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CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2023-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HUNA TOTEM, AND THE ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEAD OF THE BAY WYE AND ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-047 authorized the city manager to enter into lease negotiations with Huna Totem Corporation of approximately five acres of ATS 1545 Tract B of city-owned tidelands for the purposes of industry development to create economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-004 approved the essential terms and conditions of a lease between the City of Whittier and Huna Totem Corporation for the purpose of constructing a cruise ship dock, terminal building, and upland amenities to support sustainable tourism and promote responsible economic growth; and

WHEREAS, at the December 20th, 2022, council meeting the Whittier City Council was presented design options from the Alaska Railroad Corporation; and

WHEREAS, on January 17th, 2023, a work session was held regarding the wye options, attended by Huna Totem Corporation, Turnagain Marine, and the Alaska Railroad Corporation, where Council voiced concerns regarding the impact several railroad crossings would have on an already congested area; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the city manager attending and discussing the wye and road projects also includes city administration in the strategic transportation planning process by Alaska Railroad Corporation, State of Alaska Department of Transportation, and Huna Totem; and

WHEREAS, the city manager, assistant city manager, and public works director have been working with Alaska Department of Transportation, Huna Totem Corporation, and Alaska Railroad Corporation to develop Head of the Bay lands; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public for the city manager, on behalf of the City, to engage in the planning process with the involved parties as it contributes to increased economic activity and transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The public interest would be best served by authorizing the city manager to engage on behalf of the City in discussions with Alaska Department of Transportation, Huna Totem Corporation, and Alaska Railroad Corporation for the purpose of development of the Head

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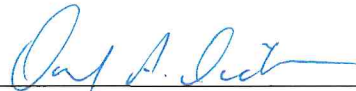
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of the Bay wye and road project due to the significant value of railcar-accessible dock and cruise terminal facility infrastructure on City land.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to engage in stakeholder meetings and discussions regarding the Head of the Bay wye and road project and is directed to inform the Whittier City Council of project timeline and process.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 18th day of April, 2023.



Dave Dickason

Mayor

AYES: Blair, Shen, Pinquoch, Arneson, Denmark, Wagner, Dickason

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:



Shelby Carlson

City Clerk

