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

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

- a. Building permits
  - i. 1 pending
  - ii. 2 issued
- b. Moving permits
- c. Excavation permits
  - i. 0 pending
  - ii. 3 issued
- d. Variance Request
  - 0 pending
  - 1 issued(G Conwell)
- e. Tidelands permits
  - 1. ACWS
- 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, to date a number of 2025 Storm projects have been entered into the FEMA Grants Portal. The mitigation design for Sewer Cell 3 is near complete. A gabion basket and rip rap design is the proposed mitigation measure to protect the sewer cell.
- 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. Recently, FEMA replaced our primary contact, Sharon King, with Michael Pirro. The had its' first meeting with the new FEMA representatives.

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

- a. The City maintains insurance of city infrastructure under the former AMLJIA, now ARBOR

## 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 public meeting August 21, 2026, all local stakeholders, AK-DOT Northern region, Brice Construction, and PND Engineers attended. Stakeholders were able to communicate their concerns. The City had two additional items on the agenda, one, Cape Blossom Port grant and, two, Port Authority Development.
- b) The Planning Department continues work with PND Engineers on the Port Infrastructure Development Program. PND is nearing identifying a proposed Port location. The City is working with the QIRA Realty and Native Allotment property owners 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 November 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. The City will continue to work those grant p[rojects].

## 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.