

Session 22-10 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on May 23, 2022 by Mayor Ken Castner at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ADERHOLD, DAVIS, ERICKSON, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE
POLICE CHIEF ROBL
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
RECREATION MANAGER ILLG
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING
COMPTROLLER DELUMEAU
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER ENGBRETSSEN
LIBRARY DIRECTOR BERRY

AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 6)

Mayor Castner announced the supplemental items: **CONSENT AGENDA** Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk as backup for Resolution 22-046 provided as a laydown **PUBLIC HEARINGS** Excerpts from the EDC Regular Meeting of May 10, 2022, Planning Commission Regular Meeting May 4th and Memorandum from Recreation Manager as backup to Ordinances 22-26 through 22-28 approving HART Funds for Road and Trails Projects. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS** Planning Commission written report.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA (Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If a separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.)

- a. Homer City Council Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2022. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

- b. Memorandum 22-083 from Deputy City Clerk re: Liquor License Renewal for Save U More Liquor #6. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 22-084 from Special Projects & Communications Coordinator re: Capital Improvement Plan Development Schedule 2023-2028 and FY2024 Legislative Priorities. Recommend approval.
- d. Ordinance 22-29, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY22 Capital Budget and Authorizing an Additional Expenditure of \$150,000 from the Sewer Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund for Sewer Manhole Repair or Replacement Related to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT/PF) East Hill Road Repaving Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 23, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading June 13, 2022.

Memorandum 22-086 from Public Works Director as backup.

- e. Ordinance 22-30, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$18,150 from the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance (CARMA) Fund for the Purpose of Upgrading Software Licenses for the City's Security-Camera Systems. City Manager. Introduction May 23, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading June 13, 2022.

Memorandum 22-087 from Police Chief as backup.

Memorandum 22-088 from Library Director as backup.

- f. Resolution 22-044, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Repealing the City of Homer Records Classification and Procedures Manual and Retention Schedule and Adopting An Updated City of Homer Records Management and Retention Manual. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-089 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

- g. Resolution 22-045, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Joint Use of Equipment and Facilities Agreement with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District for the Period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-090 from Recreation Manager as backup.

- h. Resolution 22-046, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving and Accepting a Donation from Thelma Gower to the City of Homer Municipal Art Collection of a print by Alaskan Artist Thomas Stream Entitled "Vermilion Flycatcher". City Clerk/PARCAC. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-091 from Deputy City Clerk as backup

- i. Resolution 22-047, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Amended Homer Public Library Facility Use Policy. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-092 from Library Director as backup.

- j. Resolution 22-048, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Adopting Joint Resolution 2022-01 of the Councils of The Seldovia Village Tribe and Cities of Seldovia and Homer Supporting Homer Electric Association's Pursuit of Funding for the South Kachemak Bay Distribution Upgrade and Broadband Expansion Project. City Manager. Recommend adoption.
- k. Resolution 22-049, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Establishing the City of Homer Property Tax Mil Levy Rate at 4.5 Mils for 2022. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

ADERHOLD/ ERICKSON MOVED TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. COVID-19 Agency Update - Lorne Carroll, State of Alaska Public Health Nurse III (10 minutes)

Lorne Carroll, State of Alaska Public Health Nurse III, provided presentation on vaccines by primary series and the recommended dosage and time period to receive the vaccines for adults and children 6 mos to 6 years, boosters for Pfizer vaccines, recommended second boosters using mRNA COVID 19 vaccine or J & J and qualifying criteria. He then provided updates on treatment regarding oral meds and antivirals persons should consult your healthcare provider or the Public Health Dept. Mr. Carroll reported that Long COVID has been identified as a disability under ADA as of July 2021 and planning for the end of COVID is set for July 15, 2022, which means possible loss of Medicaid coverage for some people. He noted that notices should be received by those persons affected. Mr. Carroll then provided information and update on the resurgence of the disease tuberculosis in the state.

Derotha Ferraro, Public Information Officer for South Peninsula Hospital provided an update on the weekly dashboard, noting that the information was provided to KBB radio as well. She reported that there were no hospitalizations, 66 vaccines given and they are continuing to provide these by appointment. Testing is still available daily but changes will be made starting July 1, 2022 with fees being charged. She provided the updates on visitors for the in-patient hospital stays and long term care residents. Ms. Ferraro provided an brief update on the Homer Steps Up Challenge and did a shout out for Local EMS personnel in recognition of EMS Week.

- b. Southern Kenai Peninsula Resiliency Coalition - Hannah Gustafson (10 minutes)

Hannah Gustafson, Resilience Coalition, reported that while there were challenges to overcome the past couple of years to do this work their focus has been on cultivating supportive adult relationships with youth on the Southern Kenai Peninsula. She reported that over the past winter the Resilience Coalition convened a series of focus groups with both youth and youth serving agencies within the community. As a result of

these focus groups they were able to articulate a very specific community concern that there is not enough welcoming, no cost, safe spaces in Homer for young people to connect with safe and trusted adults to explore and engage in interests and enjoy free time during after school and evening hours.

Sophia Lowboy, youth representative, reported on the substantial role in a child's mental health that socializing plays and that there is a lack of priority for affordable and safe spaces in Homer which has resulted in more students being susceptible to peer pressure and unequal opportunities to socialize. By creating more safe spaces for teens in Homer we can ensure that all teens have access to a trustworthy adult for advice and an opportunity to socialize. Ms. Lowboy continued by pointing out the closures of former places that teens used to meet, that most parents do not have the time or space to host a group of teenagers, changing weather hinders plans to meet and providing an easily accessible and affordable area for teenager's guarantees that all teens have access to dependable adults for guidance and every child an opportunity to socialize in a safe environment.

Ms. Gustafson provided information on risk and protective factors that affect a teen's behavior, coping skills, noting that providing balance is what influences the experience of any given young person. She emphasized the importance of safe and positive adults in the lives of young people that can provide the boost needed for that teen to become successful. She distinguished that Homer and the broader community can influence the impacts of individual experiences, the home and even school environments. Ms. Gustafson then stated that the new Community Center should be designed with the consideration of the community's young persons, reported a discussion she had with the new executive director for the Boys & Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula whom expressed interests in providing services in Homer again if the Community desires that opportunity. She encouraged the Council to prioritize the community's youth for the next 30 years.

c. Kachemak Bay State Parks - Jack Blackwell, Kenai Area Superintendent

Jack Blackwell, Kenai Area Superintendent provided a presentation on Kachemak Bay State Park and State Wilderness Park. He noted the following:

- Mission Statement
- Established in 1970 with the Wilderness Park established in 1972
- It is approximately 380,000 acres
- It is the only State Wilderness Park managed to protect and preserve the land and water for the wilderness values
- Both parks provide world class Recreation Opportunities such as Cabins and Yurt Rentals; Hunting and Fishing; Wildlife Viewing; Surfing; Climbing; Hiking and Boating
- Economic Opportunities
 - Added \$12 million to regional economy
 - Kachemak Bay State Park estimated annual revenues equals \$682,500

Mako Haggerty, Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park, provided a brief organizational review and fund raising efforts of the Friends with the leadership of Kathy Sarns and Robert Archibald the work that the group has been able to achieve. He further noted that the Park is a favorite of Alaskans and a discovery for visitors to the state. He reported the maintenance of trails that are accomplished by the Friends and the

trail that is maintained by the State Parks Department. He reported that there are over 80 miles of trails maintained. Mr. Haggerty provided some details on specific locations that accessible by vehicle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS (5 Minute limit per report)

a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Aderhold provided an overview of the Committee of the Whole discussion on Consent Agenda items and the City lobbyist reported that the projects that the City was hoping to be funded in capital projects were and now the budget has been presented to the Governor and he could line item veto items.

b. Worksession Report

City Manager Dumouchel provided an overview of the worksession discussion on a presentation from staff regarding sidewalks and non-motorized transportation. This was a follow-up to the approved Resolution 22-043.

c. Lunch with a Councilmember – Councilmember Venuti

Councilmember Venuti reported she was the last until September. There were a number of topics addressed and of them she reported on the HERC project and follow-up to the Public Works Campus Task Force. The meeting was well attended by persons who just happened to see the notice and one woman was 95 years old. This impressed Councilmember Venuti that at her age she was very interested in the city.

d. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner reported on the departure of the Hickory and the arrival of Aspen to Homer. He reported that there will not be a Haunted Hickory so not sure how the event will be renamed. This was attended by Harbormaster Hawkins and City Manager and Admiral Moore. He then reported on his meeting with the Chairs of the Advisory Bodies and they are all pretty focused on the sidewalks. This meeting was attended by Economic Development Manager Engebretsen. He then reported on a meeting with Senator Sullivan on the Port Expansion project and the Senator will be working to move the project into a more active role.

d. Borough Report

e. Library Advisory Board

Kate Finn, Chair, reported that she enjoyed attending the meeting of the chairs conducted by the Mayor and the ability to watch those persons in their role of chair speaking for their Commissions. Since they are working on trails and paths, Ms. Finn wanted to put in a pitch for "All Trails lead to the Library." Ms. Finn reported that the proposed reorganization of the Library Director's position and Information Technology (IT) and how that action will affect the Library has been a topic for several meetings and that the Board has submitted via memorandum to the City Manager a recommendation of non-support after much consideration. She noted that the recommendations of the Board were to prioritize the creation of an IT department to address all the IT needs in an expeditious manner. The Board included an acceptable compromise would be to formalize the loan of the Library Director, noting that the Library Director has

served in this role already for one year. For Council's broader understanding written responses from individual Board members have been included in their recommendation and will be made available to Council members as the reorganization plan is presented to Council. Ms. Finn expressed on behalf of the Board their appreciation for the work involved in this proposed action. Ms. Finn also provided updates on events and activities organized by the Library and Friends of the Homer Library and emphasized the availability of the library being a safe space for the community's youth.

g. Planning Commission

A written report was provided in the supplemental packet.

Charles Barnwell, Commissioner, reported on the finalization of the Coastal setback ordinance to amend title 21 noting that the Commission has worked on this over the past year and with Alaska DGGs; Approvals of Conditional use Permits for 18 dwellings off of East End Road near Jack Gist Park, discussions on Tiny Homes, presentations on a supplement to the Non-Motorized Trails and Transportation Plan and the rezone in the area east of West Hill Road.

h. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Adele Person, Commissioner, reported on the recent meeting and they reviewed the Comp Plan, standard housing report, HERC reaching the end of one phase, bulk of the meeting has been focused on growth, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, may formulate what the comp plan process looks like, supported the PW Directors recommendations on NMT, topic of the Draw Down group. There will be a meeting in June and they do have a vacancy.

i. Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission

Robert Archibald, Vice Chair, reported on the work that was done by Recreation Manager Illg on the Memorandum of Understanding with KPBSD and Memorandum of Agreement Little League, Parks Superintendent Steffy's report on the increase in campground use and ballfield use, staff shortages, Little League installing a new batters cage, Public Works Director Kaiser's report on a possible land trade; Non-Motorized Transportation becoming more important as the cost of gas keeps rising. Commissioner Archibald noted that the Commission supported a recommendation for Council approval of the ordinances presented tonight. Additionally the Commission has supported the recommendation of holding another Trails Symposium and will be working on the details at upcoming meetings. He added that the Commission has also expressed supporting Council developing new code addressing connectivity to parks when new subdivisions are being developed.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 22-24, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget and Appropriating an Additional Expenditure of \$106,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Road Fund for the Construction of the Main Street Sidewalk Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022.

Memorandum 22-075 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing for Ordinance 22-24.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented in support of the expenditure of the funds for this long standing issue on Main Street and noted that this was a long supported project of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mayor Castner closed the public hearing.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-24 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Brief discussion on seeing the project come to fruition which has been on the Capital Improvement Plan for years and noted that this project is only for the portion of Main Street which is north of Pioneer Avenue.

VOTE: NON- OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 22-25, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$750,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Road Fund and \$100,000 from the HART Trails Fund to Establish a Non-Motorized Transportation Opportunity Fund. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022.

Memorandum 22-073 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing for Ordinance 22-25.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented on support of the expenditure of the funds noting that \$750,000 was a lot of money but building trails and making them accessible costs money.

Public Works Director Keiser provided a brief description and clarification of what opportunity means in relation to the ordinance and appropriating the funds using the Fairview Avenue to Eric Lane connection project as an example.

Mayor Castner closed the public hearing.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-25 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 22-26, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$500,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Road Fund to Establish a Pavement Restoration Program. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022.

Memorandum 22-073 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing for Ordinance 22-26.

Adele Person, city resident commented in support of the funding and believed that it was an opportunity to assist non-motorized transportation.

Mayor Castner closed the public hearing.

ADERHOLD VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-26 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Aderhold stated that while she supports the intent of the ordinance and does not deny that the City should perform this work, this type of project moves away from the intent of the HART program which was intended for special assessment districts and the city sharing in the costs. Since the voters will be asked to possibly reinstate this program in a few years she advocated for Council to consider that aspect about the HART program.

Public Works Director Keiser provided clarification on the criteria that the city would place a road on a list for pavement replacement would be dependent on a number of things such as location, if the road was built by a private contractor and still under warranty, traffic impact and provided examples.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- d. Ordinance 22-27, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating an Additional \$511,228 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Road Fund to the Small Works Road Repair Program, the Small Works Drainage Program, and the Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Contract to East Road Services. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022.

Memorandum 22-073 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing for Ordinance 22-27.

Robert Archibald, city resident, comment in support and noted that most streets are dirt and constructed many years ago and have the typar showing and each winter deal with more frost boils. Many people have gotten stuck and have had to leave their cars until someone can get them unstuck.

Mayor Castner closed the public hearing.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-27 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- e. Ordinance 22-28, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating an Additional \$56,803 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Trails Fund to the Small Works Trails Maintenance Program. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 9, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2022.

Memorandum 22-073 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing for Ordinance 22-28.

Robert Archibald commented on the cost to install and upkeep trails and the efforts of volunteers along with the aging volunteer force will necessitate looking at other ways and means maybe even mechanized equipment but the funding would allow for the Parks Superintendent to maintain and keep the trail system usable.

Mayor Castner closed the public hearing.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-28 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Lord expressed her appreciation for the information provided by the Public Works Director and City Manager noting that for a long time HART funds were really ineffectively utilized and these are direct tax dollars directly going to very specified and strategically planned projects and programs that will directly benefit citizens across the city. She believed that it was a direct example of local government working really well.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel commented on the memorandum updating the progress of various projects identified in the visioning session held in March, he stated that currently the activity is at the staff level but

Council is currently seeing that some of the items are making their way into the meeting packets. He referred to previously conducted visioning exercise and reported that he has developed a mechanism for providing quarterly status reports which the previous exercise did not have established. He then touched on the following items within his report: removal of invasive trees in coordination with Homer Soil & Water Conservation District; ordering of the new Fire Tanker Truck at a savings; and completion of the new Tsunami informational brochure.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 22-085 from City Clerk re: Travel Authorization for Mayor and Councilmembers to Attend the Alaska Municipal League Summer Conference August 10-12 in Sitka, Alaska.

Mayor Castner requested a motion from Council.

ADERHOLD/LORD I MOVE TO BRING MEMORANDUM 22-085 TO THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Aderhold stated that she would happy to attend the Conference believing that the City should be represented at the conference by an elected official.

Mayor Castner stated that the City Manager would be attending and noted that the Summer AML conferences are less formal than those held in Anchorage or Juneau. He noted that there was still time to make a decision and encouraged the other Councilmembers to inform the Clerk's Office by the middle of July if they would like to attend.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL FOR COUNCILMEMBER ADERHOLD TO ATTEND THE AML SUMMER CONFERENCE IN SITKA ALASKA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Peter Roedl, city resident and commissioner on the Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission, commented on the talks to improve our trails and wanted to encourage the City to avoid spending all the money to take care of these problems that could have been taken care of at the beginning of a project. He

provided statistics on the speed of walkers, joggers, cyclists, then noted that vehicles coming down Main Street traveling at speeds ranging from 10 mph to 30 mph. Mr. Roedl stated that there are many vehicles that also use the city's trails and sidewalks such as e-bikes, Segway's, skateboards that are motorized and encouraged the Council to consider wider roads, with bike lanes when building subdivisions noting the benefits to pedestrians and vehicular traffic. He stated that these things are becoming more and more popular and should be included in the planning of developments. He asked council if they have ever negotiated downhill stating that it was one thing to say Share the Road and another to just do it.

Kenneth Bryant, city resident, requested that the allocation for funding for city trails be amended to guarantee city businesses have first dibs at the opportunity of building trails instead of all those large companies from out of state or even out of country. He then stated that he had in hand, paperwork from Mayor Charlie Pierce's Office that the disposal fee will be waived in the event we figure out what to do with the HERC building.

Robert Archibald, city resident, wanted to remind everyone that the Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park celebration of 50 years will be held at Grace Ridge Brewery on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and everyone is invited.

Jan Keiser, city resident, thanked the Economic Development Advisory Commission, Planning Commission and the Parks Commission as well as the City Council for their undying support of non-motorized transportation, their dedication to help our citizens with these issues and support for the funding requests and look forward to making these projects happen. Thank you.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel noted the jobs available within the city and that they have been having difficulties in recruiting for some positions, particularly positions related to parks and recreation. He encouraged the public to check out the city website as there are seasonal and full time permanent positions available as well as the Fire Department is looking for volunteer firefighters too.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner commented that it has been an interesting couple of weeks and there is a lot of building going on and he believed the housing issue has stirred everybody's interest in coming up with solutions. He suggested that if property owners are sitting on a few acres and have been wondering what to do with the land contact the City and speak to Julie Engebretsen because there are developers that are looking for locations. The availability in town is finite so if you have been wondering what to do with that "back 40" contact Julie.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Aderhold thanked the Mayor for setting his meeting with the Chairs and requested that he remember to invite the ADA Compliance Committee to attend those meetings as well, noting that while a

committee, they do fill a very important and specialized role related to ADA Compliance so the committee comes at things from a different perspective. She then commented on the Kachemak Bay Writers Conference held at the Kachemak Bay Campus last weekend that was attended by people from as far as Florida and Massachusetts. This conference is definitely on people's radar.

Councilmember Venuti reported on the recognition and designation by former Mayor Hornaday of Mary Epperson Day, June 6th which Homer Council on the Arts (HCOA) will be celebrating what would have been her 106th birthday, noting that Ms. Epperson helped establish the college and HCOA and was the treasurer for the City of Homer for 18 years. She further noted that Mary Epperson left a legacy that will be forever remembered regarding art and education and she was a phenomenal volunteer, always in the ticket booth, Ms. Venuti recounted learning that Mary's father came across the border from Mexico, then her mother bringing Mary to the United States so for a long time Mary was not a citizen. Ms. Venuti informed the body and audience that there will be a party on Saturday, June 4th from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Vendor booths, food and music.

Councilmember Erickson reported on the celebration of graduation and offered congrats to those High School Seniors, ending of sports and regional competitions, very active Little League program with games happening six days a week. She recognized that Memorial Day weekend coming up and cautioned everyone to be safe, as there are lots of people on the road. She noted that she went to Anchorage and the roads were very busy. Ms. Erickson expressed her excitement about all the trails and the need to look out for all those that the city is responsible for and encourage the users to exercise caution with whatever mode they use to access those trails.

Councilmember Lord cautioned everyone to be really careful with fire as it is really hot, expressed her appreciation for the Mayor's efforts bringing the Commission chair's together and having those conversations; she commented on the Council used to get the commission minutes in the packet and really missed being able to see those conversations and motions; noted that it was great having the support from the Commissions on the non-motorized trail work and that it was great to see the Community members volunteering just like those sitting on Council and the Commissions, acknowledging the different points of view being provided by the different members of the community is really great. Ms. Lord then commented on the Pier One Theatre camp for kids this week and how many friends in their 40's participated in their youth and thought that it was a really neat part of having a vibrant community in so many different ways with so many different activities available, this kind of institutional legacy that groups have been presenting whether it is theatre or snow machining or whatever, makes a place you live really special. Thank you.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos commented that schools were out, and her kids were really excited about that but reminded everyone that they should be mindful that kids will be walking or riding and may veer off the sidewalk or trail. She attended the Walli memorial and it reminded her of how amazing their community is and how important it is to keep in touch, get to know one another and related that the memorial was like a reunion, it was pretty spectacular. Ms. Hansen-Cavasos expressed how glad she was on the number of people that were able to attend the event.

Councilmember Davis expressed his appreciation on everyone working on the non-motorized trail and sidewalks issue and that there is really a lot of energy for that in the Community. He commended the

Chamber on the Food Truck Festival that was held up at the KOA Campground on Baycrest stating it was a really nice event. Mr. Davis then noted that a few weeks ago when they talked about No Mow May, he wanted to acknowledge that there were many people around town that have listened and have not mowed and so now there is a golden glow of dandelions wherever he visits and the bees must be in heaven with all the pollinators so he wanted to express his thanks to all those who participated in no Mow May.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. A Worksession will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Renee Krause

Renee Krause, MMC, Deputy City Clerk II

Approved: June 13, 2022