CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 25-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE SHIPYARD.

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

WHEREAS, the project would support the fishing industry and their need for vessel manufacturing and repair facilities; and

WHEREAS, the shipyard would encourage an increase in wintertime business industries; and

WHEREAS, construction of a tideland fill area with an enclosed shipyard building would have environmental impacts but the environmental benefits outweigh the costs as this would take construction debris, oil, and other possible hazards from vessel maintenance away from contaminating the water in the harbor; and

WHEREAS, the project would be able to be supported by fill material being sourced from City owned property located across the street from the site. This would also open and encourage development of the land where the fill material is sources from; and

WHEREAS, additionally this will encourage our fishing fleet to over winter in Cordova as they will not need to locate elsewhere for wintertime vessel repairs; and

WHEREAS, by expanding the current shipyard area and building an indoor warehouse space, we will encourage growth in the commercial fishing industry. This benefits Cordova as the fees paid for use of the haul out, dry dock, and indoor facilities, and taxes would be an increase in City revenue. In turn by creating these facilities we would be encouraging new businesses to grow that would bring in business revenue and transactions to occur that would add additional tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the project will decrease the harbor's environmental impact through allowing upgrades and maintenance of vessels to occur on the land and not within the harbor where debris can be lost into the water; and

WHEREAS, the project will increase harbor user safety and decrease City liability by using off water facilities when making repairs. Ensuring that the proper equipment is provided in the shipyard and installation of security cameras; and

WHEREAS, the project will increase transportation opportunities as this could lead to a potential deepwater port.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supports the Expansion of the Shipyard.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAX OF FEBRUARY 2025

Mark Mall, Vice Chair

Amanda Hadley Coward, City Planner