

CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 2026-021

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET TO REMOVE THE PROPOSED USE OF CPV FUNDING FOR THE WATER WELL AND AUTOMATION PROJECT AND REPURPOSE THE FUNDS TO BUILD A YEAR-ROUND HARBOR RESTROOM FACILITY WITH PUBLIC SHOWERS TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR PUBLIC RESTROOMS ALONG WHITTIER’S WATERFRONT**

**WHEREAS**, in preparing the biennial budget for the period 2025/2026 in November 2024, the Whittier City Council identified replacement of its water wells as a critical water infrastructure project, without which, the City’s water capacity, safety, and availability could be at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, when multiple grants were received for the water well replacement project but still fell considerably short of the amount of funding needed for the project, it became clear that the City could no longer delay the project, so the 2026 Budget included the potential use of future CPV Funds to allow the project to proceed, also knowing staff would seek alternative funds for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been awarded more than \$4.7 million in grants for this project, eliminating the need for CPV funds for the project and allowing budgeted CPV funds to be redirected toward other high-priority projects serving cruise ship passengers; and

**WHEREAS**, Whittier lacks adequate public restroom facilities and replacement of restrooms in the Harbor Loop, Harborview and Harbor Triangle has been identified a priority in recent planning documents including the Waterfront & Economic Development Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan. Existing harbor restrooms are either portable bathroom trailers or surplus forest service vault-style toilets that do not flush, have no sinks or showers, have reached the end-of-life, and must be replaced to meet the growing demand of increased visitor numbers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** The 2026 Budget is amended to remove the Water Well Replacement Project from the CPV Fund budget and replace it with a Harbor Restroom Construction Project.

**Section 2.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to take actions to investigate and pursue a design/build public restroom construction project including all necessary water/sewer/electric utilities to be located in the harbor waterfront to replace one of the existing surplus forest service vault-style toilets with a year-round public restroom with flush toilets, sinks and public showers.

**Section 3.** Award of any construction project will come before the City Council for approval prior to issuing a Notice to Proceed.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be effective immediately.

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**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council  
on this 21st day of April, 2026.

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**Victor Shen**  
Mayor

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

**ATTEST:**

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**Shelby Carlson**  
Acting City Clerk

(City Seal)