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## **Planning Director: January RPCM Report**

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

- a. Building permits
  - i. 1 pending
  - ii. 0 issued
- b. Moving permits
  - i. 0 pending
  - ii. 0 issued
- c. Excavation permits
  - i. 0 pending
  - ii. 0 issued
- d. Variance Requests
  - i. 0 pending
  - ii. 0 issued
- e. Tidelands permits
  - i. 0 pending
  - ii. 0 issued
- f. Subdivisions
  - i. 2 pending
  - ii. 0 issued

### **II. Hazards Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update**

- a. Working on update with DOWL and project team.
- b. Final HMP updated and complete.
- c. Updated HMP will be adopted by City Council at November RCCM on November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- d. The updated HMP has been submitted to the State and FEMA for approval.
- e. Upon State and FEMA approval, the City will have an updated HMP valid until December 2029.

### **III. Recreation Center**

- a. \$1 million has been allocated by Senator Peltola for a new Multipurpose Emergency Shelter and Command Center.
- b. EPA Community Wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes (CWAGST) through DEC Brownfields Program

- i. DEC applied for program in November 2024, award notification will be sent in late spring 2025.

IV. CAIN Building

- a. Planning Commission passed resolution recommending building to be used as heavy equipment storage until June 2025 at which point building utilization will be reassessed.
- b. Resolution will be presented to City Council at next regular meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

V. Cape Blossom Road/Port Project

- a. Planning for Phase II has begun. Construction to begin Summer 2025 and finish Summer 2026.
- b. Two open houses hosted by DOT to discuss details of project with community.
- c. Met with selected consultant for development of port using Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Price and scoping meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> rescheduled.

VI. Land Disposal: Sale of City-Owned Property to NVOK

- a. Sales agreement has been finalized between City and Tribe.
- b. Following items remaining:
  - i. Survey received and working on subdivision of the property by Tribe.
  - ii. Tribe to submit payment for property.
  - iii. City will officially transfer ownership to Tribe.
  - iv. Ashley Johnson-Barr (AJB) Park repairs to be done by City.
  - v. Tribe will take over responsibility and maintenance of AJB Park

VII. City of Kotzebue Capital Project Priorities 2025

- a. City Council will be reassessing capital projects priority list for CY2025 at budget retreat January 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> (CY2024 Capital Projects Priority list attached to report).
- b. Attached are Capital Projects that the Planning Department has submitted.