

# CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

## **UPDATE ON CARES ACT**

The Treasurer will provide a summary on the funds' status. The use of the funds has been extended to September 30, 2021. I have not seen the details of the new relief package but may have information by time of the Work Session.

## **EMERGENCY/DISASTER FUNDS**

We have submitted the necessary documents to register the City for any emergency/disaster funding that may become available. We are working with Emergency Management Specialist Al Kelly with the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. There will be a training series in early January for completing applications. Council member Taylor has been doing a fantastic job of putting together documentation to be used for any funding requests – THANKS MIKE!

## **FLOODING**

The Mayor has written letters to ADOT, Governor Dunleavy, Senator Kiehl, and Representative Hannan to voice concerns about the lack of maintenance of the drainage ditches maintained by the state. As a result, the ADOT South Coast Regional Director, Lance Mearig, has responded with a commitment to address the ditch cleaning issue this spring/summer. The delay is a result of the lack of funding to move crews and equipment or subcontract work. Mr. Mearig stated that there are no emergency funds available for this work at this time. Ditch cleaning was budgeted by the state, and work was scheduled last summer before ADEC prohibited any work in the ditches until it was determined if PFAS/PFOA was present; on December 22, 2020 ADEC granted permission to do the work in the ditches.

## **ROAD WORK**

Glacier Bay Construction, in concert with Council members Taylor and Clark have been working diligently to address the roads and flooding caused by the recent storms. We are preparing an inventory report of damages to be used for both a City Road Plan and any funding opportunities. The storm events have illuminated areas of the current road and drainage conditions. Input from folks have assisted greatly in understanding some of the impacts, and for addressing the drainage and road problems. Grateful recognition to Todd Boris, a resident AND ADOT engineer, for the comprehensive report provided to the Council – Thanks Todd! Stay tuned for more updates and work by the Road Dudes.

A shoutout to Glacier Bay Construction for the quick response and tireless hours working through the impacts of the storm to address damages to the roads and the assistance to the community to get the water moving. Thanks GBC!

## **POWER RATES**

You may have noticed an increase in your power bill this month - many have reported a .04 kw/hr. I have check with our utility attorney working on the rate case and he informs us that this increase will be refunded, with interest, IF the RCA orders a rate that is less than the rate that APC requested.