

Session 21-23 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on September 13, 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: COUNCILMEMBERS ADERHOLD, DAVIS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER HANSEN CAVASOS (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE
DEPUTY CITY CLERK TUSSEY
PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
CITY PLANNER ABOUD
DEPUTY CITY PLANNER ENGBRETSSEN
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON
LIBRARY DIRECTOR BERRY
RECREATION MANAGER ILLG
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL
IT MANAGER POOLOS
COMPTROLLER DELUMEAU

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

Mayor Castner noted the supplemental packet item **NEW BUSINESS** Memorandum 21-153 from City Clerk re: Motions filed by Appellant Frank Griswold related to the Appeal of CUP20-15 and Zoning Permit 1020-782 Public comment received.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO APPROVE 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

Janie Leask, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 21-58 and Resolution 21-059 in regards to having a Multi-use facility noting the value of having a community recreation facility to provide social connectedness, and the past work that was conducted on a community recreation

including ways the facility could pay for itself by increased user fees and expanded use of the facility. She further expressed her fear of the city demolishing the current facility and not having concrete plans in place for a new community recreational facility.

RECONSIDERATION

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

- a. Homer City Council Unapproved Special Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2021, August 23, 2021 and August 30, 2021 and Regular Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2021. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 21-151 from Mayor re: Student Representative Appointments to the Library Advisory Board; Parks, Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission and the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission. Recommend approval.
- c. Ordinance 21-52, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$147,900 from the Port and Harbor Reserves for the Purpose of Float Repair. City Manager/Port Director. Introduction September 13, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 27, 2021

Memorandum 21-154 from Port Director as backup.

- d. Ordinance 21-53, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Chapter 10.04, General Port and Harbor Provisions to Add Section 10.04.105, Use of Port and Harbor Dumpsters, Amending Homer City Code 1.16.040, Fine Schedule, and Funding Relevant Signage. Aderhold. Introduction September 13, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 27, 2021.

Memorandum 21-155 from City Manager as backup.

- e. Ordinance 21-54, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2022 Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$60,000 from the General Fund Fund Balance for the Purpose of Supporting COVID-19 Mitigation and Response. City Manager. Introduction September 13, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 27, 2021

Memorandum 21-156 from City Manager as backup

- f. Ordinance 21-55, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Accepting American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to the General Fund as Revenue Replacement. City Manager/Finance Director. Introduction September 13, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 27, 2021

Memorandum 21-157 from Finance Director as backup

- g. Ordinance 21-56, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a New Legislative Grant for the Approved Re-Appropriation of Remaining Funds from Previous Grant #15-DC-061 in the Amount of \$35,234.19 for the Purpose of Harbor Fire Cart Replacement and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Introduction September 13, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 27, 2021
- h. Ordinance 21-57, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Conveyance of 601 Square Feet of City Property, Kenai Peninsula Borough Parcel ID# 17302201, for an Easement to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facility AKDOT/PF to Support Sterling Highway Improvements and Accepting \$1,000 as Just Compensation for Acquisition of the Easement. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction September 13, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 27, 2021

Memorandum 21-158 from Public Works Director as backup

- i. Resolution 21-058, A Resolution of the City council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the City fee Schedule under Camping, City Clerk's, Homer Police Department, Planning and Zoning and Public Works Fees. City Clerk. Recommend approval.

Memorandum 21- 160 from Deputy City Clerk II as backup.

- j. Resolution 21-060, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding Pier One Theatre a 5 year Lease with No Options for Renewal, a Portion of Tract 1-A, Fishing Hole Sub. No. 2, with an Annual Base rent of \$1.00 and Authorizing the City Manager to Move Forward with Lease Negotiations and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend approval.

Memorandum 21-162 from Port Director as backup

- k. Resolution 21-061, A Resolution of City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving Amendment One to the Employment Agreement between Robert J Dumouchel II and the City of Homer and Authorizing the Mayor and Personnel Director to Execute the Appropriate Documents. Mayor/City Council. Recommend approval.

Deputy City Clerk Krause read the consent agenda with recommendations.

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

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. COVID-19 Agency Update Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital Director of Public Relations & Marketing and Lorne Carroll, State of Alaska Public Health Nurse III (10 minutes)

Lorne Carroll, State of Alaska Public Health Nurse III, reported on the comparisons to the nation with the number of COVID cases and hospitalizations, deaths related to vaccination and unvaccinated folks for a recent timeframe that's directly related to COVID 19 Delta Variant. He provided a chart showing the percentages, noting the 2% increase from last week case numbers and number of deaths. Mr. Carroll reported that the percentage of positive tests is approximately 9.3% as of September 12, 2021. These numbers are comparable to the nation. He additionally reported that in Alaska there are 210 persons hospitalized with COVID 19 and 33 of those are on ventilators. Currently 21.5% of all hospitalizations are related to COVID 19. The healthcare system is overwhelmed. Mr. Carroll noted that 63% of the residents in Homer are vaccinated and 58% of the Kenai Peninsula and those numbers are inching up. Mr. Carroll responded that those who were infected only gains about 90 days and they are seeing persons who have been infected three times. The vaccinations efforts started in the beginning of the year and it has been found that the immunity wans over time and that makes the communities more susceptible to vaccination and they are seeing more cases now because of the Delta Variant which then leads to higher chances of mutations.

Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) Director of Public Relations & Marketing, reported SPH presented information on the number of tests performed were 983 with 109 positive results. This results in 11% positivity rate. There were 27 outpatient monoclonal antibody infusions up 5 from the previous week. There were nine patients in the emergency room which typically they see 115-120 visits. She reported that there has been a steady number of hospitalizations 4 per week and they gave out 81 vaccines last week. In the last few days Mr. Ferraro reported that they performed 242 tests which resulted in 26 positive results and gave 35 vaccines. Long Term Care is open but restricted to designated visitors by appointment. The testing Clinic on Bartlett remains open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for vaccines and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for testing. Tuesdays and Fridays they have all three vaccines available and every other day they offer the third dose to those who are immune compromised. She reported that they expect to perform boosters soon. Ms. Ferraro then noted that the hospital has construction happening to add negative pressure rooms. This is not adding additional rooms but making more rooms negative pressure and they are expanding into the back area of the COVID testing and vaccine clinic so they are doing some remodeling for the monoclonal infusions. She then commented briefly on the mandates issued by the White House on vaccinations required for health care workers and this will affect hospital, in her last report this just affected nursing home workers but now it applies to all who work in the health industry. She noted that there was a request by the Governor for assistance with staff for hospitals, increase in shipments of monoclonal antibody treatments, expanding to allow pharmacists to administer those, South Peninsula Hospital has 53 vacancies. South Peninsula is not a hospital that patients would be

transferred to, she stated that the hospitals that were shown as closed on the materials that Mr. Carroll presented those hospitals are working hard collectively to find the right level of care for the patients. As far as the capacity of South Peninsula they have not run out of beds, they have just been short staffed and is based on the level of care that the patient requires. She acknowledged that there seem to be longer stays but did not have specific information related to the length of stays. Ms. Ferraro commented that the contact tracing is a hybrid model and persons are encouraged to conduct their own contacting. The information from the State is a little behind in updating the numbers.

b. Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District, Tim Dillon, Executive Director

Mr. Dillon provided information and a presentation on the services and work that the KPEDD provides. He conveyed information on how the KPEDD operates, facilities they own and the various districts around the state and the nation. The KPEDD provides services to persons who are looking to start a business, add to a business or sell a business. They also assist in workforce development. Over the last year KPEDD has developed a comprehensive economic development strategy. They perform this every five years with annual adjustments. This is a tool to use for financial goals that the city may have, such as a grant or large project. KPEDD's overarching theme is quality of life and they concentrate on five major areas to promote: Technology and Communication – Expand broadband access across the Borough; Workforce and Human Capital – Industry partnerships and vo-tech to attract, retain and train a qualified workforce; Infrastructure and Land Use – Industry focused infrastructure and resiliency in transportation, infrastructure, mitigation and responsible use of lands; Business Climate and Entrepreneurship – Outreach, education and information sharing with government support of businesses; and Regional Partnerships - Coordinate with industries, municipalities, communities and non-profits. Mr. Dillon then showed a short video promoting the KPEDD and MEP Manufacturing Solutions services. This video will be showing on the Alaska channel in Anchorage and Girdwood to target those persons going through Anchorage for the businesses and visitors to whet their appetite to come to the Peninsula. He then announced the Education/Career Fair on September 21st in Soldotna and the Industry Outlook Forum on January 6, 2022. This event is expected to be available in a hybrid format, online and in person.

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

a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported on the Committee of the Whole where Council discussed Memorandum 21-152 regarding the Letter to the Community on COVID mitigation, and discussion with Tim Dillon on his presentation along with input from Karin Marks, Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Commission on economic development and ETA grant funding possibility for a new multi-use facility.

b. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner reported that he is working with Mr. Dillon and others around the state on the concept of tightening up port connections, loosely referring to the project as the Seabelt and accessing the KPEDD as their connection point. He also commented on his appointment of three student representatives

c. Borough Report

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member Lane Chesley reported on two upcoming matters before the assembly: one to approve the purchase of Dr. Boling's building on Pioneer Avenue and changes at the Solid Waste Transfer Facility. He noted that he is still in discussions with the Solid Waste Director on keeping Sunday hours of operation year round.

d. Library Advisory Board

Kate Finn, Boardmember, provided a report on the Library Advisory Board (LAB) and Friends of the Homer Library are collaborating on a user friendly, consistent policy for both sets of donors as both donor funds are managed through the Homer Foundation. The LAB also took a broad overlook of the city budget process; the ongoing issue of filling vacant positions on the LAB for both regular board members and student representatives; the self-checkout stations are operational and there are three locations within the library; a new print management software is being installed that will allow Library patrons to queue up their print job from anywhere not inside the Library and then be able to come in and print it out. Ms. Finn reminded everyone about the Book and Plant Sale on September 23-24, 2021 and the upcoming solicitation for the Rotating Art Exhibit which the RFP will be issued shortly for art to be displayed starting in January 2022. She then noted the availability of continuing classes on Technology every first and third Saturdays.

e. Planning Commission

A written Planning Commission Report for September 1, 2021 was provided in the packet.

f. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Crisi Matthews, Commissioner noted that she provided a written report for the packet but wanted to highlight the following: the end cap float repairs are being done, there have been a large number of boats coming to the harbor, up to 750 per day in July and encouraged the Council and Mayor to continue to work on the Harbor expansion project and keeping it high priority, finally they have received and reviewed the Spit Parking Study and from that the July revenue from 2020 was \$7500 and this July was \$23,000 so they are looking at doing another pay parking lot to bring further revenue in to the enterprise and they are looking at different ways to bring more revenue to support the maintenance of the harbor and make it fiscally sound so that when it is forwarded we intend to show that we can maintain what infrastructure we already have before expansion.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 21-50, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 2.58 Boards and Commissions Regarding Teleconferencing, Attendance, Vacancies, Recording Clerk, Staff Reports and Recommendations, and Rules of Order. City Clerk. Introduction August 23, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 13, 2021

Memorandum 21-145 from City Clerk as backup

Ordinance 21-50(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 2.58 Boards and Commissions Regarding Teleconferencing, Attendance, Vacancies, Recording Clerk, Staff Reports and Recommendations, and Rules of Order **and 2.72.040 Planning Commission Terms of Commission Members**. City Clerk.

Memorandum 21-163 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-50 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 21-50(S) FOR ORDINANCE 21-50.

Councilmember Lord thanked the Commissions for all the input they provided and the Clerks for incorporating that into the substitute.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner asked if there was any further discussion on the motion as amended.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADD THE WORD “OR” AFTER THE SEMI-COLON ON LINE 103.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADD THE WORD “OR” AFTER THE SEMI-COLON ON LINE 199

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk Tussey provided clarification, in response to Councilmember Aderhold’s question, that Section 2, Lines 93 – 107 addressed the Commissions and Board and Section 3 referred to the Planning Commission since they are separated in Homer City Code.

Deputy City Clerk Krause provided clarification that the ordinance did not address standing committees indicating that there would be no restrictions to the ADA Compliance Committee to participate by teleconference in response to Councilmember Aderhold.

Mayor Castner commented that he worked with City Clerk Jacobsen on expanding and allowing teleconferencing for all the advisory bodies and getting them all on the same page and this includes participation by Zoom too.

Deputy City Clerk Tussey provided additional clarification for Councilmember Aderhold, noting that in section 2 item “d”, line 146, it does state that while “in person” is the preferred method of attendance, teleconference can be for good cause and that it includes but is not limited to, absences required for work related events, family emergencies, medical events or other good cause and the Clerk’s Office feels strongly that a global pandemic is good cause. While section 2 item, “g” does not apply at this time under emergency declaration order, we can operate under section 2, item “d” of the code.

VOTE. (Main as amended). NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 21-51, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Chapters 6.16 Fee for Police Protection Services, 8.08 Itinerant Merchant, 8.11 Mobile Food Vendors, 11.20 Streets, Sidewalks, Driveway Construction, 13.12 Earthwork, 18.28 Tidelands, 19.08 Campgrounds, and 19.12 Excavation of Homer Spit Beach to Remove Fees and Replace with Reference to the City of Homer Fee Schedule, and Strike Outdated Language. City Clerk. Introduction August 23, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 13, 2021

Memorandum 21-146 from City Clerk as backup

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-51 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 21-58, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY2022 Capital budget by Appropriating \$75,000 from the HERC CARMA Fund for Professional Services for a Public Process and Feasibility Study of a New Multi-Use Center. City Manager. Introduction September 13, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 27, 2021

Memorandum 21-159 from City Manager as backup

Mayor Castner introduced Ordinance 21-58 by reading of the title.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 21-58 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

A brief discussion on the council discussion on the ordinance during the Committee of the Whole elicited support from Council, and appreciation was expressed for the presentation from Tim Dillon and public comments received and that past comments will be honored and maintained and there will be a transparent process.

Mayor Castner noted that the Council will be having a Worksession on this and he would appreciate seeing a timeline, reminding everyone of the previous studies and information that was gathered on the HERC

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel reported that the launch of the City Newsletter was a success and extended his appreciation for Executive Administrative Assistant Drais for her championing that project. He encouraged signing up on the city website or contacting Ms. Drais to get added to the list. Included as an attachment is the first issue of the newsletter. He then reported that earlier

Monday, September 13th he participated, along with City Planner Abboud, in a strategic planning meeting with the Kenai Peninsula Homelessness Coalition and they will be meeting again in two weeks. He then spoke to the graph reflecting taxable sales within the city during the second quarter of 2021; it really shows the impact of the pandemic year and the strength of the comeback with an increase of \$1,000,000.

City Manager Dumouchel facilitated brief questions and answers on amending the budget to accommodate for reserve needs stating that he would like to wait until end of the year beginning of 2022 to get the information from the Borough before making any changes. He then noted that if the trend is followed with regard to the sales tax revenues, they will be way beyond the forecasted amounts for the fiscal year. City Manager Dumouchel then acknowledged the time frame for mid-year budget review with the changes in the fiscal year and a biennial budget, this would fall at the beginning of the year now. He responded to Mayor Castner that they should be receiving the 2020 Audit soon. City Manager Dumouchel reported that the Mass Casualty Emergency Response Drill was conducted and organized by the Department of Transportation and that event is required on a specific timeline but due to COVID there was a delay in performing the exercise. He noted that there were a lot of agencies involved but there were several called away due to various emergencies during that time period and Guardian came in with a helicopter at that time.

Councilmember Aderhold expressed her appreciation for the safety training that the Police Department provided to City staff and encouraged other City departments to get the same training. She then noted that homelessness issue has been on her mind and is glad to see the city is involved in trying to address it from a municipal standpoint.

Councilmember Smith requested information on the city protocol for a homeless person occupying public space.

City Manager Dumouchel was requesting Chief Robl to attend the next Committee of the Whole to speak to the Council regarding traffic and he can add that subject to his list to address.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 21-152 from Councilmember Aderhold re: Letter to the Community regarding COVID 19 Mitigation Measures

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM 21-152 AND DISTRIBUTE THE COUNCIL'S LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND THE LETTER TO REMOVE THE WORDS "CONSIDER GETTING" AND REPLACE WITH THE WORD "GET" ON LINE 14; ADD THE PHRASE "OR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVICE" ON LINE 16; REPLACE HOMER CITY COUNCIL WITH "KEN

CASTNER, MAYOR” AND ADD A SIGNATURE LINE ON LINE 26; ADD THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS COVID RISK ANALYSIS AND CITY OF HOMER MITIGATIONS STANDARDS ON LINE 29.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion of adding a phone number that the public can call for additional information noting that they discontinued the COVID Call-in Line and removed staff from those duties. It was noted that City Manager’s Office could be tasked to field these calls.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND THE LETTER TO REFLECT THE CITY MANAGERS OFFICE CONTACT PHONE AND EXTENSION OF 2222.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Memorandum 21-153 from City Clerk re: Motions Filed by Appellant Frank Griswold related to the Appeal of CUP20-15 and Zoning Permit 1020-782

Mayor Castner introduced the Memorandum and requested a motion.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO POSTPONE MEMORANDUM 21-153 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED WHEN THE COUNCIL CAN CONVENE AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER.

Discussion ensued on determining a date to meet as the Board of Adjustment. Council established Monday, September 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. for a Special Meeting after confirming that proper notice of the meeting could be met.

Council additionally scheduled a Worksession on HERC Campus Redevelopment –Foundations and Futures on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to follow the Special Meeting.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO A DATE CERTAIN OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M.

There was no further discussion.

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

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 21-59, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Adopting the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan and Establishing Capital Project Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023. Mayor/City Council.

Memorandum 21-161 from Special Projects and Communications Coordinator as backup

Mayor Castner introduced the item and requested a motion.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-59 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REMOVE THE TRUCK LOADING FACILITY UPGRADES AT FISH DOCK, BEACH ACCESS FROM MAIN STREET, JACK GIST PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 3 AND KAREN HORNADAY PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 4 PROJECTS FROM THE CIP.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CITY OF HOMER PROJECTS: BEN WALTERS LANE SIDEWALK, HOMER SPIT CAMPGROUND RENOVATIONS, SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM FOR WEST SIDE OF HOMER HARBOR AND THE STEEL GRID REPAIR PROJECT IN THE MID-RANGE SECTION OF THE 2022-2027 CIP.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATE OF ALASKA PROJECTS: EAST HILL ROAD BIKE PATH, WEST HILL ROAD BIKE PATH AND HOMER SPIT EROSION MITIGATION PROJECTS AND THE SPARC FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROJECTS INTO THE OTHER ORGANIZATION SECTION OF THE 2022-2027 CIP.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE CITY COUNCIL'S PRIORITIZED LIST OF FIVE LEGISLATIVE REQUEST PROJECTS AS:

1. PORT OF HOMER NEW LARGE VESSEL HARBOR
2. MULTI-USE COMMUNITY CENTER
3. SLOPE STABILITY PROJECT
4. HOMER BARGE MOORING AND LARGE VESSEL HAUL OUT FACILITY
5. HOMER SPIT COASTAL EROSION MITIGATION

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ESTABLISH THAT THE TOP TWO PROJECTS OF THAT LIST PORT OF HOMER NEW LARGE VESSEL HARBOR AND MULTI-USE COMMUNITY CENTER AS THE CITY'S FEDERAL PRIORITY PROJECTS.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on selection of projects for the prioritized listing and while projects may not have been selected they are still included in the plan and they may receive funding from other sources.

VOTE. (Main as Amended) NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

Deputy City Clerk Krause thanked the Mayor and Council and apologized for overlooking the motions required for the adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner commented on plowing through the agenda without a break.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Lord commented that it feels like fall and appreciated the continued effort to meeting using this platform.

Councilmember Venuti thanked Mayor Castner for the student appointments to the Commissions and hearing their names and thinking about them as future leaders for their community or whatever community they choose to live in because of their experience in Homer. She announced the upcoming Candidate Forum on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Land's End, limited seating and will be broadcast live on KBBI and the Chamber's website, [www. HomerAlaska.org](http://www.HomerAlaska.org). There are five candidate running for Council. She then advocated for getting vaccinated by visiting their doctor or SVT where they offer a sliding scale, if you have questions go to your local health center; wearing masks at all times and keeping our social distance. We need to get over this before the holidays. She expressed her appreciation of the efforts of the IT department, the cameras never picked up the City Manager or Councilmember Smith but the sound was wonderful and this meeting was the smoothest by far. She expressed her appreciation for everyone and enjoy the fall weather.

Councilmember Aderhold commented that there was one additional opportunity to hear the Candidates, there will be a Coffee Table program by KBBI at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 and the Homer News will be having profiles and Question and Answers of the Candidates in upcoming editions of the paper. Fall is definitely here, it's wonderful I love the smell of fall and we are nearing the equinox and that means it's getting darker. She cautioned everyone to watch out for the kids and pedestrians and bicyclists that will be out in the dark, encouraged drivers to please use their headlights and keep aware of pedestrians and cyclists, noting some of them may be children.

Councilmember Davis commented that this has been exciting after all the hard work over the years that has gone into the planning and thinking about the HERC that there is another possibility of federal funds to actually do something about it and he expressed that he was happy to be able to be a small part of it and appreciated the City Manager's willingness to jump right in and go full steam ahead on the possibility, since timing will be of the essence.

Councilmember Smith commented regarding government usually is not so nimble that this was really very refreshing to actually proceed in a somewhat expedited way on this project. He then expressed his frustration having had one child home for one week due to close contact and his other child is on her second round and school has only been open for five weeks so he was relieved that the school district and even Homer came around and understood that because of the mitigation plans there will be some type of continuity to keep the kids in school. He hates wearing masks but understands it plays a part in helping keep things moving. He then reminded everyone that absentee voting begins soon and people can even vote by mail so you really don't have to wait until October 5th to file in City Hall. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote and make their voice heard. Councilmember Smith then commented on the September 11th anniversary and how it affected his family and the country's involvement in foreign lands and the unintended consequences that come from that and that it was really sobering. He expressed how grateful he was to live in a great country but acknowledged that it sometimes comes with some baggage that they do not consider at the time. The inhumanity that exists in some groups to justify their actions is far reaching and he hopes that one can look inward and consider what we are willing to do individually that might have unintentional consequences and to just reconsider how one proceeds through life. He stated that he did not want to end on a gloomy note but there are some horrific things that happened in this world and it is sad.

Mayor Castner issued a reminder regarding the Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20th and that would be a public meeting followed by the Worksession at 5:00 p.m. on the HERC and Ordinance 21-58. He then noted that the IT Manager has stated that if a speaker would like to have the camera find them they will need to pull their masks down when speaking. That will allow those attending by Zoom to see who is speaking.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, September 27, 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 and via Zoom webinar.

Renee Krause
Renee Krause, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: Sept. 27, 2021