

Spenard Community Council Resolution

2022-07

A Resolution on Fish Creek Feasibility Study

WHEREAS, the Spenard Community Council (“SCC”) is an organization representing the interests of the residents of the Spenard area of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of participation in local government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, daylighting Fish Creek is compatible with Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan goals, which supports “green-way supported development” along Fish Creek, including “bringing Fish Creek to the surface with a parallel trail system;” and

WHEREAS, the Spenard Corridor Plan identifies Goal #9 “Integrate Fish Creek, Ch’atanaltsegh Liq’aka Bentu as a Centerpiece for Spenard,” and includes implementation steps to include, “preparing Fish Creek daylighting feasibility study” as an immediate administrative action to be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly approved Assembly Resolution 2018-277 “supporting efforts to daylight Fish Creek, also known by the Dena’ina people as Ch’atanaltsegh Liq’aka Bentu, and encouraging the ongoing and future projects to restore, protect, and enhance daylighting of Fish Creek;” and

WHEREAS, a function of all community councils in municipal code is to “Advise the assembly of the community council's annual priority list of capital improvement projects by filing with the municipal clerk within the timeframe established by the administration, a copy of the list as submitted to the administration” (2.40.050 Functions); and

WHEREAS, the SCC has ranked “Fish Creek daylighting” on our priority Capital Improvement Program list for years, including as its #1 priority for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the SCC adopted Resolution 2022-01 “A Resolution for Spenard Capital Improvement Additions to the 2022 Bond” requesting \$320,000 be added to the bond for a Fish Creek Daylighting feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, in the April 5, 2022, municipal election, 60.29% of Anchorage voters approved “Proposition #4 for Anchorage Roads and Drainage,” including \$320,000 for a “Fish Creek Feasibility and Economic Study;” and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Spenard Community Council urges the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage Assembly to support all possible funding mechanisms, including through bonding, the operating budget, and/or other funding sources, such as the American Rescue Plan Act, which is consistent with adopted planning goals and is foundational for sorely needed capital investment for drainage improvement projects in the Fish Creek watershed.

Resolved, this __1st__ day of _June_____ 2022.

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Spenard Community Council President

__06/09/2022_____

Date

Vote: __13__ in favor, and __1__ opposed.