CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 24-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE 2024 PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PIDP) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE "CORDOVA NORTH HARBOR EFFICIENCY AND RESILIENCY PROJECT".

WHEREAS, the project was publicly vetted through Harbor Commission and voted in support of the concept; and

WHEREAS, the project would repair the sloughing of Breakwater Ave, the main freight artery connecting to the north harbor, through construction of a sheet piled bulkhead; and

WHEREAS, the bulkhead will, allow for relocating parking and pedestrians off of Breakwater Ave reducing congestion and user conflicts; and

WHEREAS, construction of a floating fuel dock will improve efficiency within the fishing fleet by increasing the number of available fuel pumps, reducing travel time to fuel up, improving safety for smaller vessels by offering a protected area for fueling, and reducing potential negative environmental impacts via a modernized fuel float with built-in fuel catchment in the event of a spill; and

WHEREAS, the project would create an off-street multimodal connection between north and south harbor which increases freight efficiency on city streets, and improves pedestrian safety and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Additional cranes will improve harbor efficiency for loading and unloading boats and freight vehicles, and relieving congestion at the limited number of existing cranes; and

WHEREAS, Doubling the laydown area, providing truck staging areas, and installation of a 5-ton crane will increase efficiency by creating a working waterfront where multiple users can work simultaneously and reducing delays; and

WHEREAS, the project will decrease the harbor's environmental impact through LED lighting upgrades, and installation of a modern stormwater system with oil water separators; and

WHEREAS, the project will increase north harbor user safety and decrease City liability by installing up-and-out safety ladders, mobile fire suppression equipment and security cameras; and

WHEREAS, the project will increase large-vessel convenience and efficiency by installing high-voltage shore power at the City Dock; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supports the 2024 PIDP North Harbor Efficiency and Resiliency Project grant application and concept.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2024

Tania Harrison, Chair

ATTEST: Kevin Johnson, City Planner