

AMENDED
CRAIG CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
OCTOBER 20, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim O'Connor, Julie McDonald, Chanel McKinley, Jim See, Hannah Bazinet, Millie Schoonover, Michael Kampnich,

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed and placed on the regular meeting agenda.

- City Council Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022
- City Council Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2022

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

- Ordinance 750 CMC Title 16 Lease Memo
- Ordinance 751 Island Daycare Lease Memo

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Waterfronts Framework Announcement from Lisa Murkowski

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 750 CMC Title 16 Lease Memo
- Ordinance 751 Island Daycare Lease Memo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Employment Contract Cover

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF CRAIG
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2022**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Timothy O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Present were Hannah Bazinet, Jim See, Julie McDonald, and Michael Kampnich. Chanel McKinley and Millie Schoonover were absent excused.

Staff Present: Brian Templin, City Administrator; Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk

Audience Present: Ashley Knock and Rebecca Himschoot

CONSENT AGENDA

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None

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Rebecca Himschoot introduced herself. She is running for Alaska House District 2 and is from Juneau. She is in town for the week. Her biggest areas of concern for Alaska are having strong schools and a dependable Alaska Marine Highway. She is also concerned about solid waste practices.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider Appointment of 2022 Election Judges & Set Compensation
The Memorandum suggested a \$200 stipend for Ashley Knock, \$150 for Karen Coffey and Evelyn Wilburn, and \$100 for Joan Wargi. Ashley Knock requested that Karen Coffey be paid \$200, as well, because she will be at the elections the entire day. Councilwoman McDonald said the elections are well run and the judges have done an excellent job. Councilman See agreed and commended the committee for their work. Both were in support of Ashley's suggestions.

KAMPNICH/MCDONALD

Motion to appoint Ashley Knock (Chairwoman), Karen Coffey, Joan Wargi, Heather Mendonsa, and Evelyn Wilburn as municipal election judges. The stipends for each judge will include \$200 for Ashley Knock and Karen Coffey, \$150 for Evelyn Wilburn, and \$100 for Joan Wargi.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

SEE/KAMPNICH

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

**CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Timothy O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Julie McDonald, Chanel McKinley, Jim See, and Michael Kampnich. Hannah Bazinet and Millie Schoonover were absent excused.

Staff Present: Brian Templin, City Administrator; Hans Hjort, Harbormaster; Russell Dill, Public Works; Doug Ward, Parks and Facilities; Elli Flagg, Recreation; Samantha Wilson, Planner; Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk; Victoria Merritt, Recreation; V. Tsai, EMS; and RJ Ely, Chief of Police. Sheri Purser, Treasurer, was present telephonically.

Audience Present: Karen Hobart

CANVASS ELECTION

Heather Mendonsa said there was one questioned ballot that the state of Alaska, Division of Elections declared ineligible because the registration address was not changed to the city limits within the thirty-day deadline period required. The questioned ballot remained unopened.

KAMPNICH/MCKINLEY

Moved to approve the City Clerk's recommendation to not approve the questioned ballot.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The City Administrator and Clerk opened the absentee votes. The Clerk read aloud the votes while the Administrator and council members Chanel McKinley and Michael Kampnich tallied those votes. After adding the absentee votes to the unofficial election results, the totals were as follows:

City Council Seat B – Three Year Term

118 Chanel McKinley

6 Write-In

City Council Seat F – Three Year Term

117 Michael Kampnich

6 Write-in

School Board – Three Year Term (2 seats)

91 Patricia Conatser

69 Loni Lingley

63 Scott Brookshire

8 Write-In

School Board – Two Year Term
126 Hans Hjort
3 Write-In

SEE/MCDONALD

Moved to approve and certify the 2022 City
of Craig Municipal Election Results.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

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MCKINLEY/SEE

Moved to accept the consent agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comment was presented.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor – Tim O’Connor shared that he and Brian Templin, City Administrator, attended the Southeast Conference. It was a productive conference, and he was pleased to see good representation from Tlingit/Haida.

Administrator - Submitted a written report. Brian also shared how at the Southeast Conference there were some relevant side discussions. First, he spoke to AML about the needs of the barge landing when they lose the Kidco dock, which is being converted to a cruise ship destination. They are looking at whether they will truck logs across and use Thorne Bay or find another place on this side of the island. Second, Brian sat by the new State Director for USDA, and he extended an invitation for the Director to visit Prince of Wales. Boiler replacement also came up. Brian had a conversation with Priscilla Morris about funding opportunities for a replacement boiler at the pool. A contractor is installing a biomass boiler at the school, so he will go look at the pool’s boiler and will meet with the city to discuss the replacement boiler. Councilwoman McDonald said she got the feeling Senator Murkowski did not support the boiler. Brian said that she had questions about the continued chip source, but still supported the boiler project. Councilwoman McKinley asked Brian about the violation at the burn pit. He explained that the DEC feels the city’s corrective action plan from November 12 has not been implemented or is not strong enough. Brian disagrees. Bob Blasco, the city attorney, is reviewing the situation. Brian will set up a meeting to talk about the violation.

Treasurer – Submitted a written report. Brian shared that Kimber extended a job offer to a new billing clerk on Monday. She will work part time. There will also likely be a lateral move for another employee to cover the accounts payable position.

Clerk – Submitted a written report. Michael Kampnich extended a sincere thank you to the elections committee for their hard work and dedication. The next regular council meeting will be on October 20, 2022.

Planner - Submitted a written report.

EMS – Submitted a written report.

Harbormaster – Hans Hjort went to the annual Alaska Harbormaster Conference. It was scheduled to take place in Nome, but the area was hit by the typhoon, so it moved to Anchorage, instead. He was unable to submit a report while he was gone. The icehouse operator is gone for the season. Chains replaced on the delivery system ice rakes. The boatyard has continued to be busy. Fred Ensign agreed to rebuild the finger float. They found welding shops to manufacture parts for the float and the harbor will install it. The breakwater is taking on fresh water. Hans pumped it yesterday. Plans are in place to see if they can find where it is coming from with the next rainstorm. It is good that the water is fresh and not salt water.

Library – Submitted a written report. Patricia was not present, but Mayor Timothy O’Connor shared that Patricia is working hard on grants. Brian said the Rasmussen Tier One Grant will help fund the next step in determining if we want to expand the current library or look at building a new one.

Parks/Public Facilities – Submitted a written report. Councilman James See asked if the new machine will be sufficient for moving snow? Doug Ward replied that yes, it is. They will put chains on and have snow tires. Based on research that is the best option. Brian explained that the light snow / broom attachment and two different plows, one straight and one V-shaped, will help with snow removal. Doug said the brush will work when it is slushy outside. The sidewalks need maintenance so they can properly function. Mayor O’Connor is concerned about the winter trail maintenance between the high school and town so kids can walk to school. Doug said the narrower plow is the correct width to maintain the trail.

Police – Submitted a written report. The police station is fully staffed. Council member McKinley asked what the uniform for the code enforcement office looks like. RJ said the uniform says “CEO” on it, so it is easy to tell the uniforms apart.

Public Works – Submitted a written report. McDonald asked about the Award of Excellence given to public works for stellar compliance? Russ Dill explained it was given for keeping operators certified and maintaining the water system for 2021. McDonald offered congratulations for the accomplishment. Kampnich said he is concerned about seam on the road at Third Street and the highway. It is getting bigger and will fail this winter with the freeze/thaw. Once it fails it is impossible to stop. Although it is the state’s

responsibility, he recommended reaching out to the state to see if they can put a patch on it or if we can fix it ourselves. See said the state is responsive with this sort of thing.

Recreation - Submitted a written report. Elli Flagg, the new recreation director, has placed her emphasis on volunteers and donations. With the facilities full all day, every day, we do not have staff to manage events. Elli is reviewing pool equipment with Jessica, so they have a full inventory. She will be at the pool about six hours a week. An online payment system was set up for recreation classes. McDonald said she used the system, and it was simple to use. She is excited how Elli is building on what is already in place. A discussion ensued about how to get students to the rec center after school for activities. Mayor O'Connor suggested talking to CTA to see if they can help, because they have two busses.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. AFSC Speeds Up Data Collection to Tackle Bycatch Issues
2. Mariculture in Alaska Receives \$49M in Federal Grant Funding
3. Head Start Letter of Interest
4. Draft of Annual Plan of Work FY23 – Port St. Nicholas Road
5. Craig Walkability Letter

McDonald asked about the daycare center. Once the council approves the ordinance to start negotiations, she would like to have a committee sit down and see if there is a way to use the space for both Head Start and the proposed daycare. Mayor O'Connor wants to set up a meeting with Vanessa. Brian explained it would be prudent to wait until the ordinance passes. At that point, he would be happy to set up the meeting. McDonald is willing to sit in at the meeting, if needed.

See would like to know what happened to the toys that were behind the fence of the Daycare Center? He is unhappy the toys and equipment were sold, taken, or given away. Brian will follow with the Craig Childcare Center and see what funding came from the city. Kampnich continued the conversation by saying we need to have more frequent updates about the Daycare Center. Brian agreed, and said the latest RFP specified that if a nonprofit is formed there will be a board. Part of the lease process will include a person who is a member of the board. He will pursue those terms with the lease.

McKinley asked if there was any follow up with installing a blinking light at the crosswalk. RJ said there is a low frequency of crossing. See said there used to be crosswalk ahead signs on both sides of the road, but they are gone now. We will need to work with the state. Brian said he will get data from RJ and send a letter to the state highway office. Russ said there is a traffic code marking book that gives specific signage and crosswalk placement requirements.

McDonald responded to the walkability letter. She asked if there is a walking map? Victoria Merritt said yes, but it needs updating. Hans gives the maps out at the harbor. Samantha said the sidewalks are part of the CTA project and will continue over the next few years.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance 749, Investment Policies, Craig Endowment Fund

MCDONALD/MCKINLEY

Motion to approve Ordinance Number 749, an ordinance modifying Title 3 of the Craig Municipal Code, Related to Investment Policies for the City of Craig, Alaska, by Adding Specific Asset Clauses to the Permissible Range of Investments within the Craig Endowment Fund

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Protection Controls – Craig Clinic Building

Doug explained this is a bid to meet code and get back to the necessary standards. The controls are anticipated to last 10-12 years. See asked if Johnson is the only person who can service the building. Doug replied yes because Johnson Controls is the only place who makes the parts. See wants it completed because it will be a code violation if we do not.

MCDONALD/KAMPNICH

Motion to enter into a purchase agreement with Johnston Controls to replace the Fire Protection System at the POW Healthcare Clinic for an amount not to exceed \$42,000. Further, direct staff to draw funds from the clinic maintenance account (\$39,000) and Capital Reserve Fund (\$3,000) to fund the project.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

2. Cemetery Expansion Design

See commented that the total seemed high. Brian explained this is a concept drawing for overall plan purposes, and the architect assuming a one-time construction of everything. In reality, the cemetery will be developed over the next 30 years. McKinley asked how many spaces are still available in the cemetery. Brian said four. \$30,000 is in the budget this year for cemetery improvements. Suggestions for moving forward include expanding

by the road, moving forward on the first part of the Columbarium wall, and adding a wall to backfill for twenty-five more places. McDonald liked the plans and asked if adopting this concept meant we wanted to move in this direction. Brian said yes. Samantha thanked the council for helping guide the cemetery expansion process.

MCKINLEY/MCDONALD

Motion to adopt the cemetery expansion design.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

3. End of Medivac Coverage

No action required

4. Community Garden

Brian gave an overview of the garden. It began with the city and SEARHC several years ago. Tim Wold has worked for the past five years to keep it going. Wally Kennedy and Albert Jaco built covers and cement foundations, using some of their own money. Russ Dill helped bring in dirt. It is now maxed out on space. McDonald would like to have the city clear property to the right of the garden and expand the fence. There is general interest from the schools to have student involvement. See was concerned about the capital required. Brian explained this has been on Russ and Doug's radar for a while, but the project is not a priority, especially with the summer schedule. Old fencing may be used to extend the fence. Russ can do the clearing once the trees are cut. There would not be major capital outlay, just using our own staff and equipment. See also said emphatically that NO roosters are allowed within city limits. The chickens and roosters should not be in the community garden. Brian explained that Elli will be collaborating with the gardeners to determine the level of city oversight. Elli will meet with garden users and talk about community involvement. Brian wants to make sure the policies are enforced with the garden. Mayor O'Connor wants to see policies, a board, and have things in place so it run more efficiently.

No action required.

5. Consider the approval of the FY21 Financial Audit

MCKINLEY/KAMPNICH

Moved to approve the FY21 Financial Audit.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH VOICE VOTE.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

McKinley would like to move council meetings away from Thursday, but there is a conflict with other meetings every other day of the week.

ADJOURNMENT

SEE/MCDONALD

Moved to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, _____

MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR

ATTEST: _____
HEATHER MENDONSA, CITY CLERK

Please note the voice recorder malfunctioned during this meeting. No audio recording of the minutes is available to the public.

CITY OF CRAIG MEMORANDUM

To: Craig City Council
From: Samantha Wilson, City Planner
Date: October 11, 2022
RE: Ordinance 750, Second Reading – Municipal Code Appraisal Requirement for Lease Renewals

During the October 6, 2022 council meeting Ordinance 750 passed its first reading without comment.

In May 2018, Ordinance 710 was submitted and passed to allow multiple means for starting and renewing leases. The change to Section 16.02.140B outlines the alternative means of adjusting rent. However, due to language in Sections 16.02.030 C and 16.02.030 O2, there are still barriers to effectively establishing a minimum rental value when a lease is started or renewed without a recent appraisal.

Ordinance 750 remedies the remaining language in the municipal code. The ordinance is attached.

Recommendation: The council should pass second reading of Ordinance 750 and approve the changes to the municipal code.

CITY OF CRAIG
ORDINANCE NO. 750

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16, CRAIG MUNICIPAL CODE,
SECTION 16.02.030 C MINIMUM RENT AND SECTION 16.02.140 O2
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and the code sections adopted hereby shall become a part of the code of the City of Craig, Alaska.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 4. Action. This ordinance amends Section 16.02.030 C and Section 16.02.030 O2 of the Craig Municipal Code by deleting the items shown with strikethrough text and surrounded by square brackets (~~strikethrough~~) and by adding the **bold underlined** items, as follows:

- C. (~~Appraisal~~) **Non-public, For-Profit Use**. With the exception of the public uses described in subsection (B) of this section, no land shall be leased, or a renewal lease issued therefore, unless the land has been **either assessed or appraised** at its fair market value within 12 months prior to the date fixed for the beginning of the term of the lease or renewal date. **The Consumer Price Index may also be used to determine an adjusted rental rate from a pre-existing value.**
2. Such lease shall be for an annual rent equal to a percentage of the (~~appraised~~) value of the land which is then charged for new leases, and shall be subject to adjustment on every fifth anniversary.

Passed and approved on _____, 2022.

Mayor Tim O'Connor

Attest _____
Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk

CITY OF CRAIG MEMORANDUM

To: Craig City Council
From: Samantha Wilson, City Planner
Date: October 11, 2022
RE: Ordinance 751, Second Reading – Authorization for City Administrator to negotiate a below market value lease of City Owned Property to Island Daycare

The first reading passed with one comment during the October 6th City Council meeting. Councilmember McDonald expressed interest in investigating whether both interested parties, Island Daycare and Tlingit & Haida Head Start, could cooperatively lease the property in question.

Venessa Richter applied to lease the Craig Child Care Center (CCCC) building for the purpose of operating a daycare. Venessa intends to provide daycare services primarily to children between the ages of 3 months and 5 years with potential to expand services once the new daycare becomes established.

Craig Municipal Code 16.02.030 (B) allows the city to approve a lease below the minimum 8% of market value. Island Daycare has been registered as a non-profit and in consideration of the public benefit the daycare service will provide, it may be considered for this below market lease.

Approval of this ordinance allows the City Administrator to negotiate the terms of the lease with Island Daycare. As is standard with leases of city owned property, the final terms of the lease will be brought back to the council for final approval.

Recommendation: Pass the second reading of Ordinance 751 and approve it to begin the lease negotiation process.

**CITY OF CRAIG
ORDINANCE No. 751**

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISLAND DAYCARE, THE TERMS OF A LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS “SCHOOL RESERVE”, BLOCK 15, USS 1430

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 4. Action. This ordinance authorizes the City Administrator to negotiate a below market value lease of city-owned property to Island Daycare for the purpose of providing child care services. Daycare building and all appurtenances thereof located on a portion of the lot identified as “School Reserve”, Block 15, USS 1430 as shown on the plat of USS 1430 dated May 20, 1922. Final terms of the lease are subject to the approval of the Craig city council.

The City Administrator is under no obligation to negotiate amendments to the lease of the property described above, and the City Council is under no obligation to approve any lease negotiated by the City Administrator with Island Daycare.

Passed and approved on _____, 2022.

Mayor Tim O’Connor

Attest _____
Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk



Working Waterfronts Framework

A Plan to Grow and Support Alaska's Coastal and River Communities

U.S. Senator Murkowski and her team have traveled across the state to learn about the successes and forward-looking needs of Alaskans. Amid the issues we have heard about, opportunities to enhance our coastal and river communities call out for greater consideration and emphasis. These communities face common challenges with regard to access, infrastructure, workforce, renewable energy, and growing the blue economy—but new federal policy and avenues of support can help Alaskans pursue projects that enable them to grow and thrive.

According to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 83 percent of Alaskans live in coastal areas. Working waterfronts are the beating heart of those areas, providing access to nourishing marine resources for commercial, recreational, and subsistence users. They can also be the most vulnerable to nature's power, as we saw recently during powerful storms in Western Alaska.

With the release of this document, Senator Murkowski is announcing her draft Working Waterfronts Framework to solicit feedback and ideas from Alaskans. She and her team are focused on the policy topics discussed below and will incorporate the feedback received to develop Working Waterfront-themed legislation to be introduced next Congress. Please share your responses to the following questions at Working_Waterfronts@Murkowski.Senate.Gov by December 2, 2022. [Note: See framework components on pages 2-4]

- *Are there ideas in the Framework that you particularly like and have suggestions to improve?*
- *Are there ideas in the Framework that you disagree with?*
- *Do you have other ideas that the Senator should add to her Framework?*

Framework Components

Young Fishermen – Alaska’s young fishermen contend with barriers to entry that previous generations did not face. The costs of gear, access, and fishing platforms continue to increase while climate change, pollution, and geopolitical disagreements inject further uncertainty into their chosen livelihood. The ‘graying of the fleet’ is a challenge to the industry, but also an opportunity for mentorship and workforce development. Senator Murkowski cosponsored the Young Fishermen’s Development Act (YFDA), which established the first-ever federal workforce development program for young fishermen and authorized \$2 million per year for the education and training of young and rising fishermen. She has also appropriated funds to stand up the YFDA in FY22 and FY23. The Senator proposes renewing the YFDA beyond 2026, increasing its authorization level to \$20 million, and including young mariculturists to promote diverse opportunities in our working waterfronts.

Domestic Seafood Marketing and Promotion – The majority of seafood *caught* in the U.S. is exported, while the majority of seafood *consumed* in the U.S. is imported from other countries. One avenue to correct this is to bolster marketing and promotion efforts for U.S. seafood. The Saltonstall-Kennedy (S.K.) Promotion and Development account was created for this purpose. However, only a small percentage of S.K. account funds support marketing and promotion of U.S. seafood, while the lion’s share support science and research at NOAA. The Senator proposes to increase the percentage of funds that are used for marketing of domestic seafood by amending the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act of 1954.

Small-Scale Community Processing – The Senator proposes to increase support for community infrastructure such as cold storage, cooperative processing facilities, and mariculture/seaweed processing facilities and equipment. She would do this through competitive grants and cooperative agreements for pilot projects for new seafood and mariculture processing infrastructure that would be offered the Department of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture.

Crop-Insurance for Fisheries – The fisheries disaster process is not working for anyone. Commercial, recreational, and subsistence users are not able to access relief funding for years after disaster strikes. The multi-year process is nearly useless for fishermen and communities experiencing a stock collapse as federal relief comes too little, too late to save vulnerable fishing operations. The Senator proposes to look at the federal crop insurance process used by the agricultural sector as a model to develop a new approach to fisheries disaster relief.

Accounting for Subsistence Users in the Fisheries Disaster Process: Existing fisheries disaster recovery programs do not adequately address the impacts on families that rely on subsistence fishing for food security, and those programs also fail to account for impacts on traditional practices and culture. The current fisheries disaster process ties relief to economic losses in the commercial fishery and does not attend to the unique needs of subsistence users. Many impacted communities are paying more for food than ever before and are unable to operate the subsistence economies on which their communities and culture depend. Subsistence users may be eligible to receive assistance, if Congress appropriates funds, under Section 312 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) if they are part of the affected fishing community or under MSA

Section 315, which explicitly allows for other parts of the fishing community beyond commercial fisheries to receive assistance if a catastrophic regional fishery disaster is determined by the Secretary. It is time that subsistence users be qualified for fisheries disaster assistance in their own right. The Senator proposes language to create a statutory change to ensure relief for subsistence users.

USDA Loan Guarantees for Fishing and Mariculture Businesses: Young fishermen and fledgling to mid-size processors face significant barriers to entry into fisheries and mariculture, in part because of a lack of infrastructure to support new businesses. USDA implements loan programs for meat and poultry producers and food supply chain infrastructure. Opening those programs to fishing and mariculture businesses would improve access to needed food security and economic opportunities for coastal residents and businesses.

Shellfish Mariculture: Alaskans have subsisted on shellfish for millennia but changing ocean conditions make hazards like paralytic shellfish poisoning more prevalent each year. The Senator proposes to increase shellfish testing capacity to support shellfish mariculture and expand access for subsistence and recreational harvesters. This would be accomplished through competitive grant funding for innovative methods that increase the efficiency and effectiveness of shellfish testing in rural and remote areas. She also proposes to provide grant opportunities for hatchery water treatment to remediate ocean and coastal acidification impacts on production, and for the development of local and climate-resilient broodstock.

Coastal Vegetation Inventory and Pilot Program: The Senator has heard from Alaskans that the last seaweed inventory in the state was done by rowboat in the early 1900s. It is time for an update. She proposes a nationwide inventory of coastal vegetation and a pilot program to investigate uses of coastal vegetation for erosion control and carbon sequestration.

Ocean and Coastal Acidification Research and Monitoring: As our oceans warm, acidification of our waters presents an additional challenge for marine life. The Senator proposes to provide research and monitoring funds for local, Tribal, and regional ocean and coastal acidification work, including low-cost observing tools for community science and mariculture operations.

Coastal Energy: Coastal renewable energy can be a catalyst for economic growth in rural and remote communities that currently depend on expensive diesel generation. More affordable energy can bring down costs and enable new businesses to operate and grow. The Senator proposes grant support for technologies like hydro, tidal, and transmission infrastructure.

Workforce Development for Maritime Trades: There is a nationwide workforce shortage and the impacts are strongly felt in coastal Alaska, where maritime businesses have shared that they need for reliable, skilled labor in the marine trades sector. Federal support to train those who are interested in the maritime trades – including welders, fabricators, electricians and mechanics – is currently lacking outside of the traditional maritime academy pipeline. At present, there is not a coordinated federal/state approach to the maritime workforce pipeline and as a result, fewer training opportunities are available to people who want to enter these trades. The Senator proposes to modify the Maritime Administration’s Center of Excellence program designation for

Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education to include access to federal grant funding for maritime workforce development.

Fishing Vessel Electrification Pilot Program: Fishermen are increasingly focused on the future of vessel propulsion to reduce fuel bills and carbon footprints. Current research and development funding programs do not include fishing vessel electrification in their eligibility guidelines. The Senator proposes to expand the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program from the bipartisan infrastructure bill, and the activities undertaken within the Vehicle Technology Office at the Department of Energy, to include research and development funding for fishing vessel conversions.

Tourism: Many of Alaska's cruise destination ports do not have the electrical generation capacity to handle the vessels that visit them. In some cases, large cruise ships need to run their engines while in port to power their operations. The FY 2022 solicitation of the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) allowed applicants to utilize funding for dock electrification projects, but this eligibility was only made available for FY 2022. The Senator proposes to modify the PIDP program for a period of 10 years to allow for shore-side electrification and associated intertie improvements. This modification would open up an avenue for Alaska communities to upgrade their shore-side infrastructure and reduce emissions. Additionally, the Senator plans to reintroduce her Cruising for Alaska's Workforce Act.

Small Boat Harbors/Boat Ramps: The Maritime Administration's mission and current suite of grant programs do not align well with the projects sought by smaller port and harbor communities that do not have robust cargo volumes. Coastal Alaska communities that are primarily oriented around recreational, sportfishing, or smaller-scale commercial operations have a difficult time accessing funding from existing programs for activities that are not under the umbrella of Army Corps responsibilities, which only include dredging and navigational improvements. The types of projects Alaska coastal communities are seeking funding for include boat haul-out ramps, docks, storage or warehouse facilities located in the port, powerhouses, cold storage or other uplands improvements. Federal programs like PIDP require applicants to have a draft of at least 20 feet to apply. To address this gap, Senator Murkowski secured an additional \$5 million in the Senate's draft FY 2023 appropriations bills for the Denali Commission to fund waterfront projects. The Senator plans to seek additional funds for the Denali Commission to fill this gap in working waterfronts support for Alaska.

**CITY OF CRAIG
MEMORANDUM**

To: Craig City Council
From: Brian Templin, City Administrator
Date: October 13, 2022
RE: Consider Approval of City Administrator Employment Contract for 2022-2025

In November 2021 the city and I entered into a contract agreement for services as the City Administrator. That contract ends October 31, 2022.

I have prepared a new, three-year contract for the Mayor's consideration. After the mayor has made comments back to me, I will make changes to the contract agreement and send a copy to the council. The new contract will be forwarded to the council prior to the October 20th council meeting.

This memo will act as a placeholder for the discussion and a new memo along with the contract will be sent to council members.