

Session 22-06 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on March 29, 2022 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, ERICKSON, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON
CITY PLANNER ABOUD
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
DEPUTY CITY PLANNER & SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR ENGBRETSSEN
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ANALYST SULCZYNSKI
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 the following supplemental items- **Consent Agenda** Memorandum 22-046 from Deputy City Clerk Re: Liquor License Renewals for Odin Mead and Grace Ridge Brewing. Non-objection notice for Odin Mead from Kenai Peninsula Borough Clerk's Office; Ordinance 22-18(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$461,446 from the Homer Accelerated Water and Sewer Program (HAWSP) Fund to Finance the Cost of the Bunnell Ave/Charles Way Water and Sewer Special Assessment Districts. City Manager/Public Works Director, and updated Financial Supplement. **Visitors** Climate Action Internship with the City of Homer Public Works Department - Catherine Barrie (10 minutes) **City Manager's Report** Letter from Homer Foundation Re: City of Homer Grants Program 2022; **Audience Comments** Written public comments from Doug VanPatten re: Parking on the Spit.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 22-045 from Mayor Castner Re: Reappointment of Kate Finn & Marcia Kuszmaul to the Library Advisory Board, Jay Cherok & Deborah Brown to the Economic

Development Advisory Commission, and Appointment of Bruce Friend to the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission. Recommend approval.

- c. Memorandum 22-046 from Deputy City Clerk Re: Liquor License Renewals for Odin Mead and Grace Ridge Brewing. Recommend approval.
- d. Ordinance 22-16, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$30,000 from the Fishing Lagoon Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund for the Purpose of Funding the Development of an Engineered Concept and Cost Estimate for an Accessible Fishing Platform at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates Introduction March 29, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading April 11, 2022.

Memorandum 22-047 from Public Works Director as backup.

- e. Ordinance 22-17, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Section 21.03.040 Definitions used in Zoning Code under “Dwelling” or “Dwelling Unit”, to Exclude the Use of Connex Boxes or other Similar Intermodal Shipping Containers. Planning Commission. Recommended dates Introduction March 29, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 11, 2022.

Memorandum 22-048 from City Planner as backup.

Moved to Ordinances. Aderhold.

- f. Ordinance 22-18, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$943,858 from the Homer Accelerated Water and Sewer Program (HAWSP) Fund to Finance the Cost of the Bunnell Ave/Charles Way Water and Sewer Special Assessment Districts. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates Introduction March 29, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 11, 2022.

Memorandum 22-049 from Public Works Director as backup.

Moved to Ordinances. Aderhold.

- g. Ordinance 22-19, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$ 56,450 from the Port Reserves Fund for the Purpose of Engaging R&M Consultants’ Grant Assistance and Engineering Support Teams to Develop and Submit a 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant Application for Homer Harbor’s Float Replacement

Project. Erickson/Port. Recommended dates Introduction March 29, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading April 11, 2022.

Memorandum 22-050 from Port Director as backup.

Memorandum 22-051 from Port & Harbor Advisory Commission as backup.

- h. Resolution 22-021, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving and Accepting a Donation for the City of Homer Municipal Art Collection from Alaska Artist Deland Anderson Entitled "Seven". City Clerk/PARCAC. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-054 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

Moved to Resolutions. Aderhold.

- i. Resolution 22-022, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving and Accepting a Donation from the Bunnell Street Arts Center of a Two Part Mural by Alaskan Artist Kim McNett Inspired by the Peatland Project to be Placed on the Exterior of the Homer Airport on each side of the Entrance Door. City Clerk/PARCAC. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-055 from Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC) as backup.

Moved to Resolutions. Aderhold.

- j. Resolution 22-023, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Acknowledging the Sufficiency of the Bunnell Avenue/Charles Way Water and Sewer Special Assessment Districts and Approving the Improvement Plan, Estimated Cost of Improvements, and Assessment Methodology, and Superseding Resolution 22-017(A). City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-056 from City Clerk as backup.

- k. Resolution 22-024, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska in Support of State of Alaska House Bill 54 Establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game. Aderhold. Recommend adoption.

- l. Resolution 22-025, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Supporting Alaska House Bill 25 and Encouraging Automatic Registration for Vessels Active in the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) Database. Lord. Recommend adoption.

- m. Resolution 22-026, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving an Eleven Month Sublease at the Homer Airport Terminal for Kenai Aviation Operations

LLC, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director.

Memorandum 22-026 from Port & Harbor Advisory Commission as backup.

Items e. and f. moved to Ordinances items b and c. Aderhold

Items h. and i. moved to Resolutions items b. and c. Aderhold

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda and recommendations.

ADERHOLD/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. 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 reported on daily confirmed cases worldwide and in the United States, COVID hospitalizations in Alaska by age group, and reviewed the Omicron variants prevalence in Alaska. He reviewed the CDC Dashboard's Community Levels by County and how to use the information provided. He also touched on statewide hospital capacity, and information on outpatient treatment, and COVID vaccination boosters.

Derotha Ferraro reported that South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) care and services are open as normal with masking required. Week ending March 22 had five emergency room visits for COVID, two new hospitalizations, 377 tests, 41 positive, six infusions, and 14 vaccines. The weekly numbers are posted on the SPH website. They're waiting for recommendations regarding second booster shot rollouts. The preferred treatment right now is the oral antiviral Paxlovid, available by prescription, then monoclonal antibody infusion.

- b. Climate Action Internship with the City of Homer Public Works Department - Catherine Barrie (10 minutes)

Catherine Barrie presented on projects she's working on through the Semester by the Bay Program as an intern with the Public Works Department. The projects include work on the

Homer Climate Action Plan Progress Report, Environmental Resource Directory, Interpretive Trail Signage, Homer Climate Champions Facebook page and community outreach initiative, and the 2022 American Climate Leadership Summit.

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

a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Aderhold reported Council discussed Ordinance 22-16 regarding ADA improvement planning at the fishing lagoon, Resolutions 22-021 and 22-022 regarding art donations, and Ordinance 22-17 regarding eliminating the use of connexes as dwellings. They also had an update on the HERC/Pioneer Avenue Redevelopment Project.

b. Worksession Report

City Manager Dumouchel reported Council heard a legislative update from Representative Sarah Vance, and lobbyist update from the city's lobbyists Christine Hess and Reggie Joule with J&H Consulting.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner reported there is a lot going on at the Council level and at the staff level. He's going to attempt to have some reporting from departments periodically at the Council meetings.

d. Borough Report

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member Lane Chesley reported Mayor Castner and Public Works Director Keiser will be attending the KPB Lands Committee meeting to present Homer's Green Infrastructure Plan. It will be a lead in to their discussion on disposal of KPB land on Kachemak Drive that were removed from last year's land disposal sale. They have an ordinance to make a permanent hire at Homer's transfer facility to have one full time lead landfill operator, three full time laborer operators, and one temporary laborer. KPB has contracted with a company to acquire new imagery and footprint data across the borough. Under terms of the contract KBP is allowed to share the geographic data with cities in the borough.

e. Library Advisory Board

Library Advisory Boardmember Michael McKinney reported at their last meeting the board addressed revisions to Facility Use Policy, and proposed updating copy fees. They received information about checkout data and increases up to COVID and how numbers are coming back up. They also discussed the Planned Giving Program, and he reported there is new furniture in the Children's Room.

f. Planning Commission

Planning Commissioner Syverine Bentz reported on the Commissions discussion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update at their last meeting.

g. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner Ingrid Harrald reported on the HERC/Pioneer Avenue Revitalization public events. At the last Commission meeting they had a presentation on the Peatlands mural proposed for the airport and recommended approval for that art along with the donation from Deland Anderson. They reviewed the amendments to the mural policy and recommend approval of that as well. They heard from staff on the draft Non-Motorized Transportation and Trails Plan update, ADA upgrades the KHLT Park and the fishing lagoon. She also noted work being done on agreements with groups using the ball fields, and conversations regarding green cemeteries prompted by resident Barb Seaman.

h. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Chair Crisi Matthews reported at their last meeting the Commission had a budget worksession and a lease modification. They request support from Council in the adopting Ordinance 22-19 and hiring R&M Consultants to assist with grant preparation for float repair. They reviewed updates to the parking study that show increasing paid parking will be profitable for the harbor, and the Commission will continue to address parking needs and will be making requests to Council for support. She touched on funding for the Port and Harbor expansion project and the Commission will continue to focus on keeping the projects momentum in the forefront.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 22-13, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Chapter 21.57 Large Retail and Wholesale Stores, Eliminating Maximum Parking Requirement. Planning Commission. Introduction March 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading March 29, 2022.

Memorandum 22-038 from City Planner as backup.

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

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-13 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 22-14, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Chapter 5.24 Fireworks, Repealing Chapter 19.02 Large Special Events and Reenacting Chapter 5.46 Special Events, and Amending Section 1.16.040, Disposition of Scheduled Offences-Fine Schedule. Venuti/Hansen-Cavasos. Introduction March 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading March 29, 2022.

Memorandum 22-039 from City Manager as backup.

Memorandum 22-040 from Deputy City Planner & Special Projects Coordinator as backup.

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

HANSEN-CAVASOS/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-14 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 22-15, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Chapter 8.11 Mobile Food Service. Venuti/Hansen-Cavasos. Introduction March 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading March 29, 2022.

Ordinance 22-15(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Chapter 8.11 Mobile Food Service. Venuti/Hansen-Cavasos.

Memorandum 22-041 from City Manager as backup.

Memorandum 22-040 from Deputy City Planner & Special Projects Coordinator

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Karin Marks, city resident, commented in support of the changes related to mobile food trucks and suggested they should be required to have a State Business Licenses to keep them on par with the brick and mortar businesses.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.
VENUTI/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-15 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

VENUTI/ADERHOLD MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 22-15(S) FOR 22-15.

There was no discussion on the motion to substitute.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VENUTI/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND LINE 212 TO CHANGE THE WORDS SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE TO MAY BE FINED.

In response to questions about changing shall to may City Manager Dumochel explained using “may” provides him the desecration in instances where a fine may not be warranted, and a warning may be more appropriate.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO READ MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FINE.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (secondary amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion on the amendment as amended.

VOTE (primary amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There were comment from councilmembers in support of including a requirement for a state business licenses, in addition to the other requirements. City Manager Dumouchel noted his primary concern for the city regarding licensing is that they have their Alaska Department of Environmental Health Mobile Food Service Permit.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND LINE 101 AFTER GENERAL PUBLIC, ADD STATE OF ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE, AND ON LINE 102 CHANGE DEPARTMENT TO DIVISION.

There were comments that this addresses the public comment and the concern was also demonstrated in the feedback from the Commissions, in helping to ensure people are being held to the same standards.

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.

Mayor Castner called for a brief recess at 7:34 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 22-20, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22/23 Operating Budget to Provide for Necessary Mid-Biennium Budget Amendments. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction March 29, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 11, 2022.

Memorandum 22-052 from City Manager as backup.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 22-20 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

City Manager Dumouchel reviewed the points in Memorandum 22-052 and responded to questions from Council.

Councilmembers were generally supportive of the amendments and understanding of the need for additional staffing but some shared concerns about adding staff positions and being able to sustain them after so many years of tight budgets.

Mayor Castner shared that he's felt the administrative capacity has been lacking to accomplish the big projects we want to get done. He thinks the City Manager has done well in recognizing our deficiencies and working to address them. He supports all of the amendments because he thinks it's the way Homer grows, and we're in a position now to do it fairly painlessly.

There was also discussion regarding the administrative fee relief. City Manager Dumochel explained that organizationally we're doing well and this is an opportunity to give relief to

other departments. It's not proposed as a permanent change, it's something that's been suggested before, and Council can bring it back when they feel it's appropriate.

VOTE (introduction): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

- b. Ordinance 22-17, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Section 21.03.040 Definitions used in Zoning Code under "Dwelling" or "Dwelling Unit", to Exclude the Use of Connex Boxes or other Similar Intermodal Shipping Containers. Planning Commission. Recommended dates Introduction March 29, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 11, 2022.

Memorandum 22-048 from City Planner as backup.

ADERHOLD/ERICKSON MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 22-17 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Council expressed their appreciation of the Planning Commission's work regarding this ordinance and it was noted that the Commission's vote was 4 to 3 to recommend it to Council.

Councilmember Davis explained connexes are being improved into livings spaces in ways people are finding acceptable and shared some photos supporting that. He believes they need to think carefully about completely banning all uses of all containers in Homer. He also noted their discussion at their visioning sessions related to introducing building codes for Homer so he's not sure it makes sense to rush forward with an ordinance addressing this one aspect of building in Homer.

Councilmember Erickson concurred and shared examples of connexes that have been converted into temporary housing for employees in Seward and explained how that could be beneficial in Homer for our seasonal workers.

Councilmember Lord shared that she doesn't feel this is an appropriate change to code to single out one type of building material when, as the City Planner has said, you could build a home out of milk crates. The concerns addressed by the Commission in their minutes, including health and safety and aesthetics, need to be addressed holistically and aren't unique to a connex or any particular structure, this is where building code comes in.

Councilmember Aderhold doesn't agree with this ordinance for the reasons that have been stated and questioned the impacts of introducing.

Mayor Castner suggested that if Council wants to address this in a holistic way, then it would be better to dispense with the motion now, and bring forward something more holistic. There were comments in agreement.

VOTE: NO: VENUTI, ERICKSON, ADERHOLD, LORD, DAVIS, HANSEN-CAVASOS

Motion failed.

- c. Ordinance 22-18, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$943,858 from the Homer Accelerated Water and Sewer Program (HAWSP) Fund to Finance the Cost of the Bunnell Ave/Charles Way Water and Sewer Special Assessment Districts. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates Introduction March 29, 2022, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 11, 2022.

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ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 22-18 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 22-18(S) FOR 22-18.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (substitution): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

City Manager Dumouchel explained the original ordinance was a miscommunication and we are not looking at financing the entire project through HAWSP, but want to get the City's share squared away.

VOTE (introduction): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel reviewed items in his written report and responded to questions from Council.

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 21-073, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Updating the City of Homer Gift, Donation, and Art Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines to add a section on Murals, and Amend Language and Processes.

Memorandum 22-053 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-073 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND LINE 245 OF THE POLICY TO READ MURAL POLICY AND DELETE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES; LINE 253 REMOVE THE COLON AFTER PURPOSE; LINE 259 ADD THE WORD POLICY.

Councilmember Aderhold explained that with the changes proposed in this draft it doesn't seem like guidelines and procedures anymore, and is policy.

Councilmember Lord supports the changes to the mural policy from the last draft, and these changes also.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Erickson commented a question she hears when people don't appreciate or like murals that have been done is how do we get rid of them.

There was brief discussion about the deaccession process in the policy.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 22-027, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the City of Homer Fee Schedule Under City Clerks, Homer Police Department, Library, and Planning and Zoning. City Clerk.

Memorandum 22-039 from City Manager as backup.

Memorandum 22-041 from City Manager as backup.

Memorandum 22-058 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-027 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 22-021, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving and Accepting a Donation for the City of Homer Municipal Art Collection from Alaska Artist Deland Anderson Entitled "Seven". City Clerk/PARCAC.

Memorandum 22-054 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-021 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND LINE 8: STRIKE THE "A" BEFORE THE WORD "DONATION" AND ADD AN "S" TO THE WORD "DONATION" TO MAKE IT PLURAL; LINE 10: ADD THE WORDS SAMURAI AND PLEIADES TO CORRECT THE TITLES OF THE ARTWORK; LINE 16: ADD THE WORDS SAMURAI AND PLEIADES TO CORRECTLY EXPRESS THE TITLES OF THE ARTWORK BEING DONATED; LINE 17: ADD AN "S" TO THE WORD PIECE TO MAKE IT PLURAL; LINE 28: ADD THE WORDS SAMURAI AND PLEIADES TO CORRECTLY EXPRESS THE TITLES OF THE ARTWORK BEING DONATED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Councilmember Aderhold thanked Deland Anderson for his donation to the City's art collection.

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

Motion carried.

- i. Resolution 22-022, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving and Accepting a Donation from the Bunnell Street Arts Center of a Two Part Mural by Alaskan Artist Kim McNett Inspired by the Peatland Project to be Placed on the Exterior of the Homer Airport on each side of the Entrance Door. City Clerk/PARCAC. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-055 from Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC) as backup.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-022 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND IT TO READ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER ALASKA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE BUNNELL STREET ART CENTER OF A TWO PART MURAL BY ALASKAN ARTIST KIM MCNETT INSPIRED BY THE PEATLAND PROJECT TO BE AT THE HOMER AIRPORT AT A PLACE TO BE DETERMINED.

Councilmember Erickson shared doesn't necessarily agree that the outside of the airport doors is the best place for this mural, it may be better inside where people can take time to look at it. We often have inclement weather or people are rushing in and out of the doors, which would keep people from taking time to look at the work. Once the mural is completed she would like them to have the opportunity to place it where they think it would be most appropriate and not be restricted to the one location.

Councilmember Aderhold noted the piece is being designed to be outside and to withstand the weather.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ERICKSON/LORD MOVED TO AMEND LINE 30 THAT THE MURAL SITE IS TO BE DETERMINED, AND LINE 41 AFTER PEATLAND PROJECT ADD A PERIOD AND DELETE THE REST.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was brief discussion and confirmation from Public Works Director Keiser that the city will have ownership of the artwork. In retaining rights, the artist would like to be able to use pieces the image for derivative works, postcards, tote bags, etc.

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

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Mike Illg, city resident, commented regarding the recent event by the Friends of the Homer Library about African American Army Battalions who played a crucial role in constructing the Alcan Highway. He also recognized Dan Miotke who is retiring from the Fire Department.

Wayne Aderhold, city resident, commented regarding the KBBI 10 year poster that has an image of him and his daughter, that the artist was Susan Phillips Cushing.

Sue Mauger commented regarding the maximum parking space ordinance and encouraged considering the slow drip of change that ends up getting you far from what your vision is. She noted existing parking lots along the Sterling Highway and our vision of having a walkable community, but yet you can't cross the road. She encouraged looking for opportunities for creativity in developing parking lots and getting us closer to our climate action goals.

Karin Marks, city resident, shared her appreciation for their discussion at Committee of the Whole about challenges with being up to speed with what the Commissions are doing. She reminded them in the past the Economic Development Advisory Commission had a Councilmember assigned and that was very beneficial for the group and for Council. They may want to consider doing that with all commissions.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen announced advisory body openings, she'll work with her office staff for steps to keep Councilmembers abreast of the Commissions work, and voter registration deadline for the June 11th special election is May 15th.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel announced current job openings at the City.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner reported about the importance of Commission reports to Council. He shared about his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce retreat and addressed the support for local businesses, and the importance of the Coast Guard and their vessel inspection team to our economy.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos said she hopes to be in person at their next meeting and wished everyone a good evening.

Councilmember Lord had no comments.

Councilmember Venuti shared her appreciation for Commission reports. They met with Representative Vance at their worksession who said there are three local DOT positions open. She also shared her appreciation for the COVID updates are great, it hasn't gone away, so be safe.

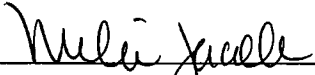
Councilmember Erickson shared Lorne Carroll shared with her the symptoms of the BA-2 variant are the same as the other, broad range from asymptomatic too cold like, flu like and worse, and generally less severe than Delta. She shared about recently attending the Mat-Su sportsman show and it was amazing the people there sharing that they want to get out of town. It's going to be a busy summer.

Councilmember Davis had no comments.

Councilmember Aderhold reminded listeners we just passed the anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. She encouraged checking out Kenai Peninsula Votes through the library's webpage and their discussions and the Coalition for a Healthy Democracy is having a learning session about Ranked Choice Voting. It's becoming spring like outside so keep an eye out for pedestrians and cyclists.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, April 11, 2022 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: April 11, 2022