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### **Planning Director: July 2026 RPCM Report**

#### **I. Permits for month of July**

- a. Building permits
  - i. 1 pending
  - ii. 6 issued
- b. Moving permits
- c. Excavation permits
  - i. 0 pending
  - ii. 0 issued
- d. Variance Request
  - 1 pending( G Conwell))
  - 1 issued(D Kelsey)
- e. Tidelands permits
  - 1. CRS
- f. Subdivisions

#### **II. 2024 & 2025 FEMA Disaster Recovery**

- a. The federal Department of Homeland Security, conducted their site investigation related to the damaged sites from the October 2025 disaster
- b. The State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Services continues to meet weekly with the City of Kotzebue working on the projects declared in the disaster. **We recently requested and received materials on how the COK can receive funding advances for the different FEMA projects. We will pursue advanced funding for projects as the City continues to experience financial challenges**

#### **III. Western Alaska Flood Disaster-Alaska Community Foundation**

- a. The Public Works Director and City Planner met with representatives of the Western Alaska Flood Disaster Steering Committee. The group is tasked with working with impacted communities and providing funding assistance decisions to ACF. **The City Council has accepted those grant funds in their July COK.. ACF did approve our requested use of \$222k on communications equipment, fire dept truck, the three sewer damaged homes.**

#### **IV. Insurance claims of infrastructure impacted by the flood**

- a. The City maintains insurance of city infrastructure under the former AMLJIA, now ARBOR
- b. The City is working to process claims on the three lift stations damaged by the flood, currently about \$100k in claims have been filed for those repairs.

## V

### Maniilaq Employee and Patient Housing Projects

- a. The Maniilaq projects have variances related that are triggering additional building permits, i.e. Lift Station 9 and Caribou Drive Sewer main improvements. To date the Employee housing project, Lift Station 9, and the Patient Housing project have all been permitted. We expect a permit application will be submitted to expand an area around their emergency room.

## VII

### Cape Blossom Road Phase 2, Port Infrastructure and Port Authority

- a) cape Blossom Road Phase 2. The City Council requested a public meeting be held regarding Phase 2 of the project. There is concern the existing design is not adequate for the interests of local stakeholders. A meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2026.
- b) The Planning Department continues work with PND Engineers on the Port Infrastructure Development Program. PND is nearing identifying a proposed Port location. The department was delinquent in its' grant reporting. We are now current with the PIDP grant reporting. The next phase of contract work will be the public and stakeholder outreach which is planned to begin September 2026.
- c) Related to Cape Blossom Port Development, the City accepted a State Legislative grant to explore development of a Port and establishment of a Port Authority to support the construction of one.

## VIII.

### Capital Projects

- a) The Planning department is more actively engaged in the capital projects of the City. The addition of a Planning Director and Projects Coordinator has expanded the capabilities of the department.
- b) Moving forward, the intent is to restore Planning/Capital projects back within the City. In recent years that work has been contracted out. Currently the Planning Director and Public Works Director are actively engaged in the design, administration and flow of the projects.