

Session 21-11 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on April 26, 2021 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: COUNCILMEMBER ADERHOLD, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON
HARBORMASTER HAWKINS
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI

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

Mayor Castner announced Supplemental items including a written report from the Planning Commission and written public comments on Ordinances 21-23 and 21-26 regarding personal watercraft.

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

Roberta Highland, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 21-26 it's a good companion to public hearing Ordinance 21-23, she appreciates the work by Councilmember Lord.

Jeanne Parker commented in support of Ordinance 21-26 and appreciates anything we can do to keep people motorized vessels out of the lagoons.

Rika Mouw, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 21-26. It's a simple and elegant and doesn't point fingers to any specific user group, but promotes slowing all motorized vessels down.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 21-26, he thinks it's a good start. He suggested increasing the monetary amount proposed to help ensure there is appropriate signage that will last out in that environment.

RECONSIDERATION

- a. Ordinance 21-18, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing an Additional Expenditure of \$33,185 from the Water CARMA Fund for a Total Expenditure of \$247,585 for the Raw Water Transmission Line Project – Design. City Manager/Public Works Director. *Timely notice of Reconsideration issued by Councilmember Smith. If reconsideration passes this will come up under Pending Business.*

Memorandum 21-049 from Public Works Director as backup

LORD/ VENUTI MOVED TO RECONSIDER ORDINANCE 21-18.

Councilmember Smith commented he received information from the Public Works Director related to his concerns about this. He noted work is underway and we aren't going stop it, but it raises concerns toward a larger policy issue that when these incremental changes happen, at what point do we become committed to where we can no longer reverse them. This is a large project that didn't go through a competitive bidding process. He's interested in knowing the dollar limit on term contracts. He doesn't see where reconsideration will change the outcome of this, but overall we need to address where our thresholds are on what we allow through term contracts.

There were comments that the limit is included in the contract but the, and question was raised about the ceiling for a task orders under a term contract. The procurement policy is another place the limits are probably addressed and that policy is that needs to be addressed.

VOTE: NO: VENUTI, SMITH, ADERHOLD, LORD, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS

Motion failed.

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 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2021. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 21-068 from City Manager Re: Administrative Fee Amendment to Homer Foundation Donation Agreements. Recommend approval.

- c. Ordinance 21-24, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Accepting Grant Funds from the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services for Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccines, as well as other COVID-19 Related Recovery and Prevention Strategies and Approving a Memorandum of Agreement. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction April 26, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading May 10, 2021
- d. Ordinance 21-25, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY21 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating the FY21 State of Alaska Community Assistance Program Payment in the Amount of \$76,842.94 to the Fire Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund and Authorizing the Expenditure of up to \$260,000 from the Fire CARMA fund to Replace the Fire Department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus System. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction April 26, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading May 10, 2021

Memorandum 21-069 from Fire Chief as backup

- e. Resolution 21-025, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Homer Public Library Gift Acceptance Policy and Renaming it the Homer Public Library Donation Acceptance and Management Policy. City Manager/Library Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 21-072 from Library Director as backup

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda with its recommendations.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. Unified Command Report (20 Minutes)

Fire Chief Mark Kirko commented briefly there's been an uptick in the number of cases in our area. The EOC is considering what response measures might be needed for this summer season.

Public Health Nurse Lorne Carroll shared briefly about his dad's continued recovery from COVID-19 and reviewed a graph showing statewide cases by age group vs. vaccination rates.

He reported 42.5% of Alaskans are fully vaccinated, about 37% on the Kenai Peninsula, and on the Southern Kenai Peninsula about 4500 people are fully vaccinated. Deaths are holding at 329 and that's going to increase by 13 following a death certificate review. In terms of testing we're at about 3% positivity over the last 7 days. Case rates for the entire state are 21 cases per 100,000. KPB is at 19.5 cases per 100,000 an increase from 7 on April 1st. J&J vaccine use is resuming following a pause based on reports of adverse events suggesting increase in a rare event of thrombosis. Those reports were in adult women younger than 50. Review of the data shows J&J known potential benefits outweigh the known potential risk.

South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) PIO Derotha Ferraro reviewed information on SPH testing location and times, and also vaccination opportunities. In the last two weeks 819 tests have been resulted with 14 positive putting the testing site at 1.7% positivity rate, and the Borough's is 3.5%. Through Unified Command and including the SPH testing site we've administered 6646 doses that include Moderna, Pfizer, and J&J. In addition to the current vaccine locations, they can now be requested from your healthcare provider and also attend a pop up or mobile event, the next one is Friday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Boathouse Pavilion. There have been no COVID related hospitalizations in the last 6 weeks and only one employee out for COVID related reasons. Visitation at long term care is by appointment only, one visitor for acute care, and universal masking is required.

City of Homer PIO Jenny Carroll shared regarding Alaska's Sleeves Up for Summer campaign. It's kicking off May 1st through the month and it's about reaching out to businesses and communities to work together to roll up our sleeves and put an end as best we can to the pandemic. The goal is to have 70% of Alaskans vaccinated by the end of May. Given the numbers there's a long way to go but there are a lot of advantages to getting the vaccination. Our summer is starting to get busy so vaccinations help us keep the economy rolling by helping keep the work force and play force going through the summer. Visit the pop ups or walk up clinic if vaccination is for you, or meet with your health care provider if you're unsure or have questions. CDC updated guidance is anticipated to be coming soon for fully vaccinated people so check the city website for more information. She also reviewed information is being offered regarding vaccinations for youth and encouraged those interested to listen in. Just type COVID-19 ECHO in your browser to find the DHSS link for that ECHO call.

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

a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported at Committee of the Whole Council discussed Ordinance 21-26 regarding no wake zones and addressed enforcement concerns and sending it to the port and parks commission for review. They also briefly discussed Resolution 20-077(S) and the reserve policy that it will be postponed and some worksessions will be scheduled. They discussed the 2020 Police Department Annual Report with Chief Robl and discussed the City Fee Schedule.

b. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner reported he's been working on something with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) that has nothing to do with city policy but has to do with him familiarizing himself with how they operate and them with public concern over matters. He thinks it will pay off if we have anything going on before the RCA.

c. Borough Report

i. Borough Report Attachments

Assembly member Lane Chesley provided election legislation to address but was unable to attend. City Clerk Jacobsen shared a brief update that the Assembly adopted Ordinance 2020-19-24 authorizing the Borough Clerk to contract for accessible voting systems, Resolution 2021-032 establishing that the Borough will conduct a pre-election security risk and vulnerability assessment on election systems, and Ordinance 2021-18 that codifies current testing and chain of custody practices is being reviewed by the Policies and Procedures Committee.

d. Planning Commission

Planning Commissioner Roberta Highland reported they heard from Public Works Director Keiser regarding a Public Work 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. She shared that Kalie Petska-Rubalcava resigned from the Commission and thanked her for her participation. The Commission approved a conditional use permit for a brewery on Smokey Bay Way, recommended approval on a plat, and continued work on the Community Design Manual update.

e. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair Karin Marks reported the commission is pleased that Nicole Arevalo has been appointed for another term and welcomes new member Adele Person. There is still an opening for a city resident and student representative. At their last meeting they evaluated progress on their strategic plan and goals, and determined they've been making progress. They'll be emphasizing a near term goal of helping Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD) with the Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) by pushing public comment that will be happening May 10 through June 9. The Wayfinding and Streetscape project is moving to a near term goal with the consultant coming onboard for that project. They noted in their long term goals the community center and BR&E survey responses are areas to start thinking about in more depth. Mrs. Marks also commented as the Homer Representative for (KPEDD) she reported they held their meeting in April and noted three points. One, KPEDD is part of the discussion of broadband on the peninsula; two, KPEDD is working with the Alaska Homer erosion project; and three, KPEDD does write letters of support for business and community projects that fit under their scope. At the request of the Mayor she explained the composition of KPEDD.

f. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner Robert Archibald reported on a presentation from the Homer Council on the Arts regarding a proposed private public partnership for art murals on retaining walls in the city. Parks Superintendent Steffy reported they are looking for summer staff, dredge spoils have been added to camping areas to combat erosions, he and Recreation Manager Ilg are assisting with a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan that is a necessity for the state to receive land and water conservation funds. Mr. Archibald also reported that special event planning and permitting is undergoing revisions, the Homer Non-motorized Transportation and Trails Plan is being updated and provided soon for public input, the Mariner Park gate has been closed for the summer, new trash cans and burn barrels are being placed around town. Public Works Director Keiser shared regarding a Public Work 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The commission discussed the need for a dedicated park fund that will likely take voter approval and the commission is committed to help with that. They are working through beach policy updates and have a park walk through coming up April 28th.

g. Public Works Campus Task Force

Councilmember Venuti reported the task force has met for a regular meeting and a work session where they reviewed and discussed a probably risk table and draft report prepared by Deputy City Planner Engebretsen, they also addressed a draft memorandum that will be coming to Council in May. They considered the necessity and priority of moving the public works campus. Public Works Director Keiser reported with several needs that will be addressed at their next meeting. At their worksession they reviewed a future public works footprint and the existing floor plan. They've changed their meeting time from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 21-19, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Capital Budget by Allocating an Additional \$25,000 from the Information System CARMA Fund for a Total Expenditure of \$75,000 to Replace and Upgrade Departmental Servers across City Departments. City Manager. Introduction April 12, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading April 26, 2021

Memorandum 21-058 from Library Director as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-19 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 21-20, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of an Additional \$13,500 from the ADA CARMA Fund for a total of \$48,060 for the Spit Handicapped Parking Paving Project. City Manager/Harbormaster. Recommended dates Introduction April 12, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading April 26, 2021

Memorandum 21-059 from Harbormaster as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-20 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 21-21, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a Series of Harbor Revenue Refunding Bonds for the Purpose of Refunding All or a Portion of the City's Outstanding Harbor Revenue Bond, 2013; Establishing the Terms of the Harbor Revenue Refunding Bond, 2021; and Authorizing the Sale of the Harbor Revenue Refunding Bond, 2021. City Manager. Introduction April 12, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading April 26, 2021

Memorandum 21-060 from City Attorney as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-19 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

City Attorney Gatti noted Attorney Cartledge of JDO was on the line to assist with questions if needed.

Questions were raised regarding the terms included, the reason to take this action, and the cost to the city to refinance the bonds.

Attorney Cartledge explained the original bonds were issued in 2013 and interest rates were higher. This is attempting to capture lower interest costs for the city. She asked the financial advisor for the bond bank to run numbers today and under current market the conditions it would be about \$170,000 of savings if the city goes forward with the refinancing. The terms included are standard for this type of action. She addressed the two ordinance created in 2013 one, the master ordinance, includes general terms and conditions associated with harbor revenue bonds, the other supplemental ordinance authorized the issuance of the 2013 bonds. This ordinance has the specifics in regard to this refinancing in relation to the master ordinance. She added they are expected to go out to market May 26th where the interest rate savings will be established and confirmed with the Finance Director and City Manager before moving forward. She reviewed potential costs and explained this would extend the date of maturity of the bond by a few months, but not into another fiscal year. She was unsure on the specifics of prepayment of the bond.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- d. Ordinance 21-23, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 19.20.020 General Rules, Adding Launching, Landing or Retrieving of Motorized Watercraft in Prohibited from City Owned Beaches Except for Official Business Use. City Manager/Harbormaster. Introduction April 12, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading

Memorandum 21-073 from City Clerk as backup

Memorandum 21-062 from Harbormaster as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Roberta Highland, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 21-23 and she hopes they pass it this evening.

Patricia Cue commented support of Ordinance 21-23, and that the whereas clauses clearly define the reasons for this ordinance. She shared regarding her first experience seeing a jet ski in Kachemak Bay on April 17th travelling at a high rate of speed.

Rika Mouw, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 21-23 and hopes it passes unanimously.

Jeanne Parker commented in support of Ordinance 21-23. She appreciates all the work they do, she said she knows it feels lonely on a Zoom call, but thank you very much.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 21-23, it's the first step for safe operations close to the city. He noted safety and the rocks just below the water's surface in particular areas. He thanked Council for their work.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/EVENSEN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-23 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for the public testimony on this ordinance, and to the Commissions for their work before it came to Council

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner called for a recess at 7:29 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 21-26, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 10.08.210 Vessel Speed Limits, Renaming the Section, Extending the No Wake Zone throughout City Tidelands, and Closing Louie's Lagoon and the Entrance to Beluga Slough to Motorized Vessels and Amending the FY21 Operating Budget to Authorize Expenditure of up to \$2,000 for Motorized Vessel Regulation Changes. Lord. Introduction April 26, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading May 10, 2021

Memorandum 21-070 from Councilmember Lord as backup

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 21-26 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY, REFER IT TO THE PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION AND PLANNING COMMISSION, AND COMING BACK TO COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING ON JUNE 28, 2021.

Councilmember Lord noted the memo accompanying this is the tendrils that she wanted to make sure were captured, if there are other questions councilmembers have, it will be good to bring them up for the Commissions to work through.

Councilmember Aderhold likes the memo and agrees requiring everyone to slow down in those areas is good for a lot of reasons, not just because of personal watercraft. Good point was raised regarding the rocks that are just under the water in some areas that could be very dangerous if they're hit at a high rate of speed. The difficulty is in the enforcement and identifying the tidelands. She noted the importance of making sure that vessels can still get to the Northern Enterprise lift and other legal use of the tidelands. In addition to the areas listed

she feels it's important to consider the slough behind Mariner Park and the area of Mud Bay that's closest to the shore, the triangle established by the spit and shoreline. She agrees with having the Commissions look at this and also attorney assessment of will be important.

Councilmember Evensen thanked the City Manager for his approach to the topic in general and the City Attorney for the research he's already done. He supports Commission review, and proposed that it also be referred to Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC). He added support for consideration of general inclusivity of areas including Mariner Slough, Fishing Hole, and Mud Bay. Mud Bay is easily identified at high tide by the ADF&G markers and low tide represents the greatest tideland the city owns. Also the potential for legitimate use of the tideland and a permit process for that activity could be considered. Lastly he added identifying all the user groups for these area, and the concept establishing the tidelands as a special use area and defining what that means.

Councilmember Venuti agrees with consideration of raising the \$2000 to ensure adequate and effective signage.

Councilmember Lord acknowledge the idea of further consideration of the dollar amount. She feels this needs to get refined to what the proposed regulation is going to be, going through the process with the Commissions and public outreach, then what it looks like and what it will cost will evolve.

ADERHOLD/EVENSEN MOVED TO AMEND TO ADD PARCAC TO THE LIST OF COMMISSIONS THIS WILL GO TO.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion on the main motion as amended.

VOTE (main motion as amended): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 21-27, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Title 14.08.040 to create a Process for Waiving the Requirement that Property be connected to City Sewer as a Condition Precedent to be connected to City Water. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction April 26, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading May 10, 2021

Memorandum 21-071 from Public Works Director as backup

LORD/EVENSEN MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 21-27 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

At the request of Council, Public Works Director Keiser explained the reasoning behind proposing this amendment. After the existing code was adopted it's been discovered there are a number of areas where there is an existing water main that travels in front of private property, but there's no sewer line because it's higher on the hill and it's not practical to extend sewer lines at this time. A number of people have contacted Public Works over the years and asked if those lots have water available and have been told that it is. There wasn't a lot of public outreach regarding the ordinance that created the current language as it was difficult to get out to the realtors, rotary, and others during the time of COVID. In marketing a property, realtors had been told water was available, but it wasn't because of passage of the existing language. This proposed amendment addresses the circumstances of the properties in question, affects a relatively low number of properties in town and would require making a case by case determination if it's appropriate. There's some precedence in the city, for example allowing property owners to use City rights-of-way for driveway on a case by case basis where there is not a city road. This is a similar administration for the water issues. This should not affect new Special Assessment Districts (SAD), the language connecting the creation of water districts with sewer service creations still exists.

Comments were expressed that this makes sense and since there's water lines in the ground already it can't impact an SAD.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel highlighted the limited opening of City Hall with access available to the upstairs and downstairs lobbies, masking and social distancing continues to apply. The library will be transitioning to some open hours on Saturdays, information is on their webpage. City Staff and their friends and families did a spit clean up on Sunday, upwards of 43 people attended, an electronics recycling event is being held on May 1st, and there's information regarding Public Works 5 year planning ideas. He touched on the programmatic way 5 year planning will be addressed.

Councilmember Smith commented regarding the general fund CARMA update information and shared his frustration with the effort that was put in with the former City Manager to put these balances that existed to bed and it's unsettling to find another negative balance and being told the negative numbers represent a deficit, but they've all been paid. He understands what's being said regarding transferring money into the negative number is a wash, and he wants to

figure out how to get rid of this and move forward. Discussion ensued regarding working through the systems. City Manager Dumouchel acknowledged the concern of the negative balance and said he'll work with the Finance Director to bring back an ordinance. Councilmember Smith requested it come with an unencumbered balance of the general fund fund balance

There was also discussion regarding the status of the City Council chambers remodel that's still underway as IT is still waiting for the final camera to be delivered.

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 20-077(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting a Reserve Fund Policy for the Collection and Use of Water and Sewer Depreciation Reserve Funds **Capital Asset Repair And Maintenance Allowance Fund.** Lord/Aderhold. (Postponed from March 8, 2021)

Memorandum 21-074 from Public Works Director as backup
Memorandum 21-042 from Public Works Director as backup
Memorandum 20-205 from Public Works Director as backup
Memorandum 20-165 from Finance Director as backup

Mayor Castner announced there's a motion on the floor to adopt Resolution 20-077(S) that was postponed from March 8, 2021 and opened the floor for discussion.

There was brief discussion recognizing the benefit of having well thought out financial policies in place. Worksessions need to be held to discuss the policies that are being worked on and postponing to the second meeting in June should allow time for those to occur and a draft document be prepared.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 20-077(S) TO JUNE 28TH

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti expressed his appreciation for the Clerk staff, they're available and responsive when he works with them. Regarding the code for task contracts that was brought up at the beginning of the meeting, that information regarding exceptions can be found in the procurement policy and Homer Code 3.16.030.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen announced openings on the Library Advisory Board, Economic Development Advisory Commission, Planning Commission, and the ADA Compliance Committee, and Student Representative seats on the Library Advisory Board, Economic Development Advisory Commission, and Port and Harbor Advisory Commission for the upcoming school year.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel announced job openings for the City at the Library, Harbor, and Parks Maintenance. Information is available on the City website.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner thanked everyone for a good meeting and work getting done for the next budget cycle.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Aderhold recognized Municipal Clerk's Week and shared we have exceptional Clerks. She's had the opportunity to work with them all in different capacities and they do a ton of stuff, always with smiles on their faces, and we couldn't do the work we do without the clerks. She congratulated Beth Trowbridge, Executive Director of Coast Studies, who was Senator Sullivan's Alaskan of the Week. The birds have arrived and she's happy to see them, she helped with the spit cleanup yesterday and encouraged others to do the same when they're out walking. She added Representative Vance is holding a virtual Town Hall Wednesday using Microsoft Teams and contact the Legislative Information Office for information on how to connect.

Councilmember Venuti thanked the Clerk's Office staff, we're fortunate to have them working for our city. She helped digitalizing books at the library with Friends of the Library for the new service where patrons can check out their own books. She encouraged listeners to check out the job opportunities with the City.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos thanked the Clerk's for their work and she's happy about the sunshine this past week.

Councilmember Smith appreciates everyone for being here.

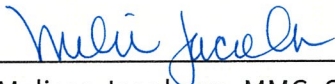
Councilmember Evensen thanked everyone for a productive evening and the City Manager for putting up with our different requests. He doesn't know how others responded to the Clerk's survey of when they want to be back in chambers but he said he didn't have interest in getting in anytime soon, and that time it was primarily due to being unsure of vaccine rollout and scheduling. It's nice to see the birds come back and it's a nice time in Homer. He wished everyone a nice evening.

Councilmember Lord agreed it was a good meeting. She reminded everyone Homer Steps Up starts May 1st so for the month track your steps, win prizes, and join a team or go it alone. Check it out on the hospital website. Tomorrow she, the Harbormaster, and others from around the state will be presenting with Alaska Municipal League to the Senate Transportation Committee providing an Alaska Ports and Harbors Municipal Overview.

Mayor Castner noted the Commission openings and suggested interest people can send him an email to mayor@ci.homer.ak.us and he'll call back to chat with you about serving.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, May 10, 2021 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.



Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: May 10, 2021