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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2023
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Right-of-Way Surveying and Clearing Services Contract Update: On the April 18, 2023 Assembly meeting agenda, AM 23-028 provides the authority to execute the 2nd year of a right-of-way surveying and clearing contract. Three task orders were executed during the first year for ~80 acres total at a cost of \$4,500 per acre. This clearing contract has allowed us to streamline our projects by having them cleared and utilities moved before the construction contracts go out to bid. Prior to the contract, staff had issues with utility relocations pushing projects into the following season. Additionally, contractors can mobilize to the project site and start working without having to de-mobilize while utilities are relocated. For example, Cormorant and Belair Estates have scope of work that could be completed in one season, but due to utility relocation these projects have been delayed by one season. Our historical data on clearing and grubbing prior to 2018 was at \$7,028 an acre. From the Alaska DOT historical data, the price per acre was \$7,416. Given DOT projects used are of similar size but these are highway projects that don't have the tighter right-of-way like MSB RSA projects. Staff are recommending a second year as this approach helps to streamline some projects and includes a fixed price per acre.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Fisheries

- [In unprecedented move, federal council takes no action on Cook Inlet plan](#)
KDLL
- [Godfrey, Svendsen and Wood named to Alaska Board of Fisheries](#)
The Cordova Times
- [North Pacific Fishery Management Council begins first of five annual meetings](#)
Your Alaska Link
- [Alaska issues salmon forecast for Cook Inlet](#)
National Fisherman

Law enforcement

- [Troopers warn of lethal batch of drugs in Mat-Su](#)
ADN

Gravel

- [Controversial gravel extraction ordinance back at Planning Commission](#)
Frontiersman
- [Beaver Road gravel extraction raises questions](#)
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State

- [Mat-Su legislators, in position of influence, are moving their bills in Juneau](#)
Frontiersman

Books

- [Mat-Su revamps protocols to protect students in wake of controversial school book fair](#)
Alaska Watchman

Burn Permits

- [Fire season begins](#)
KTNA

Census Results

- [Mat-Su grows by over 2,000 and Anchorage loses 1,000](#)
KTOO

Industrial Development

- [Poll: Most Mat-Su Residents favor West Susitna Access Road](#)
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Future Events:

Mat-Su “Needs Assessment” Determination for Distribution of \$2.3M in Opioid Settlement Funds, Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, Assembly Chambers