

**CITY OF BLAINE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
MEETING DATE:**

SUBJECT: Plover Transfer of Title

SUBMITTING DEPT: City Manager

PREPARED BY: Gary Tomsic

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications ☐, Consent ☐, Committee Reports ☐,
Unfinished Business ☐, New Business ☒, Public Hearing ☐, Standing Committees ☐

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: The most recent interpretation of the Hotel/Motel tax laws by the Attorney General is that the Cities cannot use these funds to pay for the operation of maintenance of tourism activities or facilities unless they are owned by the City. For example we can use the funds for the Visitor's Information Center and the Boardwalk. Otherwise, the funds that we grant to the Chamber and other 501©3 can only be used for advertising and promotion. I have expressed our concern about how limiting this can be. For example, we cannot use the funds for the July 4th fireworks.

The bottom line is that we cannot continue to grant funds to Drayton Maritime to operate the Plover. However, if we owned the Plover, then we could contract with Drayton Maritime for its operation and maintenance. This proposal has been discussed with them and they agree to transfer the title to the boat in order to keep it operating.

The Plover is one of the few tourism related experiences that people visiting Blaine can experience. If it were not operating, it would be a great loss.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion that the City Council will accept ownership of the Plover and agree to contract with Drayton Maritime for its operation and maintenance. Authorize the City Manager to sign the appropriate docuemtns required to transfer title.

FISCAL ANALYSIS Drayton Maritime will continue to receive funds from the Hotel Motel tax fund. There could be some savings on insurance.

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager _____ Finance Dir. _____ City Clerk _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled/Deferred ☐ Assigned to: _____

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