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ITEM TITLE:

City Manager's Report 7-20-21

SUBMITTED BY: Mark Detter, City Manager

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and File.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The following issues have occupied the majority of the City Manager's time for the past two weeks:

Council Retreat-Karen Kirk of Synergistic Solutions is compiling a report on the Council retreat. From the report the City Clerk and City Manager will develop a future work session schedule to address issues raised in the Council retreat.

Robe Lake Corps of Engineer Study-Mike Wells, Executive Director of VFDA contacted the City Manager to discuss a potential project to the study habitat issues related to salmon in Robe Lake. The VFDA Board would like City to consider a letter of support for the potential project.

The support letter does indicate that a 50% non-federal match will need to be provided prior to the project being funded by the Corps of Engineers. Initial discussion indicates the City's letter of support would not bind the City to committing funds for the project, however, it is an indication that City is interested in pursuing an application for funding.

Mr. Wells plans to present background on the issue to both the Economic Diversification Commission and the Planning Commission prior to presenting to Council at the August 3rd meeting.

Stratton Edwards, Capitol Hill Consulting Group visit to Valdez-Stratton Edwards of Capitol Hill Consulting Group will attend the August 17, 2021 meeting of the Valdez City Council. Please let staff know if you would like to meet with Mr. Edwards on August 16, 2021 or August 17, 2021 while he is in Valdez.

ASLS 79-116 Access Study-PDC Engineers presented initial concepts for access to the area of land currently referred to as Rydor/East Peak property. At a June meeting at Fire Station #3 and the July 14th Planning Commission meeting presentations occurred that highlighted access issues

related to the property.

Some of the neighboring residents have concerns related to road access abutting or utilizing existing residential roads. Additionally, impacts on current public trails are being considered. Ultimately, all access points for the property need to be considered in such study, however, preferred access points will be recommended by the study and public input will be considered as a part of the process of making such recommendations.

Future Schedule-

As previously stated, staff is working to lay out timelines for work sessions generated from Council retreat and preparing for such work sessions will be a major portion of the City Manager's time over the next month.