Introduced by:

Smalley, Ogle

Date:

02/05/19

Action:

Adopted

Vote:

9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2019-015

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL SEAT ON THE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY GAS PROJECT REVIEW BOARD TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF CITIES IN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE KENAI CITY MANAGER OR THEIR DESIGNEE BE NAMED TO THAT SEAT

- WHEREAS, the Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board ("MAGP Board") was created on March 25, 2014 by the Governor's Administrative Order No. 269 to evaluate the effects and issues that will arise in the future concerning development of the state's abundant North Slope natural gas resources and the newly created infrastructure to make those resources available to customers throughout the state and markets worldwide; and
- WHEREAS, duties of the MAGP Board include reviewing information and providing reports to the governor on the impact and benefits of new infrastructure for North Slope natural gas development, including consideration of tax structure and other payments including Payment in Lieu of Taxes ("PILT"); and
- WHEREAS, the MAGP Board consists of twelve members, appointed by the governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor with each member serving a term of one year and able to be reappointed to the MAGP Board; and
- WHEREAS, Article 8, Sections 1 and 2 of the Alaska State Constitution declare that it is the policy of the state to encourage the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest and for the maximum benefit of its people; and
- WHEREAS, the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation ("AGDC") was created by the Alaska Legislature in 2010, established as an independent, public corporation of the state in 2013 and, in 2014, the Legislature expanded the AGDC's authority to include responsibility for developing an Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas ("LNG") project; and
- WHEREAS, AGDC has submitted a formal application to construct and operate the Alaska LNG project, and identified Nikiski, Alaska, as the preferred location for the LNG plant and marine terminal; and

WHEREAS, the impacts and benefits of the Alaska LNG project will be felt throughout the state, but particularly in communities in the Kenai Peninsula Borough which will see significant development and employment increases during construction, and for the life of the project's operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai is the closest incorporated City to the proposed liquefaction facility, and will be directly impacted by the LNG Project; and

whereas, city managers from all cities within the Kenai Peninsula Borough met to discuss the LNG Project, and support the City of Kenai representing the multiple and unique interests of their cities on the MAGP Board, with recognition that this representation is in addition and complementary to current representation on the board by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor or their designee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the appointment of the Kenai City Manager or their designee to the MAGP Board to promote the interests of all Kenai Peninsula Borough cities in serving on the MAGP Board.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

ATTEST:

John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly Presiden

Yes:

Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle

No:

None

Absent:

None