

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2024-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MATSON SHIPPING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CRANE INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE UNALASKA MARINE CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska owns the Unalaska Marine Center (UMC); and

WHEREAS, City of Unalaska has contracted with PND Engineers for design and engineering services for the PND proprietary Open Sheet Pile® System; and

WHEREAS, Matson desires to partner with the City to install new crane tie-downs and a crane stop with greater capacity; and

WHEREAS, Matson requires the tie-downs to meet the specifications of their new crane; and

WHEREAS, the City requires PND to be the engineer of record for any projects involving potential structural integrity of the dock; and

WHEREAS, the City will own improvements made to the dock along with any associated liabilities, and the City requires that any improvements meet the specifications of PND Engineers; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding should be approved by both parties to ensure each organization's requirements are met.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Unalaska City Council authorizes the City Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Matson Shipping for Engineering Services for crane infrastructure and the Unalaska Marine Center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on November 26, 2024.



Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Estkarlen P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Peggy McLaughlin, Port Director
Through: William Homka, City Manager
Date: November 26, 2024
Re: Resolution 2024-52: Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Matson Shipping for engineering services for crane infrastructure at the Unalaska Marine Center

SUMMARY: The approval of Resolution 2024-52 will authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Matson Shipping (Matson) for engineering services specific to the Unalaska Marine Center (UMC) and new and improved crane tie-downs and crane stop infrastructure. This will ultimately provide mutual benefit to both organizations, while protecting the integrity of the overall dock structure.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: There has been no previous Council action on this resolution.

BACKGROUND: Matson has purchased a new crane and the old section of dock requires upgrades for increased capacity with new crane tie-downs and a new crane stop at the South end of the dock. The City owns the UMC and will own the improvements of the new crane infrastructure. An MOU needs to be negotiated in order for both organizations to satisfy each other's required engineering specifications.

DISCUSSION: This resolution requests Council to authorize the City Manager to negotiate an MOU with Matson regarding engineering services for crane tie-down infrastructure improvements at the City's UMC. These improvements are necessary for Matson's operational needs and are aligned with the City's long-term infrastructure goals.

The City of Unalaska owns the UMC dock, but does not own the crane. Matson has expressed interest in enhancing certain infrastructure elements, specifically for the installation of crane tie-downs that are crucial for their shipping operations. Once constructed, the City will retain ownership of these infrastructure improvements.

The UMC was originally designed and built using a proprietary open sheet pile system. In order to preserve the structural integrity of the dock, the engineers of record for the original design must be involved in the engineering of any new crane tie-down infrastructure. This ensures that the new work is compatible with the existing structure.

In order to proceed with this collaboration, the City Council must authorize the City Manager to negotiate an MOU with Matson. The MOU will define the responsibilities and roles of both parties in the engineering and construction of the crane tie-downs. It will also ensure that the City's interests are protected while acknowledging Matson's need to maintain control over the engineering of the crane infrastructure.

The MOU will help establish clear responsibilities for each organization and create a framework that facilitates meeting objectives for the City and Matson. The MOU will also ensure that the City maintains ownership control of the infrastructure improvements upon completion. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Matson Shipping for an MOU regarding the crane tie-down infrastructure improvements will protect the City's interests and support necessary infrastructure improvements at the UMC.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose postpone consideration of this resolution; or choose not to authorize an MOU.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Adoption of this resolution carries no financial commitment.

LEGAL: Unalaska's city attorney will draft the MOU.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2024-52.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: I support the staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS: None.