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To: Brooks Chandler – Interim City Manager
From: Joy L. Baker – Projects Manager *JLB*
CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission; Planning Commission
Date: 10/15/2024
Re: Port Project Manager Update – OCT 2024

Strategic Development Plan:

After completion of the investigative portion (Phase A), of updating the Port's Strategic Development Plan, PND and Corvus have been expanding on the concepts, and preparing layouts of the proposed development in anticipation of a 2nd round of public meetings in Nome. This stage of the work, known as Phase B, is intended to capture more input from the public, users, port commission and city/port staff to ensure the final product, Phase C, reflects a solid long-range plan for informing future development. This 2nd round of public meetings will be held at Old St. Joe's on 12-14 Nov 2024, in both daytime and evening formats.

Causeway:

Arctic Deep Draft Port – Nome Modifications (Construction Bid Award):

The deadline for bid proposals for the Port of Nome Modification (PONM) Project was 21 June 2024, and since that time, the USACE has been conducting in-depth review and requesting clarification from bidders. At this time, award is anticipated for late 2024, with contractor mobilization and construction still expected for May 2025.

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Inspection Integration:

The City's design teams have been on standby while the USACE conducts proposal evaluations in-house, but remain onboard to perform inspection and field coordination during construction, once the construction contract is in place.

U.S. DOT Maritime Administration (MARAD) – Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Pre-Award:

Port staff and consultants have completed several of the pre-award submittals, with just two remaining before the \$11.25M grant agreement can be executed. Upon signature of an agreement, a schedule will be identified to bid, award and construct the marine utilities for Phase 1 of the Port of Nome Modification Project. More to come as the project moves forward.

Harbor:

Inner Harbor CAP 107 Study (Deepen/Widen the Inner Basin):

The USACE has informed the City they anticipate being able to provide new information on this project which will allow them to discuss a path forward to finish the feasibility study, and determine a timeline for design and construction in the future.

Snake River Moorage Facility:

As grant funds have not yet been obtainable for this project, staff have determined a plan for a phased approach to break out components that will be easier to fund and construct than the entire project as a whole. As PND has prepared the initial concept drawings to submit for funding applications, the City has requested this information be broken into the following phases; 1/dredging, 2/shore & uplands development, 3/purchase, ship and install floats & gangways. As this new approach comes together, draft info will be presented to the Port Commission for input.

Port Industrial Pad:

West Nome Tank Farm (WNTF) - Property Conveyance:

After multiple reviews by ADEC, state legal staff, and City attorneys, the USAF has finally provided what appears to be the what may be a final draft of the Quitclaim Deed and Environmental Covenants necessary to convey the WNTF property as passed into law in the 2014 NDAA legislation. As the last few edits come together, more info will be made available on the timing for executing these documents.

Thornbush Laydown Site Development (TBS):

In Sep 2024, the City was able to contract with Edge Survey to get a topo of the filled and unfilled areas across the TBS property. Once completed, this will provide a reliable estimate of the costs associated with development of the full 18-acre parcel that is needed for the expansion project rock laydown, as well as cargo, equipment and ongoing material export needed for seasonal port operations.

Port Rd. Improvements (ADOT Project cost-shared with City/Port):

This state STIP project has been postponed to approximately 2029/2030 to avoid conflicting with the heavier truck traffic during the port expansion.

FEMA DR4672 Merbok Recover Projects:

Inner Harbor Dredging – South Wall and East Ramp:

This work was completed earlier in the 2024 summer season, with contractor payment anticipated for Oct 2024, and all FEMA reporting obligations expected to be finalized in the Oct-Dec 2024 period.

Cape Nome Jetty Repair:

FEMA has notified the State/DMVA and City of Nome that the funding obligation has been approved at the federal level, and is currently working its way through the state DMVA system. Once routing is complete, the City will receive an Obligating Award Document (OAD) from DMVA to execute, allowing the City to issue bid documents for the jetty repair work, which will be performed in the 2025 ice-free season.

Italics reflects no change in project information from previous report

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