Conditions Report to City Council at the January 22, 2024 meeting.
- Provides communications support on an as-needed basis.

### City of Homer staff:

- Attended monthly USACE Project Development Team meeting and weekly meeting with HDR.
- Provided updated HHE State Legislative Request materials for advocacy in Juneau during AML's 2024 Winter Legislative Conference, February 20-22, 2024.
- Ongoing Communications/outreach: Information and updates about the study are being disseminated through the Homer Harbor Expansion website, the City's monthly newsletter, the City of Homer Facebook and Instagram pages and through HHE email subscriber list as needed.

During the HHE Quarterly Report on January 22, 2024 there was a request for a timeline of HHE General Investigation activities. A Major Milestone tentative schedule is provided below.



**RECOMMENDATION:**  
 Informational Only.



FY23 Project Supported	TPC	Grant Fund	Grant Funds Req	Match/Local Cost	Status	Notes
<b>Slope Stability-Erosion Mitigation Program</b>						
Kachemak Drive Peatland Water Quality Improvement (Kahcemak Sponge)	\$4,388,791	NOAA Habitat Conservation KBNERSS led/City partner	\$ 1,188,275.00 (land acquisition)	\$ 418,000.00 (land acquisition)	Submitted Awarded 4/1/2023 Award Executed	UAA accepted award; sent sub-award agreement to City Ord 23-46 to accept sub-award introduced 6/26/23 Grant is for Kachemak Drive peatlands acquisition
Beluga Slough Stormwater Treatment System	\$ 690,000.00	Alaska Clean Water Actions	\$ 153,307.00	\$ 107,182.00	Submitted 11/9/2022 Awarded 3/1/2023 Accepted via Ord 23-16(S)	City Council approved grant agreement Ord City costs in-kind + eligible for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund
<b>Transportation</b>						
Transportation Planning	\$ 960,000.00	Safe Streets For All KPB Applic/City partner	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 23,000.00 (in-kind)	Award announced KPB executing grant agreement	Application approved Reso 22-063
Non-Motorized Trans Network (REACH Project)	\$ 2,050,000.00	Fed FY24 RAISE Planning Grant	\$ 2,050,000.00	\$ -	Grant deadline 2/28/24	FY23 RAISE REACH application made to Sec. of Transportation Desk; not awarded by a Merit application and encouraged to apply in FY24. Reso 24-007 approving HDR grant writing assistance Reso 24-018 Supporting FY24 application
Homer All-Ages & Abilities Pedestrian Pathway	\$ 3,900,000.00	State of AK Transportation Alternatives (TAP)	\$ 3,432,000.00	\$ 468,000.00	Submitted 2/15/2023 Advanced to final round: Public Evaluation Board (PEB) Awaiting DOT cost estimate (AK DOT&PF manages/constructs project)	HAPP sections in PW's 5-year road plan Project support Reso 23-011 approved Date of PEB Review pending Unknown award date; Perf period end date June '25 (\$500,000 set aside in HART for grant matching)
Main Street Rehab/ Sidewalk South	\$ 4,200,000.00	State of AK Community Transportation Program (CTP)	\$ 3,696,000.00	\$ 504,000.00	Submitted 2/15/2023 Advanced to final round: Public Evaluation Board (PEB) Awaiting DOT cost estimate (AK DOT&PF manages/constructs project)	Main St in 7-10 year horizon in PW Road Plan Project support Reso 23-011 approved Date of PEB Review pending Unknown award date; Perf period end date June '25 (\$500,000 set aside in HART for grant matching)
<b>Port &amp; Harbor</b>						
Float Systems 4 & 1 Replacement	\$ 59,289,547.00	FY24 Fed Port Infrastructure Development Projects (PIDP)	\$47,135,190	\$ 12,154,357.00 (20.5% match)	Grant deadline 4/30/24	FY23 applic made it to Secretary's desk but was not funded Added to draft STIP as illustrative project HDR application support Ords 24-12 & 24-13 pending Revenue bond or TIFIA loan for match
		Municipal Harbor Grant			Grant for construction only must complete design to apply	If funded, leverages State match to lower City match on Federal PIDP Grant
		Denali Commission Grant			Grant deadline 4/14/24	Can be used as non-Federal Match May not be competitive - \$1M max award Could apply in '24 for Design/Engineering

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FY23 Project Supported	TPC	Grant Fund	Grant Funds Req	Match/Local Cost	Status	Notes
Fish Grinding Building Replacement & Drainage Improvements	\$ 374,978.00	ADFG Dingle-Johnson	\$ 250,000.00 (preliminary)	\$ 93,744.50 (preliminary)	Submitted 7/12/2022 Preliminary award announced 7/7/2023 \$41,950 awarded for Phase 1	\$100,000 allocated in FY23 City Capital Budget; for final design and partial match; additional match to meet 25% Ordinance to accept grant for Phase 1 pending
Building Code Development	\$ 587,500.00	State BRIC Sub-Grant (Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities)	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 117,500.00 (covered by State of Alaska)	Submitted 12/21/2022 Accepted for further review Awaiting decision	Council Approved application Reso 22-086 As a sub-applic State covers local match
Parks & Recreation						
Bayview Park Renovations	\$ 139,230.00	State of AK Healthy & Equitable Community Round 2	\$ 74,919.00	\$ 52,314.00 Addl redistribution funds requested	Submitted 4/24/2023 Awarded 5/8/2023 Accepted via Ord 23-36	Council Approved Resolution 23-031 \$12,000 donation from Kach Bay Rotary Additional funds from HART approved in COH Cap budget
HERC HazMat Assessment & Remediation		EPA Multipurpose Brownfield Federal Discretionary Grant	\$1,000,000		Submitted 11/13/2023	Council Approved Resolution 23-117
Utilities - Infrastructure Resilience						
Spit Road Erosion Mitigation	\$ 1,812,052.00	Federal PROTECT Grant	\$ 1,812,052.00	-	Submitted 8/18/2023 Awaiting Decision	Application requested planning funds for Homer Spit Erosion Mitigation. City of Homer is project sponsor, but if awarded City will enter MOU with DOT to implement grant activities AML working w/ State of AK on Application
Raw Water Transmission Main		FEMA Disaster Mitigation	\$ 1,988,650.00 (direct project costs)	-	Submitted 1/30/2020 Obligating Award Document Recd 11/3/2023	4/11/23: Responded to latest FEMA request for information 5/2/23: Congressional Delegation approved award 7/11/23: FEMA Received Period of Performance Waiver 11/13 Ordinance to accept the grant approved
IT - Communications						
FY22 Cybersecurity (City-wide Cybersecurity Assessment and Remote Backup System for Cybersecurity Response & Recovery)	\$ 252,794.00	AK Division of Homeland Security FY22 State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program	\$ 50,000.00	-	Submitted 8/31/2023 Award announced	\$50,000 awarded for Cybersecurity Assessment Ord to accept pending
FY22-23 Cybersecurity Remote BU system, others	TBD	AK Division of Homeland Security	TBD	-	3/8/2024 Grant Deadline	Staff working to develop application
Public Safety Communications (HPD Backup Repeater & Radio Equip HVFD APX-600 Radio Upgrade)	\$ 119,046.56	AK Division of Homeland Security FY23 State Homeland Security Grant Program	\$ 88,196.56	\$ -	Submitted 1/31/2023 Prelim Award Announcement 9/18/2023 Obligating Award Document Recd	11/13 Ordinance to accept approved

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