

# Agenda Statement



**Meeting Date:** October 21, 2025  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager  
**From:** Shelby Carlson, City Clerk  
**Agenda Item:** Subsidizing Alaska Weather Consulting, LLC

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## **BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:**

This resolution was requested by Council member Peter Denmark and unanimously approved for drafting by the City Council at their September 30, 2025 rescheduled regular meeting.

Alaska Weather Consulting, LLC provides localized weather forecasts for Passage Canal, which are crucial for the safety and operations of many local businesses and mariners. These forecasts are more precise than broader regional services, directly benefiting activities in Whittier. The loss of this resource could lead to increased safety risks and operational inefficiencies.

This resolution proposes a one-time annual subsidy of \$24,000 to ensure that Alaska Weather Consulting, LLC can continue its valuable services. The subsidy will be funded from City Council Community Support and is considered a vital investment in public safety and local economic stability.

In return for the subsidy, Alaska Weather Consulting, LLC will be required to maintain its current high standard of weather forecasting services for Passage Canal.

Approving this resolution supports a critical local service, ensuring continued safety and efficiency for Whittier's businesses and residents.

## **CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:**

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Whittier Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Other: <i>September 30, 2025 Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**FISCAL NOTE:** To be provided verbally.

**ATTORNEY REVIEW:**  Yes  No  Not Applicable

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Administration defers to Council's decision on approval of Resolution 2025-034.