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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
THROUGH: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
FROM: Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission
DATE: November 18, 2019
SUBJECT: Recommendation to fund additional trail maintenance

Recommendation: At the regular meeting of October 17, 2019, the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission unanimously recommended approval of using HART Trail funds, in the approximate amount of \$15,000 for FY 2020, to fund increased trail maintenance.

Unapproved Minutes Excerpt:

Ms. Engebretsen noted that it is possible to utilize HART funds to pay for more labor to do more trail maintenance. She explained that the City Manager is seeking a motion of recommendation from the commission that City Council fund temporary labor for seasonal trail, and how the new budget process works in relation to seasonal trail maintenance. Mr. Steffy provided additional information on some projects that are needing to be done such as brush removal, drainage issues, and areas requiring fill/grading. He noted that these projects are above and beyond their usual maintenance, which is why the extra staffing/budgeting is needed.

LOWNEY/HARRALD MOVED TO APPROVE TO USE HART TRAIL FUNDS FOR AN INCREASE TO TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE HOURS TO DO TRAIL MAINTENANCE.

The commission and staff discussed what the temporary trail employee would do, and what the City Manager is recommending to present in the proposed budget. Mr. Steffy provided detailed budget numbers, with staff responding to additional questions on funding/budget process. There was further discussion on commissioners being involved in the decision-making of what improvements take place and what HART funds can be used for, specifically regarding trail staff and for vehicles that are used by trail staff.

LOWNEY/HARRALD MOVED TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO ADD A ONE YEAR TIMEFRAME.

There was no discussion.