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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 25, 2020
To: City Council
From: Tod Larson, City Manager
Subject: Coronavirus Update

City Operations.

- 5/26 – The City entered into a contract with Jamie O'Connor last week to work as the City's Public Information Officer to assist us through the pandemic.
- 5/26 – Received report on the Downtown Fire Hall Inspection. The upper floor is off limits. We will need to either work on some extensive repairs to the current building or demolish and rebuild a new facility. We will continue to use the lower floor of the structure for office space and response vehicles.
- 5/26 – The Port Committee met on 5/20. The discussion focused around harbor operations in a COVID environment. Primarily discussed the tariff, harbor fees, and the Emergency Ordinances.
- 5/26 – We had a conference call with PND Engineers, EMC Engineers, JJC Construction, Cynthia, and I to discuss progress of the projects. The majority of the material required for the projects has been received and stored in the dock area. Discussed the evolving construction schedule.
- 5/26 – Water project began last Monday 5/18 in the Dock Office/Sea Inn area.
- 5/26 – Dillingham Fire and Police supported the 2020 Dillingham High School Graduation parade.
- 5/26 – Held the DPD Patrol Sergeant interview.
- 5/18 – Alaska Airlines began service today.
- 5/18 – Finance and Budget meeting. FY20 budget revision, FY21 budget review, and CARES Act Update.
- 5/18 – We met with EMC Engineering, CRW Engineering, PND Engineers, and JJC Enterprises to discuss project timelines and current status.
- 5/18 – JJC has had their crews in quarantine and have completed it as of Sunday. Work to begin on 5/18 – Water Project.
- 5/18 – Finalized the Waterfront Strategic Plan.
- 5/18 – Port Committee met to discuss: the Waterfront Strategic Plan, harbor rules, dredging update, and staffing plan for the summer.
- 5/18 – New EMS computers and software automated their operation and will save time and frustration with the old process.
- 5/7 – Conducted two separate construction related calls.
 - JJC workers in quarantine now.
 - Looking at 5/18 to begin work.
 - All materials for water and road projects on this first barge.
 - 6/1 – projected start on asbestos remediation in Dillingham hotel.
 - 6/10 – projected start of demolition of Dillingham hotel.
- 5/7 - Alaska Airlines is got permission to enter Ravn Terminal.
- 5/7 - City Attorney's spent two days incorporating community and council comments into new separate ordinances for review.

- 5/7 - First barge arrived.
- 5/7 - Held the Dillingham Coronavirus Task Force meeting on 5/1.
- 5/7 - Ordered materials to improve the harbor area for this year. Signage, porta-potties, handwash facilities, hand sanitizers, etc.
- 5/7 - Ordered tentage, cots, sleeping bags – estimated arrival next week.
- 5/7 - Awaiting response from Ben Stevens/Adam Crum regarding the security assessment team.
- 5/1 - We have a partial order of PPE for our first responders on its way from the State.
- 4/30 - Seems like things have calmed down around the airport and most are getting used to the permit system. The Chief is still having his officers spot check the airport as their time and mission allow.
- 4/30 - Made contact with the Coast Guard – still awaiting a return call though.

Medical.

Health Update

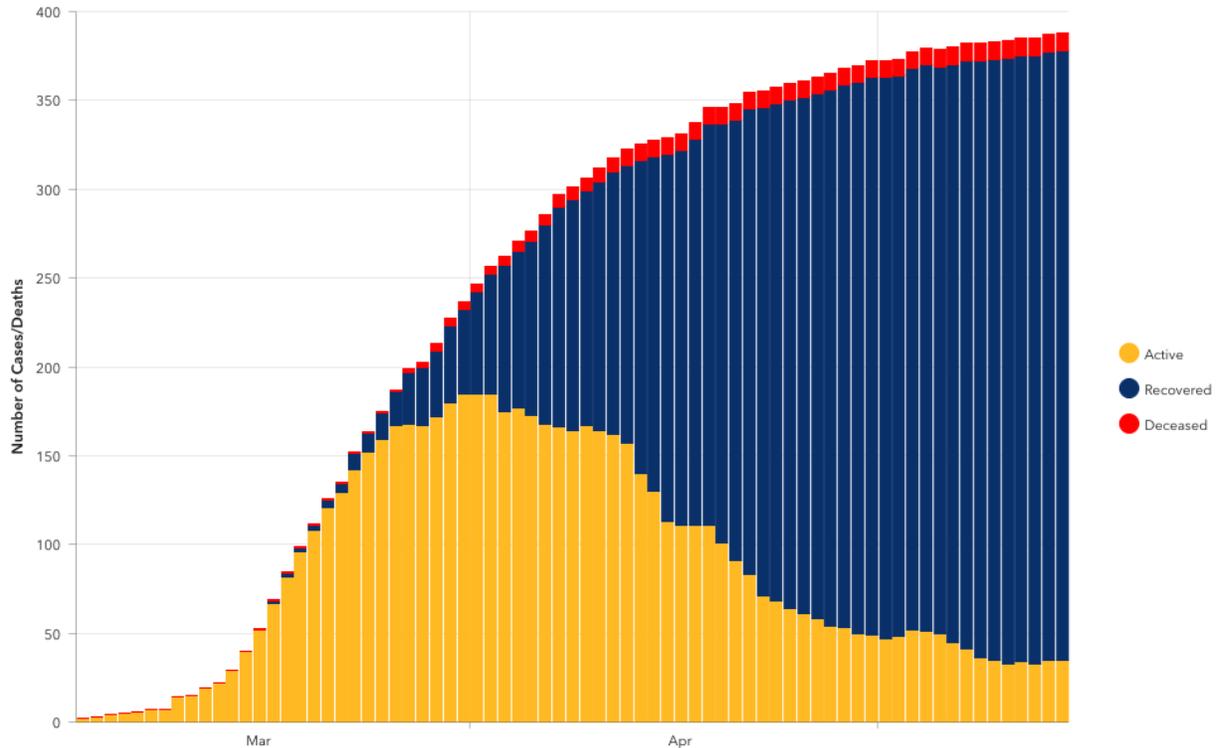
- 5/26 – CAPSTONE completed 213 tests, 174 negative results, 39 pending.
- 5/26 – State of Alaska has 409 cases, 361 recovered, 45 hospitalizations, 10 deaths.
- 5/18 – Dillingham had our first positive case. Trident employee. The safeguards worked and he was evacuated to Anchorage.
 - Received assistance from a number of State personnel, and BBAHC.
 - Collaborated on Press Release with a number of State Offices.
 - Radio program Saturday afternoon in order to inform the public and take some questions.
- 5/18 - State of Alaska has 396 cases, 344 recovered, 43 hospitalized, 10 Deaths.
- 5/18 – COVID Testing.
 - Met with the Capstone team and went over the setup at the Animal Control Office.
 - Buildings and Grounds along with Harbor personnel built the testing site.
 - Colored bands to determine 1st or 2nd test. Good visual.
 - Presumptive test is complete in 45 minutes.
 - Test sent to State Lab with 48-hour final test result.
 - Community members can be tested.
 - No charge for testing.
- 5/18 – Capstone began operational and began testing on 5/17 – hours are 6:30am – 6:00pm.
- 5/7 – Conference call with State Public Health, State EOC, and FEMA Region 10 personnel.
 - State is developing a system to come to Dillingham to COVID test large numbers in the harbor with a tent location, nurses, supplies.
 - State EOC manager resurrected our tentage/cot/sleeping bag request.
 - FEMA Region 10 took back our request for modeling and will work on it.
 - Working on a site location.
 - State will get back to me with throughput.
 - Wood River Icicle has testing themselves. Public Health will verify.
- 5/7 – Cordova first positive test in Ocean Beauty Seafoods.
- 5/7 - Awaiting a Health Mandate for set netters and one for Sport Fishing.
- 5/7 - Processor plans reviewed by Task Force and Council. Comments consolidated and sent to processors.

BBAHC

- 5/26 – BBAHC discussed the testing site being set up at the Anchorage Airport. Testing for some out-of-state workers. The process is swabbing, then wait in Anchorage for two days to get test results.
- 5/18 – Receiving more PPE.
- 5/7 – Supplying data to the State for modeling.
- 5/7 - Grandma's house is estimated to be ready as early as Friday 5/8.
- 4/30 - BBAHC has signed a lease with the MEAL board to lease Grandmas House for use as overflow capacity for the hospital. A contractor has been selected to repair the sprinkler system and will be working on the system soon.

- 4/30 - BBAHC submitted a letter to the Governor requesting that the fishing season be shut down. I haven't heard of any comments after they submitted it.
- 4/30 - Samaritan's Purse notified the hospital that they have a 25-bed modular hospital complete with Docs and Nurses available for deployment when they need it.
- 4/19 - Supplies are slowly trickling in to the hospital.

Cumulative Cases by Death, Recovered, and Active Status



Critical Community Services.

- 5/26 – Held initial meeting with our PIO and established objectives.
- 5/26 – A number of our first responders have expressed concern about going home during the fishing season and potentially taking the virus home to their family. The EOC is working with the Bristol Inn for rooms for June and July at a reduced rate.
- 4/30 - The roads have been causing Public Works trouble with all the snow and moisture in the ground. They are working on the roads up by Nerka this week.
- 4/30 – Road crew working on Bayside Drive.
- 4/19 - Our critical service workers have been working very hard to keep services up.
- 4/19 - Public Works has taken steps to maintain social distancing, personal protection measures.
- 4/19 - Water and Wastewater – these two guys have taken many measures to make certain that they do everything they can to protect themselves. They know how critical they are to Dillingham.
- 4/19 - The Public Safety Department is holding their own right now.
- 4/19 - Although the Senior Center is closed, Ida and her new cook are still cooking and delivering meals to their normal meals on wheels as well as those that typically eat at the Senior Center.
- 4/19 - So far, we have been able to keep landfill operations going. They are shorthanded but still doing their best to keep their operations going.

Coronavirus Task Force.

- 5/26 – Discussed the positive case, Curyung's approved treasury budget, four citations in total, all four EMT positions are filled, working on a radio solution to submit to FEMA, power lines, Nushagak reported all emergency equipment is operational.
- 5/18 – Curyung Tribe suspended BBAHC withdrawal for one year.
- 5/18 – Courtenay Carty reported that Curyung received COVID funds.
- 5/18 – ANTHC is working on modeling.
- 5/18 – Generally, the hospital will test symptomatic people and the Capstone test site will test asymptomatic.
- 5/18 – Nushagak received 800,000 gallons of fuel this week.
- 5/7 – Large amount of test coming to the State (170,000+). ETA unknown at this time.
- 5/7 – Superintendents' planning graduations in COVID environment.
- 5/7 – Superintendents' beginning initial planning for next year.
- 5/7 – Nushagak working on microwave system upgrades and generator rebuild.
- 5/7 – TF stressing testing completed prior to arrival.
- 5/7 – Needed estimate for typical influx into communities for planning. Dillingham – 4,500, Naknek – 10,000.

Commercial Fishing.

- 5/26 – Denali Universal Services came to Dillingham and met with Chief P. to gather data and conduct a recon of the area for the vulnerability assessment.
- 5/26 – Nushagak has moved one line and the second one should be moved soon to allow local boats onto BBNCs property for fishing preparation.
- 5/18 – Nushagak moving lines so local boats can move to the Bristol Alliance pad. Awaiting permission from the State.
- 5/18 – Finalized and published EO 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-10. Developed FAQ and posted on the City website.
- 5/18 - Grandma's house available for hospital overflow.
- 4/19 - BBRSDA and other fishing related personnel coming to Dillingham are being discouraged from coming early and have requested that crews only conduct critical maintenance on their vessel, otherwise wait until next year if you can.
- 4/30 - All processor plans are in the hands of the City Council, Department Heads, and the Dillingham Coronavirus Task Force members for comment.
- 4/30 - A few advanced processor workers have arrived to begin the setup of the plants.
- 4/30 - Council will be considering the updated Emergency Ordinance and our rules on 4/30. Once approved, we will distribute as widely as possible. Our focus is requiring a minimum of two COVID tests, a 14-day quarantine, and tightly enforced Fisheries Related Use Districts from the day of arrival until completing the season.

State Mandates.

- 5/18 – Health Mandate 10.1 (International and Interstate Travel Order for Self-Quarantine) – Extends the expiration date to 6/2/2020.
- 5/18 – Health Mandate 18 – Intrastate Travel.
 - Road System/Marine Highway System – permitted for all purposes.
 - Off the Road System – Prohibited except for:
 - Critical Personal Needs.
 - The conduct of Essential Services/Critical Infrastructure.
- 5/18 – Appendix 03 to Health Mandate 17 (set nets) out for comment.
- 4/30 - Health Mandate 16 – Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan Phase I-A.
 - The first in a series to reopen the Alaskan economy.
 - The Mandate has a number of attachments for a wide variety of business types.
 - Stresses opening business in a safe way. Social distancing, limiting capacity, spread things out, etc.
- 4/30 - Health Mandate 17 – Protective Measures for Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels.

- Establishes rules for vessels and Captains operating on Alaskan waters and in Alaska Ports and Harbors.
- Directed at Independent Commercial Vessels only.
- Includes some documentation requirements.
- Does not require testing – which is a basic requirement of ours.
- Acknowledges a 14-day quarantine requirement.
- Also acknowledges the City’s right to enact additional protective measures.
- Establishes a flagging system that lets everyone know the quarantine status of the vessel.
- Establishes a verbal and physical screening requirement.
- Establishes a number of requirements regarding crew, social distancing, illnesses, etc.

Economic.

- 5/26 – I submitted our signed grant agreement this weekend and transmitted to the State. Just awaiting the resolution at our City Council Meeting on 6/4, then funds will be dispersed to the City.
- 5/26 – Working on an Alaska CARES grant information push to assist Dillingham business owners. \$58M set aside by the State and they are taking applications now.
- 5/18 – Discussed CARES Act general information and that the funding is on hold due to a lawsuit.
 - Lawsuit should be dropped as the Legislature is convening this week.
 - Three distributions.
 - 1st - \$1,703,296.01.
 - 2nd - \$850,592.25.
 - 3rd - \$850,592.25
 - Total - \$3,404,480.51.
 - Need a City resolution to accept CARES funding.
 - Quarterly reporting to the State.
 - Legislature meets this week to decide funding distribution.
- 5/7 – Testified Wednesday morning to the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee. Topic was how COVID preparations and operations impact the local municipalities. (CARES Act Funding Focus)
 - AML coordinated a few municipalities to talk impacts after his briefing.
 - Looking at CARES fund distribution model.
 - Explained the stress created on all systems during fishing season and the influx of fishing related operations.
 - Stressed the challenges we face not only with monies, but the health challenge as well.
 - Other municipalities across Alaska seem to be similarly situated.
- 4/30 - Briefed the Finance and Budget Committee on 4/27 on what we know about the CARES Act.
 - \$1.25B for the State of Alaska.
 - The Governor divided up the funding with a formula that we believe is similar to the CAP formula.
 - Funds are anticipated to be available on 5/1/2020.
 - Must be spent by 12/30/2020 or returned to the US Treasury.
 - Not much out on the procedures and a listing of allowable expenditures.
 - The legislature is conducted committee meetings Thursday and Friday. There is some question if the Governor can divide up the money or is that reserved for the legislature to decide.
 - CARES Act monies cannot be used to replace lost revenue. Must be an expense related to the COVID pandemic.
 - AML recommended not to commit any funds until we get a better idea about the rules (hadn’t planned on it!).
 - Some uncomfortable unanswered questions regarding the vetoes that the Governor made and said the monies would be replaced with CARES Act funding. I know right now that we cannot use CARES money to replace School Bond Debt Funding.

- Reviewed the Treasury Department Guidance for CARES Act funding. Pretty general of course....just emphasized the prohibition to use the funding as revenue replacement and that the expenditure had to be directly related to costs from our COVID response.
- 4/30 - The information is located on the City's website on the left side of the main page and it is titled "COVID-19 Financial Assistance": https://www.dillinghamak.us/index.asp?SEC=A931F069-CC77-4C51-8385-DAB47FF5C9EC&Type=B_BASIC

Alaska Municipal League/Alaska Municipal Management Association.

- 5/26 – This week's call dealt with some of the issues that municipalities are having with the proper CARES Act management. The State is releasing \$290M on 2/26 (the day of the workshop).
- 5/18 – Discussed CARES Act general information and that the funding is on hold due to a lawsuit.
- 4/30 - Participated on an AML Conference Call regarding the CARES Act.
- 4/30 - I had a second conference call with AMMA regarding Mandate 16 strategies across the State.

State of Alaska.

- 5/26 – Active State Mandates.
 - Updated Health Mandate 10: International and Interstate Travel – Order for Self-Quarantine.
 - Health Mandate 14: Non-Congregate Sheltering Order.
 - Health Mandate 15: Services by Health Care Providers.
 - Updated Health Mandate 17 – Protective Measures for Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels.
 - Updated Health Mandate 18: Intrastate Travel.
- 5/26 – Sent in our input for the draft setnet mandate.
- 5/26 – AKDOT held a call with the City, JJC, and Engineering firms involved in the downtown streets project – discussion was that the project isn't likely to be completed this year.
- 5/18 – Dillingham trip with:
 - Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer of the State of Alaska
 - Ms. Heidi Hedberg, Director of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health and Human Services
 - Dr. Bob Onders, Medical Director of Community and Health Systems Improvement
 - Mr. Ben Stevens, Chief of Staff for Governor Mike Dunleavy
 - Dr. Alex Eastman, Senior Medical Officer of Operations at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 - Mr. Jeff Birks, Chief of Staff to Dr. Eastman
 - Bob Kean, President of Denali Universal Services
- 5/18 – Coordination call with the Governor's Office. Specifically working on security assistance.
- 5/18 – State of Alaska still working on the testing site at Ted Stevens International. TBD.
- 4/30 - Mayor Ruby and I participated in two calls with the Governor's Chief of Staff since my past briefing last week.
 - 4/24/2020
 - This call was really the first one to establish a clear line of communication with Bristol Bay community leaders.
 - COD, Bristol Bay Borough, Lake and Pen Borough, Bryce Edgmon, Commissioner Crum (DHSS), Ben Stevens.
 - Developed the idea to have a coordinated radio show on Thursday 4/30 from 10:00-12:00. Consistent Bristol Bay message.
 - Talked some about security and enforcement challenges.
 - Developed that the EOCs are the main contact for the State. We will route through our EOC.
 - 4/29/2020
 - Discussed Health Mandate 17 and developed a timeline for questions.

- Stressed again the need for State Government to go through the City/Boroughs and not so much direct industry contact around us.
 - Pushed hard to get testing included as a requirement as Mandate 17 still does not have testing as a requirement. Test prior to arrival in Dillingham and after quarantine prior to releasing from quarantine.
- 4/30 - Potential for some State assistance in putting together our security force. They spoke about sending in an assessment team to determine needs and contract with an Anchorage security company to fulfill.

Industry/Community Meetings.

- 5/26 – The Mayor and I participated in the KDLG radio program with State and Local leaders to speak to the Bristol Bay residents. This included a Q&A period.
- 5/18 – Updated the Industry/Community group on current operations in the City.
- 5/7 – State received 2,300 plans to review and are working through the stack now, priority to large and earlier operations.
- 5/7 – Temporary hold on distribution of plans – legal challenge.
- 5/7 – Dillingham is testing symptomatic. 40 tests so far.
- 5/7 – Icicle weekly call.
 - Explained their phased entry to Dillingham.
 - Pre-travel testing (must have negative test to travel).
 - Outside Dillingham quarantine
 - Travel.
 - 14-day quarantine at Dillingham plant.
- 5/7 – Norm Van Vactor using drone to provide enhanced images for the State (and others) to understand our boat yard congestion better.
- 4/19 - Shared much of the information gained from other groups with this BB COVID & Fishery Update.
- 4/19 - Emphasized the need to write the Governor's Office and State Legislators.
- 4/19 - We want more stringent measures in Bristol Bay.
- 4/30 – Community mental health - one of the things that I read really just said to stop watching the non-stop coverage on TV, walk away from the negativity that Facebook seems to be generating, and get outside now.

Road Ahead.

- 5/26 – Watching for Nushagak to complete line movement so resident captains can move over to the BBNC property.
- 5/26 – Complete the harbor rules for this season and publish so people know the rules.
- 5/26 – Work with the City Attorney for changes to the Emergency Ordinance.
- 5/26 – Apply pressure to the State to produce the security solution they committed to provide.
- 5/18 – Chief P. is meeting with the security company and conducting a vulnerability assessment to get our security forces headed this way.
- 5/18 – Process CARES Act grant agreement and set special council meeting for the CARES Act resolution.
- 5/18 – Need to get the resident alternate boatyard ready for boats to begin moving there.
- 5/7 – Keep pressure on the Governor's Office to come through with security assistance.
- 5/7 – Expecting a number of mandates from the State next week.
- 5/7 – Expecting a decision on CARES Act funding distribution.
- 4/30 - Regular City Council Meeting 5/7/2020.
- 4/30 - Publish new Emergency Ordinance and make wide distribution.
- 4/30 - Finalize the additional rules for the Fisheries Related Use Districts for the summer and widely distribute as well.
- 4/30 - Complete processor plan review and submit comments.
- 4/30 - Develop the plan for ill and wayward personnel.
- 4/30 - Update the travel permit to include water side in addition to air requirements.

- 4/30 - Develop the CARES Act rules as they apply to Dillingham.
- 4/30 - Continue to refine the FY20 budget revision and the FY21 budget.
- 4/30 - Develop the security strategy and initiate action.

Summary. Continue to set the conditions to address health concerns while facilitating a commercial fishing season. The local boats need to be prepared to move, so as soon as Nushagak is able to complete their work, they can move before too many non-Dillingham Census Area captains arrive and occupy the boatyards.

Discussion/suggestions for things to address:

- a) at the next briefing and
- b) at the next council meeting.