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**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2022-025**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO UTILIZE UP TO \$4.5 MILLION IN EXISTING HARBOR FUNDS, CPV FUNDS AND REVENUE BONDS TO CONSTRUCT THE NEXT PHASE OF HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH MASTER RESOLUTION 36-2016, AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE STATE OF A MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WHITTIER MUNICIPAL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9.0 MILLION

WHEREAS, subject to annual appropriation by the legislature, the State of Alaska distributes funds from state commercial passenger vessel tax proceeds under AS 43.52.230(b) to the City, which the City shall use for port facilities, harbor infrastructure and other services provided to commercial passenger vessels and the passengers on board those vessels; and

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates a boat harbor as a revenue-producing enterprise of the City and currently has sufficient reserves from the Harbor and CPV Funds to cover 100% of the cost of the City's 50/50 match for the Harbor Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.47.250 provides that an election is not required to authorize the City to issue revenue bonds and if desired, the City Council could determine to utilize bond funding rather than existing reserves to construct the harbor improvements; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to replace Floats A, G and H and to replace all wood pilings with steel piles throughout the harbor, and construct a dock storage building is estimated to cost between \$8 and \$9 million, and failure to replace these floats in the near future will necessitate closure of the floats which will displace vessels currently moored on those floats; and

WHEREAS, the Whittier City Council passed Resolution 36-2016 on December 20, 2016, authorizing a Master Resolution "...for the issuance of one or more series of revenue bonds to finance improvements to the Harbor and for any other purpose of the Harbor now or hereafter permitted by law;" and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank approved a Loan Agreement dated April 12, 2017, authorizing a loan in the amount of \$6.5 million to the City for the purpose of Harbor Infrastructure Improvements, with only \$2.0 million of that potential loan having been drawn by the City; and

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WHEREAS, if awarded a State Municipal Harbor Matching Grant of up to \$4.5 million, the City is prepared to pay for its share of the required match from a combination of existing reserves and/or the issuance of revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier will provide the required local matching funds for construction of the Whittier Small Boat Harbor Improvements Project as required by the Municipal Harbor Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, completion of these repairs is critical to the financial health of the Whittier Small Boat Harbor, and to the businesses and individuals requiring moorage in the harbor.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER ALASKA that:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to submit to the State of Alaska DOT&PF a harbor municipal matching grant application for a project in an amount not to exceed \$9.0 million. for the purpose of performing repairs, replacements, and improvements to harbor infrastructure.

Section 2. The City Council hereby agrees to commit funding in an amount not to exceed \$4.5 million as its 50% match to complete the project.

Section 3. The City acknowledges that it has the capacity to complete the Whittier Small Boat Harbor Improvements within eighteen (18) months after award of a Harbor Facility Grant.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 27th day of July 2022.



Dave Dickason, Mayor

AYES: Pinquouch, McCord, Blair Shen, Dickason

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Denmark, Wagner

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:



Jackie C. Wilde

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Assistant City Manager/Acting City Clerk