

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT JUNE GENERAL MEETING



### CARES ACT FUNDING

Attached to this report is a White Paper that discusses in more detail the use of the CARES Act funding. This report is looking for direction for how the Council wants to proceed.

I have participated in multiple Zoom meetings, teleconferences, and discussions concerning how other municipalities are intending to use the funds. The White Paper was constructed from these discussions and documents prepared by the City and Borough of Sitka, City and Borough of Juneau, and others. I have also had conversations with the city attorney about aspects of the funds in order to provide the following information.

The City will receive approximately \$631,000 in total that **must be used prior to December 31, 2020**. The first installment of approximately \$381,000 will be issued to the City upon submission and approval by the State of a Resolution (part of the work session packet) and the grant application. Once 80% of the initial payment has been spent, the City will receive an additional amount of approximately \$125,000, followed by a final payment of approximately \$125,000.

Staff recommends creating an AMLIP account solely for the CARES Act funds to make audits and reviews, as well as tracking of expenditures more effective. Reports must be made monthly to the State. The State will review the reports and verify that the expenditures are valid.

On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> I met with the Mayor, Fire Chief, and Treasurer to brainstorm ideas to bring to the work session. As a starting point for the discussion, we have discussed the use of the funds within 3 categories: 1) suggesting City facilities measures to address the COVID-19 virus; 2) providing funding to the GVA, The Rookery, and Community Assistance; and 3) creating a grant program for small businesses and nonprofits that were impacted by the virus. Please read the White Paper to understand some of the mechanics of using the funds.

At the June 1 City Council Work Session, a CARES Act Funding work session was scheduled for June 15 at 5:30. The purpose of the work session will be to discuss how the Council wants to utilize the funds. Proposals from staff will be submitted to the Council for project suggestions.



### REOPEN GUSTAVUS

At the time of this report's construction, the Governor had not yet released expected changes to Mandate 10 on interstate travel. With the likely expiration or amendment of the State's interstate travel restrictions, the Council has directed the establishment of a work group to discuss a reopening plan. Vice Mayor Cannamore and Council member Warner volunteered to develop ideas and report to the Council.

Attached are some talking points the work group would like to cover.