



## CITY MANAGER REPORT

**Reporting Period:** May 11 – June 5, 2020

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### **COVID-19**

#### **Implementation of Emergency Ordinance 20-93**

City Council passed Emergency Ordinance 20-93 on May 15, 2020. City staff worked on informing the community and travelers to the island of the new requirements in this ordinance.

Alyssa and Monique have been to collect the COVID-19 Travel Forms and arranging housing for returning travelers. We have gained the cooperation of Grant Aviation in Dutch Harbor. Their staff are sending us the completed travel forms.

Making sure returning travelers adhere to the 14-day self-quarantine requirements has proven difficult in some cases.

#### **Education and Outreach**

City Command Staff continue to send out NIXLE messages pertaining to COVID-19 information. We are also working on a webpage from the City's website that will consolidate all the Saint Paul Island specific COVID-19 related information. See the draft page at <https://covid19.stpaulak.com/>

A Community Messaging Taskforce of the Unified Command was formed to work on updated and improved messaging to the community regarding the pandemic. We will be developing posters and flyers regarding local protective measures individuals can practice preventing the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, I have asked Jill Fratis to record community members sharing their concerns about the virus and impact on our community.

#### **CARES Relief Funding**

I have been working on the budget with the City command staff and Unified command. We have been gathering price quotes for items identified in the proposed budget.

I have had a couple meetings with Tribal Government command staff to coordinate Tribal Government and City CARES funds so that we do not provide too much overlap in expenditures for the preparation, response and recovery to the pandemic. Stephine and I have consulted with our auditor on the proposed expenses.

The approach we took focused on the City preparation, response and future recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic by focusing on:



- “Necessary” expenditures
- No lost revenue replacement
- Long-term investments into social distancing, hygiene and sanitizing, PPE
- Legal and consulting expenses
- Redesign of City service delivery
- Recovery of personnel time
- COVID Leave and Hazard Pay
- Remote working capabilities

### **Air Transportation**

#### **Current Status**

Regular scheduled passenger air service has started but is less than ideal. Some passengers have to overnight a night or two in Unalaska. I am working on setting up a meeting with USDOT to see if we can get a temporary RFP issued to provide direct service to Saint Paul Island. Attached is proposed language we sent to the USDOT EAS personnel.

#### **Saint Paul Leadership Coalition Meetings**

We are waiting for an Alaska Airlines response.

I am considering leaving the coalition. The focus by some only seems to be on one thing and not the goals that we agreed on. Also, time is being wasted on discussion of information that I presented to the group over a month ago. Now that a highly paid lobbyist stated what I did all of sudden it is true. Additionally, some participants in this coalition are condescending towards some of the members. I am more effective on behalf of the community working with the Tribal Government and the relationships we have forged with USDOT, State DOT/PF and the airlines.

### **APUN Fuel Spill**

The sampling plan has been approved and I will be working with Integrity Environmental and ECO personnel to conduct a training on the plan and begin sampling of the spill site the week of June 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are running into issues with ADEC on the land spreading of the contaminated soil staged at the landfill. I am hoping to work out these issues in the coming weeks.

### **Fire Department**

On May 15, 2020 there was a small grass fire in the dunes out near English Bay. Fire and police personnel responded and within minutes of arriving on scene extinguished the fire using fire extinguishers, flappers and water packs. I submitted the fire report to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Due to the extreme dry grass conditions in May, we (Chief Lamblez, Assistant Fire Chief Warner and I) decided not to issue a burn permits for in town bonfires/campfires until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Awards/Grants/Donations/Opportunities/Agreements**

Below is a list of grants that City has applied, received, not awarded and those we are still waiting to hear if the City was awarded or not.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Name of Grant Program</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>In Kind/Match</b>	<b>Status</b>
2019	State of Alaska	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Purchase and installation of emergency community sirens	\$88,750	\$0	Awarded
2020	State of Alaska	Homeland Security Program	Preparation of Emergency Operations Plan	\$146,662	\$0	Waiting
2019	State of Alaska	Community Transportation Program	Construction and realignment of new Harbor Road	\$1,900,000	\$171,570	Not Awarded
2020	State of Alaska	Village Safe Water	Wastewater Lift Stations Replacement	\$1,872,200	\$0	Not Awarded
2020	State of Alaska	Division of Community and Regional Affairs	State of Alaska COVID-19 Community Distribution	\$1,299,332	\$0	Waiting
2019	Economic Development Administration	Technical Assistance	Development of Feasibility Study and Business Plan for Harbor Improvements and Expansion	\$120,000	\$107,922	Waiting
2020	US Department of Agriculture	High Energy Cost Grant	Power System Improvements Project	\$2,997,599	\$1,214,826	Submitted
2020	Alaska Community Foundation		Purchase of PPE to respond to COVID-19	\$10,000	\$0	Not Awarded
2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		Colonel Foulke Road Construction Drawing Set	\$7,875	\$0	Waiting
2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		Colonel Foulke Road Field Survey and Staking	\$15,683	\$0	Waiting

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2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		St. Paul Community Ballfield Civil Design	\$19,500	\$0	Waiting
2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		New Tribal Duplex Utilities	\$132,000	\$0	Waiting
2020	Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island		City Hall Generator Project Oversight	\$25,000	\$0	Waiting
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$8,634,601</b>	<b>\$1,494,318</b>	

## **Proposed Essential Air Service Requests for Proposals Saint Paul Island Service Requirement**

**This document presents the service level to use for the new Requests for Proposals (RFP) to provide Essential Air Service (EAS) for Saint Paul Island (SPI) from award date through September 30, 2021.** The RFP will result in an award to replace Corvus Airlines d/b/a Ravn Alaska (Ravn) as the selected carrier due to Ravn's service termination and bankruptcy.

SPI is an eligible EAS community per the most recent *Essential Air Service Determinations for Alaskan Communities* (dated 1998; updated 2012) by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The determination since 1980 listed the aircraft type for SPI as "large" which is defined as an aircraft with more than 60 seats. **SPI is very isolated in the middle of the Central Bering Sea, located nearly 800 air miles west of Anchorage with over 350 miles flying overwater. SPI is entirely dependent on air service for passenger and mail service, as well as for a considerable portion of freight movement.**

**No community currently relying on subsidized air service is more isolated or dependent on air service as Saint Paul Island.** Provision of safe, reliable and suitable air service to SPI requires service with an aircraft exceeding 60-seat capacity similar to the subsidized air service provided for Adak, Alaska since at least 2003. While the Saint Paul Island airport (SNP) may not be able to accommodate this type of service **today** because of 14 CFR Part 139 (airport certification) and 49 CFR 1452 (airport security), efforts are underway to work jointly with the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT/PF) to address these requirements as quickly as possible.

In light of these considerations, the SPI community recommends the following service requirements for the EAS replacement through September 30, 2021. These requirements should be adjusted for the subsequent EAS RFP to accommodate service by an aircraft with 60 or more seats.

- The new RFP for EAS for Saint Paul Island should require three (3) weekly nonstop round-trip flights to Anchorage on an intermediate-sized aircraft (30-60 seats). If a stop is required for one of these flights, Dillingham (DLG), Bethel (BET) or King Salmon (AKN) should be the designated location.
- Anchorage should continue to serve as the designated service hub for SPI.
- Because of the current public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus, the RFP should permit a reduction to a minimum of two (2) weekly round-trip flights to Anchorage until such time as circumstances warrant a return to the required level of flight activity. One of these flights should be nonstop if possible. The other flight should be through DLG, BET or AKN if possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide community input.