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Palmer City Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 01/09/2024

Submitted For: John Moosey, City Manager

Department: Administration

Agenda Category: Resolution

Legislation Number: Resolution No. 24-006 ☒ **Approved**

Subject

A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Identifying the City of Palmer's Capital Project Priorities for State, Federal and Other Interested Parties Funding

Summary Statement/Background

Every year as part of the City budget process the City Council identifies projects for State and Federal funding. This resolution lists 11 projects that are a priority for external funding sources, primarily State and Federal agencies, but also for other parties (non-governmental) that may be interested or willing to participate in funding these projects for the betterment of the City.

Administration's Recommendation:

The Administration recommends approving Resolution No. 24-006

Attachments

2024 City Legislative Priority Handout
Res. 24-006 CIP Priorities

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Introduced by: City Manager Moosey

Date: January 9, 2024

Action: Approved

Vote: Unanimous

Yes:

No:

Mayor Carrington
Deputy Mayor Anzilotti
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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

Resolution No. 24-006-A**A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Identifying the City of Palmer's Capital Project Priorities for State, Federal, and Other Interested Parties Funding**

WHEREAS, it is the City of Palmer's desire to provide the State of Alaska, Federal Government agencies and other interested parties a list of the City's capital project needs, primarily critical infrastructure projects necessary to improve public health and safety; to improve the quality of life, and to ensure efficient expenditure of public funds for the benefit of the public; and

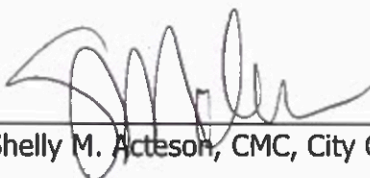
WHEREAS, the City has conducted an analysis of its capital needs to better serve the citizens of Palmer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Palmer City Council hereby respectfully requests the State of Alaska, Federal Government agencies and other interested parties to consider the following capital projects for funding.

1	Palmer Public Library The Palmer Public Library suffered a catastrophic roof collapse on February 15, 2023. The Library will need to be rebuilt to continue providing crucial services to the community and the surrounding area. The City has secure \$7,500,000 towards the \$18M.	\$10,400,000
2	Gravel to Paved Road Surfacing- Multi-component "Shovel Ready." Numerous City Streets are still of the gravel variety. Cost of improvement has been a detriment to progress.	\$4,500,000
3	Replacement Fire Engine, Brush Truck, and Support Vehicle The City of Palmer Fire & Rescue is challenged with its set of tired, aged equipment that is vital for emergency response. The Brush Truck and Support Truck are used to support Statewide Wildland Operations. A 1987 Fire Engine, a 1990 brush truck, and a 1991 Ford Explorer must be replaced.	\$1,300,000
4	Safety Service Building The Palmer Police Department and Fire Department are currently housed in midcentury aged facilities that are no longer meeting the City of Palmer's needs. The request is for facilities.	\$46,500,000
5	Rescue Support Vehicle Rescue Support Vehicle for Fire Department. The Rescue Vehicle is the primary rescue response vehicle for motor vehicle accidents and off-road incidents approximately 100 miles up the Glenn Highway and up the	\$400,000

	Hatcher Pass area. This vehicle would replace the aging 1994 Hackney Freightliner that is currently being used. The 1994 Hackney was not designed to carry the weight of the equipment necessary for rescues now.	
6	Downtown Road Improvements - Cobb Street "Shovel Ready" Improvements include reconstructed and widened road width to add parking lanes and to accommodate higher and heavier traffic loads.	\$2,575,000
7	Park Projects – Multi-Component: Three New Parks and Amusement Park Upgrade This grant request of \$350,000 is to augment the continuing development of city parks and trailheads. The project is three-fold; create safe access to the Matanuska River trail head and bike trails, a comprehensive recreational Matanuska River trail head Master Plan, and the addition of a Park in Hidden Ranch.	\$350,000
8	Historic Palmer Water Tower Purchase The steel water tower in the historic district of downtown Palmer is iconic of the local agricultural heritage associated with the 1935-1940 Matanuska Colony. The purchase of the water tower property will ensure preservation of the icon, as a key component of Palmer history.	\$100,000
9	Water System Expansion Access to safe, reliable drinking and fire protection water is a key component in the continued development of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Core Area. This project is the next step in completion of the outermost planned water main loop in Palmer's Water Distribution System. This project has been identified since the early 2000's under the Palmer Water System Master Plan.	\$19,400,000
10	Veterans Park Establishment The Clock Tower Memorial will serve as a timeless tribute to the valor and selflessness of Veterans, First Responders and Community Servants.	\$750,000
11	Water Connection Services, Palmer to Wasilla A legacy project that would connect the city of Palmer's water system to the city of Wasilla's water system to build resiliency and a needed emergency backup. It will also provide an important utility service that will lead to more affordable housing opportunities.	\$42,000,000

Approved by the Palmer City Council this 9th day of January 2024.


Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk


Steven J. Carrington, Mayor