

CALL TO ORDER

Session 24-08, a Special Meeting of the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair David Lewis at 5:30 p.m. on August 22, 2024 from the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARCHIBALD, HARRALD, ROEDL, PARSLEY, STEFANO, LEWIS

ABSENT: STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE WALKER, COMMISSIONER KEISER (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY CLERK KRAUSE
RECREATION MANAGER ILLG
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL

AGENDA APPROVAL

HARRALD ARCHIBALD MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)

A. FY26 Capital Improvement Plan Recommendations

Memorandum from Special Projects and Communications Coordinator as backup

Special projects & Communications Coordinator Carroll reviewed the process of the Capital Improvement Plan. She facilitated questions and responses to presenting new projects will be for next year's CIP since it needs to be worked up.

Chair Lewis requested the Clerk to add Bishop's Beach Park Restrooms to the September meeting agenda.

Ms. Carroll noted that it seems to be an impossible ask to limit to the top three and she requested that the Commission list the projects in priority order.

- The Project for the HERC Remediation project is updated, the city applied for a Federal Grant but the City did not receive it, however they did qualify for a smaller state Brownfield Grant. The next round is a clean-up grant but the City is not prepared to submit and qualify for that so they are hoping to be ready for the next round.
- Discussion on keeping Homer Spit Campground Renovations project on the CIP until the new project is presented.

Commissioners offered their top three or four projects with Recreation Manager Illg noting the multiple projects selected by more than one Commissioner. After narrowing the selection in priority order was determined.

HARRALD/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIZED PROJECTS IN THE CIP:

1. Multi-Use Community Center
2. Karen Hornaday Park Public Restroom Facility
3. Jack Gist Park Improvements
4. Kachemak Drive Bike Path

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Harrald stated that they needed to keep or remove projects in the CIP by motion.

HARRALD/PARSLEY MOVED THE COMMISSION OPPOSES THE REMOVAL OF THE HOMER SPIT CAMPGROUND RENOVATIONS PROJECT FROM THE CIP DOCUMENT UNTIL THE PROJECT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION WORK WITH THE PARKS ART RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO DEVELOP THE PROJECT.

Discussion ensued on emphasizing the opportunity to work with the Port & Harbor Commission and the Harbor staff to develop these projects since the Parks Commission still have the overview and duties of parks and campgrounds under their responsibilities.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minute time limit)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is **Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. A worksession is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.** All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

Renee Krause, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____