

## Council Approves Capital Improvement List

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Diana Gish/KMXT

At the last week's regular meeting of the Kodiak City Council, council members approved a priority list for federally funded capital improvement projects.

KMXT's Diana Gish has more:

The top project is for improvements to the wastewater and drinking water infrastructures for which the city is requesting 750,000 dollars. The total cost of the drinking water project is estimated at over eight million dollars. The City has already secured four million in funding to date.

The second item on the funding request list is 500,000 dollars towards the cost of a heavy lift dock in the Kodiak boat yard. The total estimated cost of construction is 8 point 5 million dollars, an amount that exceeds the city's available funds. This funding request is part of a plan to secure local, state and federal funds in order to proceed with construction of the sheet pile dock.

The city's third and most expensive request for federal funds is for rubble removal from Saint Paul Harbor. One and a half million dollars is being requested for dredging at the entrance of the harbor. The purpose of the dredging is to remove the rocky formation that creates a barrier to navigation for larger vessels.

Before voting on the resolution to approve these requests the council heard an

explanation about the list from City Manager Aimee Kniaziowski.

-- (City CIP 1 "Our  
federal lobbyist ... of Brad Gilman")

The request  
to down-size expectations and funding didn't sit well with some of the council  
members, including councilman Terry Haines.

(City CIP 2 "It  
just seems ... be more loud?")

Councilman  
Tom Walters said that this is actually a good  
time to request money considering the types of projects Kodiak is pursuing.

-- (City CIP 3 "Well, I understand ... types of  
grants.")

Outgoing  
councilmember Charlie Davidson suggested that the City's lobbyist might be working  
on the wrong side of the aisle.

-- (City CIP 4 "Yeah, I just ...the apple  
pie.")

In spite of  
those reservations, the council unanimously adopted the federal funding request  
list as it was proposed.

I'm Diana  
Gish.

