Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3065

A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau in Support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Auke Bay Feasibility Study.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau has requested a feasibility study for a navigation project in Auke Bay within the City and Borough of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the study would investigate the feasibility of installing a floating wave attenuator, among other navigation options, to protect public and private marine facilities from wind-driven waves and vessel wakes; these facilities serve a multitude of commercial and non-commercial users and include public and private moorage facilities, Juneau's most popular recreational launch ramp facility, and only one of two marine fuel facilities between Juneau and Haines; and

WHEREAS, the facilities are subject to westerly gales during the fall and winter months and are not adequately protected from the damaging effects of these large waves; and

WHEREAS, Auke Bay is one of the busiest waterways in Alaska; the extensive marine traffic produces wakes that damage the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to undertake an Auke Bay feasibility Study under the Authority of Section 204 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, PL 80-858; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau and the USACE plan to execute a feasibility cost sharing agreement with the City and Borough of Juneau (as the non-Federal Sponsor) being responsible for 50 percent of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Auke Bay Feasibility Study may be up to $4M of which the City and Borough of Juneau would be responsible for $2M, and the USACE would be responsible for $2M; and

WHEREAS, Docks and Harbors has sufficient funds and budget authority that can be transferred to cover this project from the following sources: Statter Harbor Improvements Phase 3, CIP H51-108 (~$1.5M) and the recently approved budget that includes $500,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan for "Cost Share with [USACE] for Statter Breakwater Feasibility Study"; and

WHEREAS, the Docks and Harbors Board approved the USACE Agreement on April 25, 2024, after public notice; and

WHEREAS, from execution of the feasibility cost sharing agreement, the study process involves a period of three years to publish a Chief's Report for consideration by Congress for a construction authorization after which USACE and the City and Borough would be able to proceed to construction upon appropriation of federal funds for construction, if a feasible project is found.

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

Section 1. Feasibility cost sharing agreement. Docks and Harbors Port Director is authorized to execute a feasibility cost sharing agreement.

Section 2. Local Match. Docks and Harbors may commit 50% as local match for the Auke Bay Feasibility Study as provided by duly appropriated funds.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 17th day of June 2024.

Beth Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk