



Sponsor: Mayor Lee Burger
Adopted On: 12/21/2021
Vote: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

RESOLUTION 21-12-21-01
CITY OF THORNE BAY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ACCEPTING THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION THAT TLINGIT & HAIDA CENTRAL COUNCIL HIRE THORNE BAY RESIDENT MATTHEW MENDONSA AS THE SECOND VPSO IN THORNE BAY

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay; and

WHEREAS, Thorne Bay actively participates in the VPSO program through a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Tlingit & Haida Central Council; and

WHEREAS, VPSO's serve as the first level public safety responder in the city and provides services appropriate to that role, including law enforcement, fire protection and prevention, water safety, search and rescue, community policing, public safety education, disaster coordination, and probation and parole monitoring, as directed by Tlingit & Haida; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is a federally recognized Indian tribe, and participates in the State of Alaska's Village Public Safety Officer ("VPSO") Program pursuant to a grant from the State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety, authorized by AS 18.65.670 ("the VPSO Grant Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida shall, subject to its ability to hire, employ VPSO's to provide VPSO services in the City in accordance with the terms and conditions of the VPSO Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida Central Council, after performing extensive background checks, employment vetting; provided Matthew Mendonsa as a candidate for the VPSO position in Thorne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, City Administrator and the City Clerk all participated in the interviewing process with Tlingit & Haida Central Council for the candidate on November 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration of the candidate, it is the recommendation of City Council for the City of Thorne Bay that Tlingit and Haida Central Council hire Matthew Mendonsa as the second VPSO for the City of Thorne Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA:

- Section 1: That the above findings are true and correct and are the official recommendation of the City Council for the Tlingit and Haida Central Council.
- Section 2: VPSO's are employees of Tlingit & Haida and solely subject to the Personnel Policies and administrative rules and procedures of Tlingit & Haida; and
- Section 3: Thorne Bay accepts and appoints Matthew Mendonsa as the second VPSO for the City of Thorne Bay.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska this 21st day of December 2021, with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays.



Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teri Feibel, CMC