

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

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### LOBBY EFFORTS IN JUNEAU

Mark Hickey, the City’s lobbyist in Juneau has been tracking what the State administration and legislature have been working on. Governor Dunleavy signed the FY 2023 budget taking the following actions on items of interest. Below is the status of FY 2023 budget items

- **K-12 Funding:** The bill fully funds K-12 for FY 2023, adds a one-time payment of \$57 million in FY 2023, and forward funds K-12 for FY 2024. All items approved. Forward funding could be reduced if FY2023 state revenues decline below current forecast.
- **School & Harbor Debt Reimbursement:** Passed bill funds the state share for school debt reimbursement at 100% for FY 2023 and makes back payments for school debt reimbursement not funded in FY 2017 through FY 2022. Budget also includes funding for harbor debt reimbursement. Fully approved.
- **2022 PFD Amount:** Approved at the projected amount of \$3,200 per person.
- **Community Assistance:** The legislature provided sufficient funding to fund community assistance at \$30 million for FY 2023 and FY 2024 (plus provided \$7.1 million for additional payments in FY 2022). All items approved.
- **AMHS Operations:** Legislature increased proposed operations budget by \$20 million and restored more state general fund support than governor’s proposed budget. Governor approved changes.
- **Shared Fisheries Taxes:** Legislature provided full funding of the state share of state fisheries taxes. No change by governor.
- **School Major Maintenance Projects:** Legislature appropriated \$100 million to address about 50% of the entire School Major Maintenance List. Governor vetoed \$62.5 million.

### MEETING WITH USCG ADMIRAL MOORE

On June 10, 2022, Lynn Sterbenz, Mark Hickey and I meet via Teams with US Coast Guard Admiral Moore and some of his staff. We discussed the City’s interest in having the coast guard return to Saint Paul Island and how the City could help with that return and they needs that the coast guard might have. The coast guard Admin building is ready to be occupied. They still need to replace some of the furniture. The coast guard plans to use the facilities here on the island seasonally from at least now until this fall. They need hanger space for the helicopter. Coast guard has been working with TDX to repair the hanger area but cannot spend coast guard funds on a leased facility. We discussed the possibility of the City



working with TDX to find funding to assist with the repair of the hanger area. We discussed the need for improved internet at the coast guard facility and at the hanger. We also discussed additional repairs to the sewer and water systems that are needed at the facility and a commitment to work on completing these repairs in the future.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

### ***Easements in Harbor***

As part of the Small Boat Harbor Utility Improvement Project the City submitted an easement request to TDX regarding creating utility corridors in the small boat harbor area to clean up the maze of utilities in the area. On June 8, 2022, Lynn Sterbenz and I met remotely with Chris Mandregan, Jr. and Beverly Woods with TDX to discuss what is needed for review and approval of the utility easements. We agreed that we would need to review the Final Settlement Agreement between the City and TDX with regard to any deviations of the FSA with respect to easements already granted, new easements, trading and abandonment of easements. We are planning on meeting again in August to review our research into the matter.

Additionally, we discussed the idea of reviewing the proposed location of the new Harbor Road. I proposed that we have additional discussions about rerouting the new Harbor Road along a modified path of the existing Haul Road. Chris and Beverly were open to have more discussion on this topic after they meet with the TDX board.

I gave direction to Ashburn and Mason to review the FSA and to Polarconsult to prepare drawings of the existing utilities, easements and proposed easements and utilities.

## **NORTHRIM BULK FUEL LOAN**

The Northrim Bank loan for purchase of bulk fuel has been completed.

## **INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Stephanie and I worked to finalize the insurance renewal for FY22-23. The goal was to realize as much savings as possible. Premiums were lower for commercial general liability, auto, cyber and worker's comp which resulted in a 12% reduction in premium from the previous fiscal year. We realized additional savings by option out of earthquake and flood insurance, going with higher deductibles, and signing on with APEI as our insurance carrier for another three years. See attached renewal proposal for more details.

## **EMERGENCY SIRENS**

The week of June 27, 2022, Westshore Services installed the new emergency sirens. A brief test was performed on both sirens. We are waiting on the radio and computer equipment that is used to control the sirens to arrive. Once this equipment arrives, I will connect them and complete the set up remotely with Westshore Services. Also, the electrical to the downtown siren still needs to be connected.

The sirens were moved from their planned location due to no consistent electricity running to the chosen sites and a mess of other utilities in the path of the new electrical lines that would have made for difficult placement and connections.

We are working on a resident guide to the new siren tones and messaging. We hope to have this guide completed soon and will distribute it house to house.

The emergency messages and siren tones are as follows:

Event	Message	Tone
Test	Attention: This is a test of the City of Saint Paul’s early warning system. This is only a test. If this were an actual emergency, further instructions will be sent out via NIXLE and on KUHB. This is only a test. <i>(Tests will be done every Friday at 5:00 pm)</i>	Westminster Chime
Tsunami Warning	Attention: A Tsunami Warning has been issued for Saint Paul Island. Move to high ground immediately. See NIXLE emergency message or tune to KUHB for details.	Alt Steady
Evacuation	Attention: The City has issued an Immediate Evacuation notice for Saint Paul Island. See NIXLE emergency message or tune to KUHB for details.	Alt Steady
High Wind Warning	Attention: A High Wind Warning has been issued for Saint Paul Island. See NIXLE emergency message or tune to KUHB for details.	Alt Steady
Shelter in Place	Attention: The City has issued an alert to Shelter in Place due to an incident on Saint Paul Island. See NIXLE emergency message or tune to KUHB for details.	Alt Steady
Tsunami Warning Canceled	Attention: The tsunami warning has been cancelled. You may return to low lying areas. See NIXLE emergency message or tune to KUHB for details.	Alt Steady
Fire	Attention: The City has issued an alert that a structural or grass fire is occurring. Fire personnel please respond immediately. See NIXLE emergency message or tune to KUHB for details.	Alt Steady
Blizzard Warning	Attention: A Blizzard Warning has been issued for Saint Paul Island. See NIXLE emergency message or tune to KUHB for details.	Alt Steady
Amber Alert	Attention: An Amber Alert has been issued for Saint Paul Island meaning a child has been abducted or is missing. See NIXLE emergency message or tune to KUHB for details.	Pulsed Steady

**CITY LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

The AECOM has completed a public draft of the 2022 City of Saint Paul Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Over past few months, we have worked with a consultant to assess risks posed by natural disasters and develop strategies to protect life and property in the City of Saint Paul from future hazard events.

This is an update to the City of Saint Paul’s 2016 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Hazards addressed in our plan include the following: climate change, earthquake, erosion, hazardous material event (ammonia spill), infectious disease, severe weather, tsunami, volcano, and wildfire.

Public comment period on the plan ended on July 8, 2022. The next steps are to incorporate the public comments, review and approval by the State and FEMA, and then final approval by the city council.