

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION
OF A GRANT TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SITKA
SEAPLANE BASE**

WHEREAS, the only public seaplane base in Sitka was most recently reconstructed by the City and Borough of Sitka in 1977 with a \$300,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to accommodate eight General Aviation (GA) aircraft and NO commercial operations; and

WHEREAS, this 38 year-old facility is in disrepair, has no on-street parking area, has no access to fueling facilities, and is in an extremely congested central part of Sitka Channel between two large seafood processors which generate heavy vessel traffic and large numbers of birds constituting major safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka has supported constructing a new, relocated seaplane facility which will meet the needs for both GA and commercial seaplanes both based at and visiting Sitka and other Southeast Alaska communities for the 21st century, culminating in the completion of the Sitka Seaplane Base Master Plan in August 2002 and subsequent Sitka Seaplane Base Siting Analysis in June 2012 which quantified the major unmet need for seaplane facilities and operations in Sitka, evaluated siting alternatives and recommended a preferred site; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Port and Harbors Commission voted unanimously "to approve the recommended site for further study" at its April 11, 2012 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has indicated the availability of grant funds with a 93.75% \$300,000 grant and 6.25 percent match (\$20,000 currently budgeted in Harbor Department funding);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, supports the City and Borough of Sitka applying for an FAA grant for the environmental phase of the Sitka Seaplane Facility Project and hereby authorizes the City and Borough of Sitka Administrator to negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents and contracts required for the application, acceptance, and management of these FAA funds on behalf of the City and Borough of Sitka.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the Administrator is authorized to apply for the grant and to execute the grant if received.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 25th day of August, 2015.



Matthew Hunter, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk