CITY OF UNALASKA UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2025-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED TO GRADUATING SENIORS AT UNALASKA HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Unalaska City Council deems it is in the best interest of the young people of Unalaska to seek further education and acquire additional skills; and

WHEREAS, students in the Graduating Class of 2025 submitted applications for scholarships to the Unalaska City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Unalaska City School District Scholarship Committee reviewed and scored each student's application; and

WHEREAS, the Scholarship Committee has recommended scholarship recipients and the amount of their corresponding scholarship.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Unalaska City Council hereby awards a total of \$50,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors of the Unalaska City School District in the amounts recommended by the Scholarship Committee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on April 22, 2025.

Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr

Mayor

ATTEST:

Estkarlen P. Magdaeng, CMC

City Clerk

MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Estkarlen P. Magdaong, CMC
Through: William Homka, City Manager

Date: April 22, 2025

Re: Resolution 2025-20: Approving scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors

at Unalaska High School

SUMMARY: Each year, the City Council awards scholarships to graduating seniors. The 2025 list of students and the amount of the corresponding awards was developed for Council's approval by the Unalaska City School District Scholarship Committee. By approving Resolution 2025-20, Council awards scholarships to the students named and for the amounts identified by the Scholarship Committee.

BACKGROUND: Council approves a resolution each year approving scholarships to graduating seniors and included \$35,000 in the FY24 budget for this purpose. On June 11, 2024 Council approved Ordinance 2024-08 which is FY25 Operating and Capital Budget for the City and increased the scholarship amount to \$50,000.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: In order for the scholarships to remain confidential in advance of the graduation ceremony, the resolution does not contain the names of the recipients or the individual amounts to be awarded. This list will be provided confidentially to Council on Friday, April 18th via email ahead of the council meeting on Tuesday, April 22nd.

ALTERNATIVES: Council has three alternatives:

- 1. Adopt Resolution 2025-20, approving scholarships to the named students in the amounts recommended by the committee; or
- 2. Choose to award scholarships to a different roster of students for varied amounts; or
- 3. Choose not to award scholarships to graduating seniors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The FY25 Mayor and Council budget includes \$50,000 for this purpose.

LEGAL: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This is a Council decision, but Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2025-20.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2025-20.

CITY MANAGER COMMENT: