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Manager's Report

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FY 2012 Proposed Manager's Budget

I am pleased to report that the FY 2012 Proposed Manager's Budget was completed on April 1. An overview of the budget plan is provided in the transmittal letter included in the budget document. I would like to take this opportunity to again express my appreciation to staff for all of the hard work that goes into any budget, and I look forward to working with the Assembly in moving this important process forward.

FY 2012 Federal Priorities

The Mayor and manager are scheduled to travel to Washington, D.C. during the week of April 10. We are waiting word on whether there will be an agreement reached by Congress to extend funding for federal government operations during the time we are scheduled to be meeting with agencies. If no agreement is reached by late Friday, April 8, the trip will need to be postponed.

Lutak Dock Tariff

I am recommending an amendment to the Lutak Dock Tariff ordinance. The amendment would eliminate the proposed increases to demurrage. The existing rate of \$0.15 per square foot per month would continue to apply.

Garbage Contract

The Government Affairs and Services (GAS) Committee met on Monday, April 4 to consider options for the Borough in regarding the issuance of an RFP for Borough Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and sludge disposal. The recommendation of the Committee, which is supported by the Administration, is as follows:

Issue an RFP for Borough MSW Collections services for a period not to exceed five years and for sludge disposal services for a period not to exceed two years, with options to renew for up to a total of five years. Proposers would have the option of proposing on the MSW portion alone, on the sludge disposal portion alone, or both. The contract would be awarded to the firm or firms offering the best service to the Borough.

Lutak Dock and Portage Cove Dock Enterprise Fund Ordinance

I would like to schedule for introduction at the April 26 Assembly meeting, an ordinance establishing enterprise funds for both the Lutak Dock and Portage Cove (PC) Docks. A more detailed overview of this is included in the FY 2012 Proposed Manager's Budget transmittal letter.

Portage Cove Dock Upgrades

I will be seeking direction from the Assembly regarding the proposed improvements at the PC Dock, after consideration first by the Planning Commission and Tourism Advisory Board. This

project is the next phase of the Waterfront Improvements project at that facility. The Assembly supported what is referred to as "Option 4" last year. That option consists of a separated parallel trestle parallel to the existing trestle. I am recommending that the Assembly consider reexamining that decision. The circumstance that has changed since that decision was made is that the Cruise Ship Regional Impact Fund no longer exists. The Borough was anticipating future project funding availability through this fund for other eligible projects.

I am recommending a scaled down version of the project, namely Option 2, at this time. This change will save approximately \$1 million for other eligible projects and enhancements. Should the Borough be successful in its efforts to attract additional cruise ship dockings at the PC dock, the plan to construct a parallel trestle can be considered. The Borough receives approximately \$200,000 per docking, per week annually. Five cruise ship dockings per week, for example, would generate approximately \$1 million per year. This money could be used to construct the parallel trestle if it is necessary.