City Council Work Session Preview

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The Kodiak City Council has a short, but potentially lively, agenda for its work session tonight.

The council will discuss plans to send Kodiak Chamber of Commerce economic development specialist Trevor Brown to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting next month in Sitka, and what his message from the city should be.

The council will be introduced to the Marsh and McLennan agency, which, according to its website, "serves the insurance needs of middle market companies in the United States."

Also on the agenda will be a request from the Kodiak Historical Society for an increase in its funding from the city.

Mary Monroe, a former city council member, is a board member for the society:

-- (City 1 23 sec "It would help us a great deal ... 100 percent in Wasilla.")

A half-dozen years ago, the city council cut about $42,000 from the city's contribution to the Historical Society, which operates the Baranof Museum inside the Erskine House. In the meantime, the Historical Society has written and received grants to do extensive renovation and upgrades to the city-owned building:

-- (City 2 22 sec "Katie has been marvelously ... cared for by the historical society.")

Monroe says she will be asking the city to incrementally restore the funding in $10,000 increments over the next four years.

Also on the city council's agenda tonight are updates on the new police station, the long-term parking issue at Saint Paul Harbor, and the relocation plan for the Madsen Bear Statue, which is currently on the spit near the gazebo.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the borough building conference room.

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