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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2542

A Resolution Setting Forth the Assembly's Approval of a Design Concept for Replacing the CBJ Cruise Ship Docks in Downtown Juneau.

WHEREAS, the Assembly has authorized the Docks and Harbors Board to operate, develop, and market municipally owned port facilities, and to make recommendations for improvements of those facilities to the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 and 2001, the Docks and Harbors Board undertook a strategic analysis, developed an improvement plan for municipally owned port facilities, and identified the capacity of the CBJ cruise ship docks as a limitation affecting the ability of CBJ to serve the cruise ship industry in the future; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2002 and continuing to 2009, the Docks and Harbors Board evaluated a variety of alternatives to accommodate the cruise ship dockings now and in the future, and to align the port capacity of Juneau with Ketchikan and Skagway, Juneau's sister city ports of call; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 and 2004, the Docks and Harbors Board assisted the Assembly in the development of a comprehensive waterfront development plan for downtown Juneau which called for changes to the CBJ cruise ship docks to accommodate larger ships; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Docks and Harbors Board conducted a thorough evaluation of the condition of the CBJ cruise ship docks and determined that the ship mooring system was in poor condition, structurally compromised, and undersized for the current and future fleet of cruise ships visiting Juneau; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 and 2008, the Docks and Harbors Board presented to the CBJ Assembly alternatives for replacing the CBJ cruise ship docks to accommodate Juneau's cruise ship fleet which caused the Assembly to establish an ad-hoc Committee to evaluate port-wide dock alternatives; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 and 2009, the ad-hoc Committee commissioned a comprehensive navigation study to analyze various public and private proposals for accommodating the cruise ship fleet; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 and 2009, the Docks and Harbors Board commissioned a transportation study of proposed cruise ship dock improvements and is implementing recommendations to mitigate vehicular and pedestrian congestion attributable to current and future cruise ship operations; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Assembly conducted a meeting to review port wide alternatives for accommodating Juneau's cruise ship fleet, and adopted a resolution in support of making improvements to the CBJ cruise ship docks along with a request for partial funding for such improvements from the Alaska Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the State of Alaska granted CBJ \$9 million to help fund improvements to the cruise ship docks, and amended cruise ship passenger fee laws to provide Juneau with additional funds for such purpose beginning in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Docks and Harbors Board wishes to move forward with improvements to the CBJ docks and is recommending that the Assembly approve an offshore floating berth concept known as Concept 16B, and depicted on Exhibit A attached to this resolution, so the Board can begin the design process to install the new berths; and

WHEREAS, the Docks and Harbors Board has provided detailed justification for its recommendation to the Assembly, including justification of why offshore floating berths are in the best interests of CBJ and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has carefully reviewed the Board's recommendation, the justification for its recommendation, and finds the recommendation is in the best interest of the CBJ and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska expresses its approval of the Docks and Harbors Board recommendation for improving the CBJ cruise ship docks by installing two new floating berths seaward of the existing dock in a manner substantially as set out in Concept 16B, for the Board to undertake activities necessary to design and publicly solicit bids for such improvements in accordance with CBJ code, working closely with the Alaska Commercial Fisherman's Memorial and the commercial fishing community to make a recommendation to the Assembly regarding location, if necessary, of the memorial, along the downtown waterfront, to a mutually

acceptable location, for the Board to keep the Assembly and the public fully apprised of its progress in this regard.

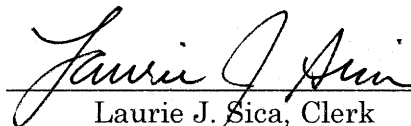
Section 2. That the Docks and Harbors Board work with the owners of local private docks to generate a recommendation to the Assembly for mitigation of additional navigation costs caused by the construction of Concept 16B, so long as CBJ collects areawide passenger fees.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2010.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk