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**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 047-2021**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO LEASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH HUNA-TOTEM CORPORATION OF APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES OF ATS 1545 TRACT B OF CITY OWNED TIDELANDS

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier contracted Catalyst Consulting for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, after multiple community meeting and community input Catalyst Consulting provided a Plan Focus Area 4 in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan that showed city goals and objectives for the Head of the Bay; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Focus Area Goal 1 states using the vision for the Head of the Bay, pursue fiscally sustainable development opportunities of industry, recreational opportunities, and businesses to create a Head of the Bay area that meets the needs of residents, businesses, visitors, and state economy; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Focus Area Objective 1 is “Continue to develop recreational opportunities at the Head of the Bay to attract visitors, increase quality of life for residents, and meet Whittier’s vision to "preserve our unspoiled environment, while improving amenities for all those who live and visit here" and "provide first-rate facilities.”; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Focus Area Objective 2 is “Support industry development at the Head of the Bay to create economic growth and support future business development in Whittier.”

WHEREAS, in August 2021 through executive session the City Council was presented with a development concept for the head of the bay; and

WHEREAS, during the November 9, 2021 special City council meeting Huna-Totem Corporation gave a presentation for proposed Economic Development Project; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2021 the City of Whittier, Huna-Totem Corporation and Catalyst Consulting held a community meeting with over 125 participants to discuss proposed Head of the Bay Economic Development Project; and

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WHEREAS, on December 7, 2021 the City of Whittier, Huna-Totem Corporation and Catalyst Consulting held an additional questions and answers community meeting with over 40 participants to discuss proposed Head of the Bay Economic Development Project; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2021 the City of Whittier, Huna-Totem Corporation and Whittier Chamber members meet to discuss proposed Head of the Bay Economic Development Project; and

WHEREAS, tidelands make up a significant portion of the City of Whittier's land; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 plus years the City of Whittier has made Head of the Bay development a priority and recognizes the need for a stable tax base.

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

Section 1. The city manager is hereby authorized to negotiate approximately 5 acres of city owned tidelands of ATS 1545 tract B tidelands to Huna-Totem Corporation.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 14th day of December, 2021.

THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA



Dave Dickason, Mayor

AYES: Blair, McCord, Wagner, Shen, Dickason

NAYS: Pinqouch, Denmark

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:



Jackie C. Wilde

Assistant City Manager/Acting City Clerk