

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2024-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF A HARBOR FACILITY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000 FOR THE ROBERT STORRS HARBOR A & B FLOAT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, administers the Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska owns and maintains the Robert Storrs Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska has the required 50% in local matching funds for construction of Robert Storrs Harbor per the requirements of the Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Robert Storrs A & B Float replacement project has been entered by the City of Unalaska into the State's Legislative Finance Capital Project Submission and Information System, "CAPSIS"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska is capable of completing the Robert Storrs A and B Float Replacement Project within 18 months after award of the Harbor Facility Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Robert Storrs A and B Float Replacement Project is critical and a priority to the City of Unalaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Unalaska City Council supports the Harbor Facility Grant Application to the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the Robert Storrs A & B Float Replacement Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on July 2, 2024.

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Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Estkarlen P. Magdaong  
City Clerk

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## MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor and City Council Members  
From: Peggy McLaughlin, Port Director  
Through: Marjie Veeder, Acting City Manager  
Date: July 2, 2024  
Re: Resolution 2024-30: In support of a Harbor Facility Grant Application to the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the Robert Storrs Harbor A&B Float Replacement Project

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**SUMMARY:** This is a resolution of support for a \$5,000,000 grant application to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the Robert Storrs A & B Float Replacement Project. Council has approved funding that meets the matching requirement for this project. This Resolution of support is required to complete the application for the grant application, which is due August 9, 2024.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

- Resolution 2021-24 adopting the FY22-31 Capital and Major Maintenance plan Ordinance
- Resolution 2021-07 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Unalaska

**BACKGROUND:** The City Administration has listed Robert Storrs Harbor A and B Float Replacement Project in the State CAPSIS beginning in 2014 and the project has also been a State legislative priority for the last several years. The project has progressed to the point where we anticipate construction in the next 12-18 months and this is the appropriate timing to apply for the grant to construct.

**DISCUSSION:** This project has been vetted through the City CMMP process and CMMP budget and includes the 50% matching grant as the desired funding source for much of the cost of the project. This has been a priority for the Council. The planning, design and permitting has progressed enough that we can complete a thorough application for the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Harbor Facility Grant Program.

The application requires this resolution of support, and without this resolution the application will be automatically denied. We are applying for the maximum amount under the program. The estimated cost of construction has increased with inflation and we want to make sure that we cover as much of this project as possible with grant funding. Council approved \$6.6 million of Port Funds for this project and we are currently in the preliminary design phase with PND Engineers.

This project was thoroughly vetted through the public process and upon completion will accommodate current users and provide moorage for all vessels currently on the waiting list. When completed the harbor will have an additional 42 slips, and year-round utility services.

Postponing this project puts us at risk for having to close certain services or sections of the harbor with failing slips. This resolution is a necessary step in completing the grant application for the Robert Storrs A and B Float Replacement project.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Council could choose to postpone this resolution of support and request further discussion; or Council could choose to not support this resolution which would result in an incomplete application to the State.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The Council has already approved the matching funds required for this project in the FY23 Capital Budget.

**LEGAL:** None needed.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends adoption.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move to adopt Resolution 2024-30.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** I concur with the Staff Recommendation.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.