

Session 25-13 a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on Monday, May 12, 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 discuss the FY26/FY27 Proposed Budget.

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

STAFF: CITY MANAGER JACOBSEN
CITY CLERK KRAUSE
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI
PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER JIRSA
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KORT
HR DIRECTOR BROWNING
POLICE CHIEF ROBL
CITY PLANNER FOSTER
DEPUTY CITY CLERK II PETTIT
FINANCE DIRECTOR FISCHER

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 and a full Council 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: **CONSENT AGENDA** *Item f. Resolution 25-046 Authorizing Task Order #2 for Alaska Harbor Consulting, LLC for Engineering and Professional Services to Complete Preliminary Design Engineering Owners Advisory/Engineer and Permitting Services Agreement Task Order #2* *Item g. Resolution 25-047 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Loan Agreement with the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) under its Alaska Drinking Water Fund Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$491,400 to Finance Ohlson Ln W Bunnell Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. Resolution 25-027(S) Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Loan Agreement Required by ADEC under its Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program in Connection with a Fully Forgiven Loan in an Amount Not to Exceed \$491,400 to Assist in Financing the Ohlson Ln W Bunnell Avenue Water Main Replacement Project and Memorandum CC-25-132(S) from Public Works Director. Item h. Resolution 25-048 Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Loan Funds from the ADEC under its Alaska Clean Water Fund Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$324,000 to Finance the Ohlson Lane West Bunnell Avenue Water and Stormwater Drain Project. Resolution 25-048(S) Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement Required by the ADEC Under its Clean Water Revolving Loan Program in Connection with a Fully Forgiven Loan in an Amount Not to Exceed \$324,000 to Assist in Financing the Ohlson Lane and Bunnell Avenue Storm Drain Upgrade Project and Memorandum CC-25-133(S) from Public Works Director.* **PUBLIC HEARING** *Item a.*

Resolution 25-043 Amending the City of Homer Fee Schedule to Enact Special Event Fees, Public comment received and Memorandum CC-25-141 from City Manager as backup. **PENDING BUSINESS**
Item a. Memorandum CC-25-123 from ADA Coordinator re: ADA Advisory Board Approved Draft Request for Information. Memorandum CC-25-140 from City Manager - corrected memorandum number.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Lord provided a brief explanation of why she was bringing back the issuance of proclamations and recognitions and noted that it would be limited to three per meeting. First come first serve. She then proceeded to read the following into the record and stood for pictures:

- Recognition of the 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 4-10th
- Mayoral Proclamation Peace Officer Memorial Day May 15th & National Police Week May 11-17th
- Mayoral Proclamation National Public Works Weeks May 18-24th
- Resolution 25-044 Recognizing the Month of July as Peony Month

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:

- Resolution 25-043 A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the City of Homer Fee Schedule to Enact Special Event Fees. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Dave Eberle, non-resident, Homer Trails Alliance encouraged City Council to include funding for the Diamond Creek Recreation Area proposed pedestrian trail and underpass as Department of Transportation is hesitant to include the underpass in the project design without funding.

Scott Adams, city resident, expressed concerns regarding legal access regarding the proposed Zoning amendment in Ordinance 25-36 for Lambert Lane and access from East Hill Road and E End Road with the proposed Zoning Amendment in Ordinance 25-37.

Larry Slone, city resident, provided rebuttal to Mr. Adams concerns and his intent for the zoning amendment to provide better access and use of his property addressed by Ordinance 25-37.

Pat Case, city resident, expressed comments on Ordinances 25-38 and 25-39 and encouraged Council to support and fund crosswalk improvements.

Josh Krohn, commenting on behalf of KBBi, expressed support for Resolution 25-050, noted the willingness to work with the city to be able to use the upper fields, reporting the difficulties in holding the event in the lower fields.

Kathy Carsow, Chair of the KBI Citizen Advisory Board, expressed comments in support of Resolution 25-050 expressed her appreciation for Councilmembers Davis and Venuti bringing it forward and noting that KBBI represents the community of Homer and is not a “they or them”.

Michael Swoboda, city employee and Vice Chair of the Employee Committee, encouraged the Council to support and approve maintaining the Health Insurance renewal plan supported by the Employee Committee.

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 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2025. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Ordinance 25-36, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer Alaska Amending Homer City Code 21.10.030 to Amend the Homer City Zoning Map to Rezone a Portion of the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District to General Commercial 1 (GC1) Zoning District at 3145 Lampert Lane. Planning Commission. Introduction May 12, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading May 27, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-128 from City Planner as backup.

Councilmember Aderhold pulled. Moved to Ordinances item c.

- c. Ordinance 25-37, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Homer City Code 21.10.030 to Amend the Homer City Zoning Map to Rezone a Portion of the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District at 4410 East Hill Road and 1374 East End Road. Planning Commission. Introduction May 12, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading May 27, 2025

Memorandum CC-25-129 from City Planner as backup.

- d. Resolution 25-044, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Designating the Month of July as Peony Month to Celebrate the Beauty, Resiliency, Cultural Significance and Recognize the Unique Bloom Times of the Flower in Alaska. Venuti.
- e. Resolution 25-045, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving Amendments to Task Order 24-03, with HDR Engineering, as the Homer Harbor Expansion Owners Representative to Update Tasks Two through Four Refining Geotechnical Investigations Services Scope of Work and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director.

Memorandum CC-25-130 from Port Director as backup.

- f. Resolution 25-046, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding Task Order #2 to Alaska Harbor Consulting, LLC for Engineering and Professional Services to Complete Preliminary Design Engineering to Support Replacement of System 4 in the Homer Harbor and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director.

Memorandum CC-25-131 from Port Director as backup.

- g. Resolution 25-047, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Loan Agreement with the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation under its Alaska Drinking Water Fund Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$491,400 to Finance the Ohlson Lane West Bunnell Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum CC-25-132 from Public Works Director as backup.

Councilmember Aderhold pulled. Moved to Resolutions item c.

- h. Resolution 25-048, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Loan Funds from the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Under its Alaska Clean Water Fund Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$324,000 to Finance the Ohlson Lane West Bunnell Avenue Water and Stormwater Drain Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum CC-25-133 from Public Works Director as backup.

Councilmember Aderhold pulled. Moved to Resolutions item c.

City Clerk Krause read the Consent Agenda as amended 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

- a. Safe & Healthy Kids Fair Presentation – Lisa Asselin-Martin

Lisa “Red” Asselin Martin and Annie Garay made a short presentation on the upcoming Safe & Healthy Kids Fair, activities planned, volunteer opportunities and the impact for “showing up” to the kids that attend.

- b. KPEDD Presentation – Cassidi Cameron

Cassidi Cameron provided an impactful variety of data accumulated by KPEDD, their purpose and being one of four federally recognized in the state provides value to the Kenai Peninsula Borough as well as the work done by the organization and the opportunity for community input on the updated CEDS document.

Councilmember Aderhold requested including or separating the data related to areas outside city limits heading east due to the increase in development.

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

- a. Worksession Report

City Manager Jacobsen reported that Council facilitated discussion on:

- Funding 101 after a presentation provided by Finance Director Fischer;
- Emergency Fund balance requirements and unrestricted funds expenditures;
- expressed concerns on the high level of needs city wide;

- amending city code to address Chapter 3 and Chapter 5;
- replacement pages for the budget;
- Increased costs for Health care
- Worksession to discuss COLA of 2.2%

b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Aderhold reported that Council received presentations on the Kachemak Peatlands Project status and Health Insurance Renewal rates. They had brief discussions on:

- Parcels involved in the Peatlands Project;
 - Funding options
- Resolution 25-046 on the Task Order for Alaska Harbor Consulting LLC.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lord reminded those present and listening that they can read her report on the city website through the following link, <http://www.deskofthehomermayor.substack.com>. She then reported on:

- Traveling to Washington, D.C. for work
 - meeting the new federal lobbyists while there;
- having a milkshake at the Glacier D on the Homer Spit over the weekend with her kids and the work that was done to shore up their building,
- funding for addressing the erosion problems;
- Addressed when and how Council members can submit topics for the agenda or Council consideration.

d. Borough Report

Assembly member Cooper reported the Borough Assembly has started their Budget worksessions with the first Public Hearing scheduled on Tuesday, May 20th with the second one and adoption scheduled for June 3rd. Additional items noted were:

- 2.5% increase in the overall budget
- Mil rate decrease from 4.30 to 3.85%
 - Did not include the Service Area Mil Rates
- Introduced a Land Affordability Ordinance
 - Allows those property owners or potential property owners to participate in the land auctions and receive a 25% decrease off their winning bid and possible funding by the Borough of that land.
 - This would apply to developer/property owner looking to build single family or up to four units on the property

e. ADA Advisory Board Report

Pat Case, Boardmember, reported that the Board reviewed the proposed changes by the City Manager for the Request for Information document and encourage the City Council to adopt that recommendation. He reviewed the time period it took to get to this point and the Board is very excited about the possibilities. Mr. Case then reported that the Board will be submitting their recommendations to amend their Bylaws in June for

Council approval as they would like to add a Student Representative position and already have an interested student and the memorial celebration for Joyanna Geisler will be conducted on May 16th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

f. Planning Commission Report

There was no report provided.

g. Port & Harbor Advisory Commission Report

1. Port & Harbor Property Leases Presentation provided in the packet.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Resolution 25-043, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the City of Homer Fee Schedule to Enact Special Event Fees. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum CC-25-127 from Public Works Director as backup

Memorandum CC-25-141 from City Manager as backup.

Public Comment received.

Mayor Lord opened the public hearing for Resolution 25-043.

Paul Seaton, non-resident, expressed opposition to Resolution 25-043 since it was not clear on who or what type of event or size group the fees would be applicable.

Karin Marks, city resident, commented on fees being charged in the lower 48 and not particularly in opposition of the resolution but stating that clarification was needed on what type of events would this apply to and how it would be applied.

Brad Anderson, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce commented on the work of the Chamber and taking on various promotional events to support the city and if they had to pay a \$1000 fee for the 4th of July or Winter Carnival parades that would be cost prohibitive. He reported fielding several calls from chamber members regarding the proposed fees.

Linda Baily, city resident, expressed her concern on damages to city property but she was opposed to Resolution 25-043 due to vague, conflicting information and that existing code provides certain exemptions and allows fees. She believed that there were two issues to address: whether the city should impose fees on civic and non-profit groups and by extension their ticket purchasers and whether to adopt the resolution and the vague conflicting provisions.

Josephine Ryan, city resident, expressed agreement with previous statements and was opposed to Resolution 25-043.

Shelly Gill, non-resident, expressed opposition to Resolution 25-043 believing it was uneven application of the fees and expressed concern on how those fees would be applied to public property such as the Seafarers Memorial or the Pavilions that are on the Spit for groups or people holding political, conservation demonstrations or protest against some issue. She noted that WKFL Park was given to the city to have a space for people to share wisdom, knowledge and love.

Mike Kennedy, city resident, expressed opposition to Resolution 25-043 noting the restrictions to political speech and clarification needed on the application to those demonstrations or gatherings and recounted a time in his younger days of being arrested for selling newspapers on the street.

Kate Finn, city resident, expressed opposition to Resolution 25-043, supporting the previous sentiments expressed and if there was something that the people could do to ensure a safer demonstration that the public was willing to work with the city and learn such things as de-escalation and work diligently to keep people off the sidewalks.

Karen Murdock, non-resident, read her comments in opposition of Resolution 25-043 noting that they were included in the Supplemental Packet expressing concerns on who would pay the proposed fees for closing a road and putting up a deposit believing that these fees could affect the events that are held in Homer which brings people to Homer and benefits the businesses.

Sunrise Kilcher, non-resident, expressed comments on increased costs and protecting what is public to keep it public as things are becoming more privatized.

Larry Slone, city resident, express comments on previous comments by Mr. Kennedy and believed to matter comes down to what is more important to the community, constitutional rights and privileges versus inconvenience to the city and having to pay a few hundred dollars to clean up. He continued stating that there is a balance and a price to be paid, nothing comes free and the more he thinks about what was stated he concurs.

It was determined that there was a motion before the Council to Adopt Resolution 25-043 made at the April 28, 2025 regular meeting and it was postponed to this meeting for public hearing.

Motion on the table: ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-043 BY READING OF THE TITLE ONLY.

Mayor Lord called for discussion.

VENUTI/DAVIS MOVED TO REFER RESOLUTION 25-043 TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Discussion ensued on the following points:

- value that the Commission could provide for clarification
- enforcement issues
- referenced the recommendations from the City Manager regarding postponement or voting down this resolution and working with staff on review of city code and the proposed fees.
- This resolution is not aligned with the community as presented as proven by the public comment provided.

Mayor Lord requested the Clerk to perform a roll call vote on the referral.

VOTE. (Referral) NO. PARSONS, ADERHOLD, DAVIS, HANSEN, ERICKSON, VENUTI

Motion failed.

Main motion before Council: MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-043 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Further discussion facilitated by the Mayor focused on the following:

- Clarification on the special event code
- Proposed fees were not directed specifically at WKFL park or political demonstrations
- Review of Soldotna, Kenai, and Seward fees
 - Those cities have major infrastructure that is available specifically for events
- City participation in the Winter Carnival and 4th of July parades

City Council expressed their appreciation for the comments provided by the public.

Mayor Lord confirming that there was no further discussion by Councilmember requested the Clerk to perform a roll call vote.

VOTE. NO. ADERHOLD, DAVIS, HANSEN, ERICKSON, VENUTI, PARSONS.

Motion failed.

Mayor Lord called for a 10-minute recess at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 8:10 p.m.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 25-38, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 for the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Port/Harbor Fund and Internal Service Funds. City Manager. Introduction May 12, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Mayor Lord introduced Ordinance 25-38 by reading of the title and requested a motion.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 25-38 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Mayor Lord facilitated discussion on the following:

- Having two public hearings for the budget since there are still items in limbo.
- Clarification that City Code only required one but previous budgets have had two
 - Council can introduce the ordinance, hold the public hearing and postpone to the June 9th meeting for Second Reading and Public Hearing

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 25-39, 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 Hearing and Second Reading Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Mayor Lord introduced Ordinance 25-39 by reading of the title and requested a motion.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 25-39 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Discussion on the following ensued:

- Many items in flux and best to have two public hearings
- Council should forward budget amendments to the City Manager for the May 27th meeting

- this would allow the public and staff enough time for review and comment
- Preference to have separate meetings on the Operating Budget and Capital Budget
 - Possible Capital Budget does not have a hard deadline date
 - Can have additional meetings
 - Operating Budget must be adopted no later than June 20, 2025 according to city code.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 25-36, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 21.10.030 to Amend the Homer City Zoning Map to Rezone a Portion of the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District to General Commercial 1 (GC1) Zoning District at 3145 Lampert Lane. Planning Commission. Introduction May 12, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading May 27, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-128 from City Planner as backup

Councilmember Aderhold pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to ordinances item c.

Mayor Lord introduced Ordinance 25-36 by reading of the title and requested a motion.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO INTRODUCED ORDINANCE 25-36 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- comments brought forth by the public regarding legal access to Lampert Lane
- assurance that notification was sent to neighboring property owners in accordance with city code
- Review of action by the City Planner with clarification on the split zoning, the road easement was platted, just not built, same owner for both parcels
- City does not have legal authority to require the road be constructed before granting the zoning change and it is not provided in existing code
- Hesitation to rezone a rural residential lot

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Jacobsen noted her report was in the packet and would be happy to answer questions. She additionally facilitated discussion on the following:

- HERC Meeting on May 20, 2025 at the Homer Public Library
 - Public Works recently reconstructed a bridge over the waterway, putting in a new culvert on the west side of the large HERC building providing a safe access point
- Neighborhood meeting scheduled on May 14, 2025 for the Ohlson Lane W Bunnell Avenue Project
 - Public Works did distribute door hangers on property owners in Old Town
 - East Road Services started mobilization on May 12, 2025 moving their site office to the location near the Catholic Church

- Will provide an update on the status of the Highland Avenue Culvert Project for the May 27th meeting
- Received feedback from Council and input from the City Attorney on the Request for Proposal regarding the Fire Department.
 - She is working on it and will provide status update to Council
 - They reviewed other RFP's that were issued by Fire Departments and they were more refined than what she had initially prepared.

b. Monthly FY25 3rd Quarter Report

Councilmember Aderhold questioned the water and sewer rates noting that the sewer revenues were lower than the water and that has been shown in the last few reports.

City Manager Jacobsen reported that Finance Director and she were looking into that matter.

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum CC-25-123 from ADA Coordinator re: ADA Advisory Board Approved Draft Request for Information.

Memorandum CC-25-140 from City Manager re: ADA Request for Information

Mayor Lord introduced the item by reading of the title.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO BRING MEMORANDUM CC-25-123 AND MEMORANDUM CC-25-140 TO THE TABLE FOR DISCUSSION.

Discussion by Council facilitated by Mayor Lord ensued on the following points:

- Concerns on giving a green light to this effort with all the city's budget concerns
 - Funding for Harbor Expansion and Float Replacement projects
 - Expending time and energy looking into a project that is not feasible
 - Expectations of doing the project
- If they put one of the lift system in one area of the harbor and will they be required to put additional lift systems in other areas
 - Will offering this service or access require offering means to get people into the boat
- The liability to the city
- What are the ADA regulations on providing access to the Harbor and floats, etc.
- There is no monetary requirement and the ask is seeking possible options
 - There may not be any options available
 - They may not receive any responses, but they tried.
- Communication has been that the members of the board need permission of the Council to seek recommendations or possible solutions
- Amended and revised RFI is clear that there is no funding and looking for ideas or concepts
- New Float system replacement may be able to incorporate a suitable ramp with the appropriate slope that is covered.
- May receive conceptual designs or ideas that are out of the ballpark or definitely a possibility
 - Exploration is a good idea and to provide accessibility for not only those with mobility issues but parents with small children in strollers, toddlers, etc.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEMORANDUM CC-25-140.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 25-049, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Establishing a Community Recreation Building Non-Endowed Field of Interest Fund with the Homer Foundation and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. Erickson.

Memorandum CC-25-134 from Councilmember Erickson as backup

Mayor Lord introduced the item by reading of the title and request a motion.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-049 BY READING OF TITLE.

Discussion ensued facilitated by the Mayor on points pertaining to the following:

- support of establishing the fund
- best interest of the community to allow fundraising or donations
- Facility engineering will be an allowed expense

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 25-050, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Directing City Staff to Collaborate with KBBI Public Radio to Facilitate the Annual Concert on the Lawn Fundraiser at Karen Hornaday Park, Addressing Logistical Needs and Minimizing the Impact on City Owned Baseball Fields. Davis/Venuti.

Memorandum CC-25-135 from Councilmember Davis as backup

Mayor Lord introduced the item by reading of the title and request a motion.

DAVIS/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-050 BY READING OF TITLE.

Councilmember Davis reported being approached by a member of the community and they expressed frustration working with city employees.

City Council discussed the following:

- Support for the event and the difficulty of access
- like the spirit of the resolution but noted that access is also directed to those of all ages.
- Council's job and the ability to direct the City Manager
 - City Manager handles the day to day operations of the City.
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DAVIS/ERICKSON MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION 25-050 TO CHANGE CITY STAFF FOR CITY MANAGER WHEREVER IT WAS WRITTEN.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

City Manager Jacobsen reported the results from the event in 2023 and 2024 with the Concert on the Lawn and the Renaissance Fair and noted that the Little League organization has an agreement with the city regarding those fields and have priority of use.

Further comments expressed regarding performing a walk through inspection after each event and the resolution did not depict an outcome.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- g. Resolution 25-047, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Loan Agreement with the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation under its Alaska Drinking Water Fund Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$491,400 to Finance the Ohlson Lane West Bunnell Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum CC-25-132 from Public Works Director as backup

Resolution 25-047(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement Required by the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation under its Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program in Connection with a Fully Forgiven Loan in an Amount Not to Exceed \$491,400 to Assist in Financing the Ohlson Lane and West Bunnell Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Mayor Lord introduced the item by reading of the title and request a motion.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-047 BY READING OF TITLE.

Mayor Lord requested a motion to substitute.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 25-047 WITH RESOLUTION 25-047(S) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 25-047(S) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY UNTIL SUCH A TIME THAT DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED FROM STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- h. Resolution 25-048, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Loan Funds from the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation under its Alaska Clean Water Fund Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$324,000 to Finance the Ohlson Lane West Bunnell Avenue Water and Stormwater Drain Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum CC-25-133 from Public Works Director as backup

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Mayor Lord introduced the item by reading of the title and requested a motion.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-048 BY READING OF TITLE.

Mayor Lord requested a motion to substitute.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 25-048 WITH RESOLUTION 25-048(S) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Paul Seaton, non-resident, expressed comments on Resolution 25-043 and read a summarized version of legislation that was applicable to political demonstrations at public parks, streets, roads, sidewalks and city owned airports.

Pat Case, city resident, expressed his appreciation for Council approving the RFI for the Harbor Accessibility and addressed the comments expressed by Council regarding the expense of accessibility that would impact the city and vehemently stating it was the city's responsibility and he was dismayed that organizations always focused on that issue.

Mike Kennedy, city resident, expressed his appreciation for Council action on Resolution 25-043 and his dismay at requiring permits which harkens back to the 1960's and the Civil Rights era.

Mike Swoboda, City employee and Vice Chair of the Employee Committee, encouraged Council to include the increase for the Health Care Renewal in the budget, expressing his understanding for the difficult decisions but stated that employees are struggling and additional increases will have employees wonder if they can continue living in Homer.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti commented noting the rights of the city to regulate city facilities.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Krause commented on the vacancies for student representatives for the Library Advisory Board, Port & Harbor Commission and Economic Development Commission and a vacancy on the ADA Advisory Board.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jacobsen expressed appreciation for the public comments shared tonight and reported that the draft operating and capital budgets are available on the website under the Finance Dept.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Lord expressed the difficulties one may have in maintaining the proper procedures to keep the meeting to the agenda topics and expressed apologies to Mr. Kennedy for interrupting him during his comments. She then acknowledged that the school year will be ending next week.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Hansen expressed her appreciation of many items on the agenda and you never know where they will take you in the discussions.

Councilmember Erickson announced the memorial service for a member of the Smokey Bay Air, loss of Roberta Highland having served with her on the planning commission, and expressed appreciation for the hard work of Dan Kort and Chad Felice for all the work at Jack Gist Park and the recent events there with the Girls softball teams and Dr. Bell.

Councilmember Aderhold reported her experience participating in the Walk Ability conference in Anchorage, and working on an action plan for the selected City of Kenai to improve mobility around Kenai, and she is looking forward to bringing those techniques to Homer.

Councilmember Parsons announced the memorial service for Joyanna Geisler.

Councilmember Venuti expressed her appreciation for the Proclamations. She then noted the Harbor Fest Event with wooden boat making and the Safe Kids Fair. She expressed appreciation for the public coming and providing comments and recalled the women in black.

Councilmember Davis had no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lord adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. A Worksession at 4:00 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, MMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:_____