

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2022- 016**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT INTEREST FROM TRAIL MAINTENANCE COMPANIES AND ENTER INTO A TRAIL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TO PERFORM SUMMER 2022 MAINTENANCE ON HORSETAIL FALLS TRAIL WITHOUT A FORMAL RFP PROCESS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Whittier Comprehensive Plan has identified the need to perform maintenance on Whittier's local trails, since trails attract thousands of visitors and local residents wishing to enjoy the scenic beauty in and around Whittier; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to contract with an experienced trail maintenance crew to perform two primary trail repair projects on the Horsetail Falls Trail, involving repair of a collapsed rock staircase, constructing a switchback with fill slope utilizing native materials, restore failing steps and run on a steep slope necessitating construction of a switchback/climbing turn, brush removal, and rerouting an unsustainable section of trail with approximately 250 ft of full bench trail three feet wide hardened with gravel currently available on-site; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to perform these trail improvements during the summer of 2022 and in order to retain a qualified contractor prior to the busy construction season getting underway, must engage the services of a contractor very soon; and

WHEREAS, the City will evaluate and select a qualified firm capable of dispatching a five-person crew to Whittier for an estimated two weeks to perform trail maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, including the crew contract plus necessary trail materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City budget includes \$8,000 in funding for trail maintenance, necessitating an added appropriation of \$12,000, to complete these highest-priority repairs; and

WHEREAS, these trail improvements represent some of the worst sections of trail and conducting these repairs in a single season rather than over two seasons will reduce continued erosion and deterioration of the bad trail sections and avoid increased projects costs resulting from multiple mobilization and demobilization efforts.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whittier City Council that:

Section 1. The City Council hereby determines it to be in the public interest based on the recitals above which are incorporated herein, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with a trail maintenance crew in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, through negotiation rather than competitive procurement in accordance with WMC 3.20.210(D), based on selection of the most qualified firm at a cost that is determined fair and reasonable, and within available funding.

Section 2. Funding in the amount of \$12,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund Reserves account no. 01-000-3000 to the Parks and Recreation professional services account no. 01-800-7340.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 28th day of April, 2022.



Dave Dickason, Mayor

AYES: Shen, Blair, Wagner, Denmark
McCord, and Dickason
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Pinguoch
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:


Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk