

Session 25-17 a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on Monday, June 9, 2025 by Mayor Rachel Lord 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. The Council conducted a Worksession at 4:00 p.m. to receive a presentation on Port & Harbor Property Leases.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ADERHOLD, VENUTI, PARSONS, DAVIS AND ERICKSON

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER HANSEN (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER JACOBSEN
CITY CLERK KRAUSE
PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS
HR DIRECTOR BROWNING
CITY PLANNER FOSTER
FINANCE DIRECTOR FISCHER
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ENGBRETSSEN
FIRE CHIEF KIRKO

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lord called the meeting to order and invited everyone present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Krause called attendance; Councilmember Hansen requested excusal and prior notice be provided. A quorum was present.

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

Mayor Lord read the Supplemental Items into the Record: **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS** item c. Mayor's Report Memorandum from Mayor re: AKDOT Meeting with City of Homer on State Road Projects **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** item a. City Manager's Report Public Comment received. **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** Public Comment received on the closure of the Activity Room at the HERC.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Lord proceeded to read the following into the record:

- a. Proclamation Declaring July as Parks & Recreation Month
- b. Proclamation for ADA Awareness Day, July 26, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Lord invited the public to comment on any item on the agenda with the exception of the following:

Mayor: Invite the public to comment on any item on the agenda with the exception of the following:

- a. Ordinance 25-39(S), Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Capital Budget.
- b. Ordinance 25-44(A), Appropriating \$250,000 from HART Trails Fund for the Development of a Trailhead and Trail Segment on the North Side of the Sterling Highway at Green Timbers.

Heath Smith, city resident, expressed comments in support of Memorandum CC-25-182 and thanked Councilmembers Aderhold and Parsons for their efforts.

Kathy Stingley, commented on the request for proposal document for the fire department expressing appreciation for the inclusiveness and how comprehensive it was. She then provided recommendations for amendments to the document as follows: Line 53 include Advanced Cardiac Life Support; Line 77, include Community members; Line 80, include prior volunteers and paid staff; Line 94, should state, "over the last 3 years"; Line 100, include the ability to man that equipment; Line 104, add "the mutual response area"; Line 112, bullet point three, add recruitment and retention policies; Line 121-122, add "and concerned community members."

Mayor Lord interjected that Ms. Stingley had expended her allotted time and recommended submitting her comments in writing to the City Manager.

Kate Finn, city resident, expressed comments on the culture of the Homer Volunteer Fire Department being justly acknowledged in the Request for Proposal, then referred to line 220-223 regarding the Selection Committee, recommending that it should state "current or past volunteer or employee" and further recommended that there should be two members of the public who have active historical or current knowledge of the Fire Department appointed to the selection committee and to lines 76-78, should also include previous and current volunteers and employees to be represented.

Tim Doherty, commented in support of Resolution 25-061 and moving to a one year agreement, noting the changing times and need for serious discussions between the municipalities, school district and Borough regarding the Borough owned facilities. He continued stating that it has been hard for people to get into the schools and that was not was they were designed for, advocating for community partnerships and encouraging the city to enter into those types of negotiations.

Holly Van Pelt, city resident, expressed support for Ordinance 25-46 stating she was excited to see the recommendation from the Councilmembers to continue the tax to fund the acquisition and construction of a multi-purpose community center. She noted that it has been a long time coming and that while the use of school facilities has been beneficial the recreation programs are becoming second place to the primary purpose of those facilities, and the HERC is falling down around them daily. Ms. Van Pelt applauded the efforts of the community recreation staff and their efforts to bring a varied program to the community but fears that each year they do not have a facility it will only increase in costs.

Samantha Cunningham, expressed comments on the proposed request for proposal noting the previous recommended changes to be positive and believed that going forward to finding a local contractor would be difficult but could be done however she expressed concerns on the ability of a contractor to get the requested amount of work done in the stated period and that the City is looking to correct a loss of trust from the

community in the fire department and believed that it would be difficult for an outside company to accomplish that aspect.

Tara Heuper, city resident, attending via Zoom, was unable to connect properly.

Mayor Lord expressed comments on the difficulty experienced with technology and comments can be submitted to the City Clerk who will provide them to Council and the City Manager.

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum CC-25-171 from Mayor re: Appointments of Dotti Harness, Sam Walker, and Re-Appointment of Franco Venuti to the Planning Commission. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum CC-25-172 from Mayor re: Reappointment of Franco Venuti to the Kenai Borough Planning Commission. Recommend approval.
- d. Ordinance 25-45, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating \$11,000 from the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance (CARMA) Fund for the Purpose of Purchasing a New Fire Department Radio Console. City Manager/Police Chief. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-173 from Police Chief as backup.

- e. Resolution 25-061, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Agreement for Joint Use of Equipment and Facilities for the Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-174 from Recreation Manager as backup.

- f. Resolution 25-062, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Americans with Disabilities Advisory Board Bylaws by Updating Article III Members Adding Section 6 Appointment of a Student Representative, Article VI Meetings, Section 1 and Section 3, Meeting Months, Time, and Requiring a Quorum for Worksessions. City Clerk/ADA Advisory Board. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-175 from ADA Coordinator as backup.

- g. Resolution 25-063, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending City of Homer Personnel Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 3.14.1 Employment of Relatives. City Manager/HR Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-176 from HR Director as backup.

- h. Resolution 25-064, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the Staff of the Homer Public Library to Apply for Grants for the Purpose of Funding the Purchase and Installation of the Library Security Grille. City Manager/Library Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-177 from Library Director as backup.

- i. Resolution 25-065, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into the Alaska Public Risk Alliance (APRA) Cooperative Participation Agreement for Municipal Insurance Services. City Manager/Finance Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-178 from City Manager as backup.

City Clerk Krause read the Consent Agenda into the record.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

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

- a. Worksession Report

Port & Harbor Property Leases - A Presentation by Mark Bowman, Port Property Associate and Amy Woodruff, Port/Harbor Administrative Supervisor

City Manager Jacobsen reported that Council received a presentation on Port & Harbor Leases and conducted a brief discussion with Port Property Associate Bowman and Administrative Supervisor Woodruff regarding parking, sublessees and issues regarding mortgages relevant to terms. Additional information and work is ongoing and recommended code changes will be submitted for Council consideration and approval at a future date.

- b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Aderhold reported that Council discussed under the Consent Agenda:

- Ordinance 25-45 regarding effective date and clarified that it was an emergency ordinance and once adopted staff would be expending the funds as the situation was pretty urgent.
- Resolution 25-061 regarding the amendments and changing to one year.
- Resolution 25-064 concerns expressed on the expenditures of additional funds for matching grants. It was clarified that the city has already expended funds and those can be counted as a match. The City Attorney was able to review and participate in the process of the development and did not have concerns on the content.
- Resolution 25-065 the City Attorney was unable to review the agreement due to illness but was not concerned that there would be unacceptable language within the agreement.

Council discussed under the Regular Agenda the following:

Ordinance 25-46 discussion points were:

- Concerns if the city had two propositions on the ballot in 2026 that neither one would pass
- There was no location, costs, design, information
- Additional costs for election
- Would need to appropriate a minimum of \$5000 for materials and advertising to address APOC requirements
- Length of time the tax would be collected
- Community desire to have a new community recreation center
- Amendments can be made at this meeting to address concerns and a substitute can always be presented for the public hearing.
 - The city attorney would be reviewing this as well over the time between meetings and will be submitting amendments/substitute.

Ordinance 25-44(A) discussion points were:

- Ongoing alternative crossings
 - Diamond Ridge Road Crossing is not preferred by Homer Trails Alliance (HTA)
- Time period extended to October by Department of Transportation (ADOT)
- Security, Maintenance, Lighting requirements and concerns
- Postponement to the July meeting

Further discussions by Mayor and Council on the following:

- Clarification on HERC Capital Budget Requests and amounts
- Public Notice on Remediation of Lead Based Paint found in the HERC Activity Room
 - Communicate with the public on status

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lord noted to those present and listening that they can read her newsletter on the city website through the following link, <http://www.deskofthehomermayor.substack.com>. She then reported on the memorandum in the supplemental packet regarding the meeting with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. She reported on the status of recycling of tin cans and concerns expressed by community members on the feral rabbit issues. Mayor Lord stated that she would be bringing forward a resolution that outlines safety concerns for the Sterling Highway from Baycrest to the Homer Spit.

d. Borough Report

Kelly Cooper, Assembly representative for Homer reported on the following:

- Approval of the Borough Budget
 - Added \$4.7 million to education funding
 - Reduction in the mil rate for property taxes
- Borough Land Sales will be conducted by outcry Auction in August
 - New program for residents to encourage purchasing and building their homes
 - Discount and financing by the Borough
- Recycling Efforts

e. Americans With Disabilities Act Advisory Board

Pat Case, Boardmember reported the Board held a lively conversation on the opportunity of bringing tourism dollars by people with disabilities to Homer and encouraging the businesses to be ADA compliant, reaching that demographic and providing the information by elevating our transportation plan and use of wayfinding by putting signage on trails with accessibility guidance plus working with the Chamber of Commerce. The Board also recommended extending the submittal date for the Request for Information for Harbor Accessibility. Mr. Case then congratulated City Clerk Krause on becoming a fully certified ADA Coordinator commending her for the perseverance; and the Board has recommended approval to add a student representative position.

f. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Chrissy Zubeck, Commissioner, reported that the Commission reviewed a proposal on the Town Center Lot for placement of a Community Recreation Center and forwarded a recommendation of non-support of that location. They support alternative locations in town and are looking to hear about those locations. The Commission has canceled the July meeting. Ms. Zubeck announced the vacancy on the Commission for a resident or non-resident applicant.

g. Planning Commission

Charles Barnwell, Commissioner, reported that the Commission addressed the following at their last meeting:

- Proposed location of town center for a multi use community center
 - Concerns on access and additional traffic impacts to Pioneer Avenue
 - Drainage
 - Neighboring property owners and what their plans are for their property and how that would work with a neighboring Community Center
- Conditional Use Permit to expand the Honda Shop on Ocean Drive
- Comprehensive Plan Update Review
- Title 21 Update and Review

h. Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission

Peter Roedl, Commissioner, reported that the Commission reviewed and discussed the following:

- Campgrounds improvements
 - Proposed CIP to address the dual purposes
- Reports from Public Works and Community Recreation
- Reviewed ongoing Recreation Policy and Procedure document
 - Goal is to have before Council by November
- Reviewed and Recommendation for Town Center location for Community Recreation Center
- Reviewed preliminary projects for CIP postponed to the August meeting
- Approved allocation of remaining \$500 commission funds.

Commissioner Roedl expressed his dismay at the time he has been on the Commission and they still have not obtained any progress on a Community Recreation Center.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 25-39(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Capital Budget. City Manager. Introduction May 12, 2025 Public Hearings and Second Reading May 27, 2025, June 9, 2025 and June 23, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-181 from City Manager as backup.

Memorandum CC-25-180 from PHAC as backup.

FY26 & FY27 Budget Amendments

Mayor Lord introduced Ordinance 25-39(S) and opened the Public Hearing.

Pam Brodie, city resident, expressed appreciation for the purchase of land above Karen Hornaday Park and supported the expenditure of funds to make improvements on that trail.

Mayor Lord closed the Public Hearing, and noted previous actions by Council as follows and Ordinance 25-39(S) is before Council for continued discussion or amendments. :

- Aderhold/Venuti moved to adopt the Ordinance 25-39(S) by reading of title only.
- Aderhold/Venuti moved to postpone Ordinance 25-39(S) to the June 9th meeting.
- Erickson/Parsons moved to amend Ordinance 25-39(S) \$25000 for the Bay Avenue Trail Easements.
- Aderhold/Davis postponed this ordinance to the June 23rd/tonight's meeting.

DAVIS/PARSONS MOVED TO AMEND THE CAPITAL BUDGET BY \$25,000 WITH \$12,500 FROM THE GENERAL CARMA AND \$12,500 FROM HART TRAILS FUND.

There was a brief discussion on surveying needed due to possible encroachments.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

DAVIS/ERICKSON MOVED TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE 25-39(S) TO SPLIT THE COST OF THE EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS \$125,000 TO HART ROADS AND \$125,000 TO HART TRAILS.

There was brief comment that the Council has discussed this item in depth previously.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Lord requested further amendments to Ordinance 25-39(S).

VOTE. (Main motion) NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Lord noted that Ordinance 25-39(S)(A) was adopted and they had a Capital Budget.

- b. Ordinance 25-44(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating up to \$250,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Trails Fund for the Development of a Trailhead and Trail Segment on the East Side of the Sterling Highway at Green Timbers in Accordance with the Diamond Creek Recreation Area Trails Plan. Aderhold. Introduction June 9, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading June 23, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-162 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Lord introduced Ordinance 25-44(A) and opened the Public Hearing.

Pam Brodie, city resident, expressed comments in support of Ordinance 25-44(A) noting her love of walking the trails and the Diamond Creek Area and the use of the HART funds for the trail was a great idea. She also supported the construction of a tunnel.

Karin Marks, city resident, expressed caution on having something so open-ended and liked having the time to firm up things more before making a decision. She further noted the fear of not doing something quite right can mean doing nothing at all but felt confident that those sitting in the chairs now could thread the needle appropriately.

Charles Barnwell, city resident, expressed comments on working with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Homer have a gateway to the west and that this project was an excellent opportunity for the City to expand Homer's vision, time is of the essence and we should jump at the opportunity.

Mayor Lord closed the public hearing having no additional public testimony and requested a motion.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI I MOVE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 25-44(A) BY READING OF THE TITLE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Alternatives explored that language in the ordinance may be restrictive.
- Recommended postponing the ordinance to July 28, 2025 meeting to see what transpires and possibly bring back a substitute or amended ordinance.
- Clarification on funding comes from HART trails, not roads.
- Support from the community and users who cross the highway for safety.
- Express appreciation for the work by the members of the Homer Trails Alliance (HTA)
- Once in generation opportunity with the proposed improvements the AKDOT & PF are doing.
- Postponement may offer more clarity on what the Council is voting on.
- Mayor Lord read the response from ADOT Director Holland, does not preclude a July decision
- Need to make sure of the location is agreed upon by all parties – staff, community, HTA, and Council.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE 25-44(A) TO THE JULY 28, 2025 REGULAR MEETING AND HOLD A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 25-46, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending HCC 9.16.010 to Provide for the Retention of the 0.3% Sales Tax Designated for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition and Construction of a Multi-Purpose Community Recreation Center upon the City Accruing Sufficient Funding to Pay Off the Police Station Debt Service and Submitting the Question of Such Sales Tax Retention to the Qualified Voters of the City at the Regular Election to be Held in the City on October 7, 2025. Aderhold/Davis. Introduction June 23, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading July 28, 2025.

Mayor introduced Ordinance 25-46 by reading of title and requested a motion.

ADERHOLD/DAVIS MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 25-46 BY READING OF THE TITLE ONLY.

Discussion ensued addressing the following:

- During the calendar year 2026 there will be enough funds to payoff the bond for the Police Department building and the Council is asking the residents to approve continued collection of the tax to put aside for the Multi Use Community Center.
- Pros and cons of having the Ordinance now with no details
- Amendments proposed to make it palpable to the public to have on the October ballot
- Consulting with Finance, if the tax is in place for 10 years there would be \$8 million, and 8 years would yield \$6.4 million collected

DAVIS/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE 25-46 TO SPECIFY THAT THE PERIOD TO COLLECT THE TAX WOULD BE 8 YEARS.

There was a brief discussion on adding .05 percent to address maintenance for the new facility similar to the police station.

City Manager Jacobsen responded to Council that a separate motion addressing that amendment was preferred since a motion was on the table.

Mayor Lord called for a five-minute recess at 7:24 p.m. to allow Councilmembers to review the ordinance for the amendment. The meeting was called back to order at 7:29 p.m.

DAVIS/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT BY INSERTING 8 YEARS AFTER THE WORD RETENTION IN LINE 7 OF THE TITLE AND LINE 66 INSERT A NEW SENTENCE, THE SALES TAX WOULD EXPIRE AFTER 8 YEARS, AFTER THE QUESTION MARK.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE.(Amendment). NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Lord facilitated further discussion on the following points:

- Limiting the amount for constructing a building
- Possible bonding.

- Depositing the sales tax collected into an account designated for such purpose similar to the Police Station
 - Funds collected would not be deposited with the Homer Foundation unless specifically stated
- Ordinance will be scheduled for public hearing at the next meeting.
 - Additional amendments can be done at that time.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a. City Manager's Report

Mayor Lord introduced the topic and deferred to City Manager Jacobsen.

City Manager Jacobsen facilitated discussion and comments on the draft Request for Proposal document and other topics regarding the following:

- Line 29 - 1980s no apostrophe, first use of EMS should be written out, define SWOT
- Line 122 City Leadership and then reference to Municipal Leadership do these include City Council?
- Line 84 - three years extend that to 5 years presents a more accurate picture
- Line 102 Proposal narrative on insurance flexibility
- Selection process on Line 221
- Important to have one current and one past fire department to address potential bias
- Page 168 Addresses community perceived the lack of trust
- Include those recommendations from the public and incorporate into the RFP
- The limits and responsibilities of Council direction and participation in draft requests for proposals as it falls under administrative actions which is under the City Manager duties.
- Volunteer information 2019 versus 2025
- Cultural Analysis changes over time
- Changes to Line 90 and Line 94
- Volunteer Manual review but Consultant should not have to review that far back.
- Volunteers as independent contractors with varied skillsets
- Council expressed comments of appreciation for the city staff saving the moose calf.
- Revenue in the sewer fund way under the water and what happened CM will check

Mayor Lord facilitated additional discussion on trust in the Fire Department from the community, operational concern, operational audit, cultural component, community demographics, volunteer culture, policy update, agreed that it should not be confined to just three years. There are changes to the community demographics and COVID impacts.

City Attorney Gatti advised Council on appointment and involvement of the public in the selection process and due diligence. It was noted by the City Manager that she would require confidentiality agreements to be executed as information submitted in the proposals is confidential until awarded by Council and the name of the consultant chosen would not be released until the Council packet distribution in accordance with the city regulations and procurement policies.

- b. Monthly FY25 Year to Date Report

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum CC-25-182 from Councilmembers Aderhold and Parsons re: Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Policy Manual Review Update

Mayor Lord introduced the item by reading of the topic and deferred to Councilmember Aderhold.

Councilmember Aderhold provided a brief summary of the memorandum.

Mayor Lord facilitated discussion and requested a link to the HART Policy emailed to Council.

RESOLUTIONS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

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Mike Illg, city resident and Recreation Manager recognized three employees with KPBSD who recently retired.

Ginger Drais, city resident, provided information about a recent incident on Kachemak Way between herself and a young person on a bicycle who came out in front of her almost causing a serious accident.

Pat Case, city resident, expressed concerns on Kachemak Way and the overgrowth of trees that block the view of drivers. He then expressed current requirements on the trail width, signage, and requesting the city to not stripe roads which has proven to calm traffic and paint the fog line to allow additional space to walk along the roadways.

Josephine Ryan, city resident, expressed agreement with the 5 years amendment in the request for proposal document.

Adele Persons, city resident, commented on taking a class in the HERC and appreciated seeing the notice on the city website of the reason why it was closed; lack of space until a community center is completed and acknowledged the willingness from city staff; and more partnership was needed between the community

Samantha Cunningham, commented on the request for proposal strongly encouraging the City to have a liaison that would work with the community and the consultant.

Cathy Stingley, commented recommending the City refer to the list of names that were willing to serve on an advisory body that was provided several weeks ago to the City Manager and Council.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti commented on Ordinance 25-46 needs to be reviewed and tuned up.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Krause reminded the public that the City was still looking to fill vacancies and Student positions on the advisory bodies.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jacobsen provided a comment on the notice on the website for the lead paint.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Lord expressed her appreciation for the staff and the amount of work that goes into the planning and production of meetings, the number of meetings that was held by Council this month and walking her aging horse through the city and striping of the roads.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Erickson expressed comments on visitors coming to the city.

Councilmember Davis commented it was a good meeting.

Councilmember Aderhold provided comments on her participation with a walkability plan and the Borough Team has defined seven goals in their action plan, one of which is Fairview Avenue, meeting with staff on the intersection of Kachemak way, a July 11th HHS 50th Reunion welcome, John Hendricks organizer, reporting that if you graduated from HHS in any year please attend the multi-year reunion and at the recent AML meeting they discussed the defunding and impacts at the local level with reductions noting a Legislative Bill on developing a defined benefit program, while this is good for workers, however the State is not considered an employer and the municipalities are considered employers and this would ratchet up the costs hirer than the 22% currently covered by the city so attention is really needed to look at how this negatively impacts the city.

Councilmember Parsons expressed his appreciation to the Clerk's office and the City Manager and the public who came out to comment tonight and then noted that his son will be starting HHS this year and Kachemak Way and Fairview intersection really needs to be addressed before school starts. Then encouraged everyone to attend the production at Pier One Theater citing the great achievement and acting by the kids involved.

Councilmember Venuti expressed comments on the Peony Month and then viewing the near accidents at that corner of Kachemak Way with the increase in ebikes and pedestrians, suggested school guard crossings removing the alders and wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lord adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m. and stated the next Regular Meeting is Monday, July 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings are scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: _____