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**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2026-028**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
ALASKA DIVERSIFIED CONTRACTORS LLC TO CONSTRUCT THE WHITTIER
WELL FIELD UPGRADE PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City's third-party water modeling assessment demonstrated the City's 80-year-old water distribution system has reached the end of its useful life and no longer provides adequate water pressure to ensure sufficient production capacity during periods of high demand; and

WHEREAS, the Well Field Replacement Project will construct a new 31'x35' well building to include permanent installation of an electric generator, new well pumps, controls for the new well pumps and existing well, associated piping and valves, and demolition and decommissioning of existing Well Houses No. 2 and 3, and other related equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City bid this project twice in 2024 and 2025 and due to the bids received, lacked sufficient funding to proceed with the project until additional funding could be secured; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska DEC Alaska Drinking Water Fund SFY26 Project Priority List ranked the Whittier Well Replacement project as its highest-ranking project, qualifying Whittier for a 100% loan subsidy; and

WHEREAS, the project was advertised by competitive bid with responses due on May 11, 2026, with three responsive bids received, and the lowest bid price being that of Alaska Diversified Contractors in the amount of \$3,249,494, and based on a review of the bids, the City and its engineering team recommend award of the contract to the apparent low bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Alaska Diversified Contractors LLC in the amount of \$3,249,494 for the Well Field Upgrade project according to the advertised specifications and design, and to execute all required documents related to the project.

Section 2. Funding for the project was previously appropriated in Resolution 2025-037 passed by the City Council on October 21, 2025. This contract will be charged against the State of Alaska DEC (FY26 ADWF) loan with 100% subsidy account 77-800-9581.

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Section 3. Funding in the amount of \$17,500 is hereby appropriated from the Water/Sewer MRRF Reserves account 75-901-9990 to the Water Well Project Transfers-In account 77-390-4992 to be spent from account 77-800-9582 (non-grant expenses) representing the City's required loan administrative fee.

Section 4. A contingency in an amount equal to 20% of the construction bid is appropriated in the amount of \$250,506 to State of Alaska DEC expenses account 77-800-9581 with the remaining \$399,392.80 to be charged to the EPA federal grant expense account 77-800-9580. The use of contingency funding for any element of the project is authorized only by written approval in advance, by the City Manager.

Section 5. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 26th day of May, 2026.

Victor Shen

Mayor

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Shelby Carlson

Acting City Clerk

(City Seal)