




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Branson and City Councilmembers
FROM: Mike Tvenge, City Manager 
DATE: June 8, 2023
RE: City Manager Report

New Fire Station –

- March 27--May 26 - Design Development Documents submitted for review and cost estimating
- **June-July 21 - 95% Construction Document development—NOW OCCURRING**
- August 2023 - Permitting/bidding
- September 14, 2023 - General Construction Contract for Council approval
- September-October, 2023 - Site demo/preparation (unless early site package is permissible)
- Design work is proceeding on the new Fire Station in consultation with the Design Team—lead by Wolf Architecture—Construction Manager Osborne Construction Co. and their mechanical, electrical and telecom subcontractors. Core Project Team members are providing input to the design/construction consultants on a daily basis.
- The City is benefitting from the Island construction expertise of Chris Lynch of Kodiak Construction Services. They will be our Project Manager and on-site representative throughout the construction period. Also, former Finance Director, Julie Liew is assisting with management of the Federal and State grants funding the Station.
- \$7M of the \$22M financing for the project comes from a USDA Federal infrastructure grant. These moneys require compliance with Buy America/Build America Act (BABAA) provisions which stipulate materials, components, and assemblies made and assembled in the USA. Our consultants are working with Julie on meeting compliance objectives and will be specifying and tracking those materials.
- At the conclusion of design, Osborne will present a Guaranteed Maximum Price to City for our review and recommendations. Pending Council approval of a contract, issuance of a Notice to Proceed will follow. Groundbreaking is anticipated the first part of September with site work proceeding as weather conditions dictate through 2023.
- With work at the Baranof Rink and Park continuing through October, long lead times for electrical gear, structural steel, and other components, and BABAA compliance challenges, the Core Project Team and CM/GC team anticipates a 16-month building period beginning in earnest in April of 2024.

St. Herman Harbor (SHH) Replacement –

- PND Engineers prepared initial scoping documents necessary for grant applications and state/federal funding requests in January 2023.
- Received a fee proposal on March 17th for engineering services in support environmental permitting design for the float replacement project. It was discussed at a Council Work Session and will be discussed again at the Council's 6/20/23 Work Session. PND staff will be present to provide accurate historical background and answer questions.
- City staff preparing scoping documents for maintenance projects to be executed in advance of replacement. This activity has been accelerated following the loss of 18 slips in February and failure of G float during extreme low tide on June 3-4, 2023.

Baranof Park Tree Assessment –

- Jere's Tree Service conducted an assessment of the Baranof Park trees on May 15, 2023. Based on the investigation, there are approximately 37 trees that were identified as dead, dying, indications of root rot, cracked/spiral grain or mechanically damaged. We have forwarded the report to the City's Risk Management and Loss Control team at AML/JIA for their review and analysis of the report. A copy of the assessment is attached to this report.

Baranof Park Tree Assessment

Assessed by Jeremiah Olsen, DBA Jere's Tree Service 5/15/2023

Total Trees between Park Office and Baseball field lot- 175

Trees 12" DBH (diameter at breast height) or less- 50

Trees identified as dead, dying, indications of root rot, cracked/spiral grain, or mechanically damaged (barked peeled off exposing bare trunk) -37

Dead snags-14

Stump/root rot-19

Cracked/spiral grain-2

Mechanically damaged-3

Some trees express multiple symptoms but were only counted once.

Spruce stump/root rot is irreversible once established and only continues to compromise the health of the tree and will either die standing becoming a snag or becomes susceptible to wind fall. Core samples of were taken to see the extent of the rot inside several of the trees.

Special consideration should be taken when removing trees as the outer fringe trees shelter others inside the stand from strong prevailing winds, if one side of a stand of trees gets removed the rest are potentially vulnerable to catastrophic winds that they were not previously susceptible to before.



Tree with old wound that has turned to rot and decay, severely compromised



Cracked/spiral grain tree that introduces water which equals decay



Core sample of tree with only small opening in bark but the rot extends over 50% of the inside in tree