

Session 21-15 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on June 14, 2021 by Mayor Ken Castner at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** COUNCILMEMBER ADERHOLD, EVENSEN HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

**STAFF:** CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL  
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN  
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER  
CITY PLANNER ABBOUD  
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING  
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI

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

Mayor Castner announced the supplemental items- Public Hearings: Ordinance 21-29, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending HCC 2.08.030 to Designate Seats for Council Members Elected at Large from within the Boundaries of the City, and HCC 4.35.020 Votes Required to Amend the Percentages of Votes Required to be Elected. Smith/Hansen-Cavasos. Memorandum 21-094 changed to number 21-103 to correct a duplication, and written public comments Resolutions: Resolution 21-045, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Acknowledging the Sufficiency of the Tasmania Court Sewer Improvement Special Assessment District, Approving the Improvement Plan and Estimated Cost of Improvement and Assessment Methodology, Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a Loan from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Fund to Finance the Project, and Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Bishop Engineering for the Design of the Sewer Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Memorandum 21-104 from City Clerk as backup.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Castner announced and congratulated the winners of the Homer Steps Up contest. The City of Homer won the large team category and Harbor School of Music won the small team category.

**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 Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2021. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 21-088 from Mayor Castner re: Appointment of Richard Chiappone to the Planning Commission and Ian Pitzman to the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 21-089 from City Clerk Re: Travel Authorization for Mayor Castner and Councilmember Aderhold to Attend the AML Summer Legislative Conference on August 4-6, 2021 in Fairbanks Alaska. Recommend approval.
- d. Memorandum 21-090 from City Clerk Re: Approval of Filing Roadway Dedication for a Portion of Easy Street between City Owned Parcels. Recommend approval.
- e. Ordinance 21-33, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Chapter 7.20 Snowmachines to include All-Purpose Vehicles. Aderhold. Recommended dates Introduction June 14, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading June 28, 2021.

Memorandum 21-091 from City Manager as backup

- f. Ordinance 21-34, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of \$287,692 from the Homer Accelerated Water and Sewer Program to Complete the Tasmania Court Sewer Improvement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates Introduction June 14, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading June 28, 2021.

Memorandum 21-092 from Public Works Director as backup

- g. Resolution 21-040, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving new one-year Contracts with Premera Blue Cross, VSP, and Prudential with a Renewal Date of August 1, 2021. City Manager. Recommend Adoption.

Memorandum 21-097 from Personnel Director as backup  
Memorandum 21-101 from Employee Committee as backup

- h. Resolution 21-041, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting the Amended Hickerson Memorial Cemetery Policies and Guidelines. City Manager/City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 21-094 from Deputy City Clerk as backup

- i. Resolution 21-042, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing of the City Manager to Apply for a Loan from the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Alaska Drinking Water Fund in an Amount not to exceed \$277,090 to Finance the Costs of the Tasmania Court Water Improvement Project and Superseding the Amount Authorized by Resolution 20-105. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended adoption.

Memorandum 21-098 from Public Works Director as backup.

- j. Resolution 21-043, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving and Accepting the Donation from the Family of Anesha "Duffy" Murnane for a Park Bench to Memorialize Duffy and all the Missing Women and Children. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 21-099 from City Clerk as backup

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda its recommendations.

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

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

### **VISITORS**

- a. Niniichik Traditional Council's Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program, Kathleen Totemoff (10 minutes)

Kathleen Totemoff, MAT Project Director, presented on available services, assistive technologies, and financial assistance for the Medical Assisted Treatment Program for opioid addiction. She explained the assistive technologies which include a Bridge Device that will be available soon for opioid withdrawal and Soberlink for remote breath alcohol content

monitoring that is available now. They are free to patients for a limited time. She also explained Cognitive Behavioral Therapy where a therapist works with a client to modify thought patterns in order to change moods and behaviors, SMART or Self Management and Recovery Training, direct observation therapy, and reSET and reset-O programs. Financial assistance may be available to help cover cost of recovery services and for transportation to connect patients with higher level of care. To schedule an appointment or for more information call the Ninilchik office at 907-567-3970 or 9070-567-3370 and in Homer 907-420-7268.

b. Unified Command Report (20 minutes)

City of Homer Public Information Officer Jenny Carroll reported about Alaska’s Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ann Zink and Commissioner of Health and Social Services Adam Crum visit for part of the Sleeve’s Up for Summer Campaign and to support vaccination outreach on the Kenai Peninsula. In addition to promoting the program they shared they’re looking forward to leverage their new found relations with the local healthcare leaders as the state transitions from response to recovery. Regarding vaccinations, 54% of Alaskans 12 and older have received at least one dose and 48% have been fully vaccinated. The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) is at a 41% vaccination rate. The state is working to be able to breakout numbers by community, but they aren’t there yet. As vaccination rates increase, COVID cases are decreasing. Nationally, cases have dropped 33% over the last week. In Alaska 226 cases were reported last week, a 13% decrease from the week prior. The Southern Kenai Peninsula has had four cases reported over the past two weeks. Statewide we’re at low alert level with 3.47 cases per 100,000 and KPB is at 3 cases per 100,000, so we’re seeing an impact of vaccinations on case rates. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> when vaccinations became available 98% COVID 19 hospitalizations in Alaska have been among people who are unvaccinated. Local vaccination opportunities are pop up events on the Spit every Thursday through June, and vaccinations for age 2-11 may be as soon as October. South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) is reporting they’ve administered approximately 166 tests. Testing is down because case rates are lower, and lighting up of protocol for pre-procedure testing as more people are vaccinated.

Homer Fire Chief Mark Kirko reported the Emergency Operations Center is relatively slow outside of supporting the vaccination efforts. Regarding fire safety he reported the Kenai Peninsula is under a burn suspension. Conditions aren’t suitable for open burning.

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

a. Special Meeting Report

Councilmember Lord reported that Council met in executive session with attorneys and staff to discuss Van Zant et al vs City of Homer, and directed them to continue with the pretrial order.

b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council discussed some clarifying points on Memorandum 21-090 and Ordinance 21-33. They discussed Ordinance 21-34 and special assessment debt liability and accounting for the liability within the city's books. The received an overview of health insurance group benefit renewal options, and brief comments regarding the budget document.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner reported the 2020 audit is currently underway. There were negative balances in the 2019 audit that weren't very settled in his mind. He spent some time with the auditors and they are going to pay particular attention to the charts that had negative balances and try and address them in 2020.

d. Sister City Report

Deputy City Clerk Rachel Tussey noted her written report included in the packet. She shared her enthusiasm in serving as the Sister City Coordinator and is looking forward to working toward establishing more consistent exchange programs with our sister cities in Yelizovo, Russia and Teshio, Japan. She's interested in knowing Council's interest in supporting this at a City level, and in researching what other cities have in place for their programs as building blocks for ours.

e. Borough Report

Assembly Member Lane Chesley reported the Homer High School roof project is out to bid and they hope to start construction in mid-July. In their budget that just passed there is the South Peninsula Inert Waste Study that will be about 12 months, and they're looking at a new C and D Facility around Homer for construction material and debris.

f. Planning Commission

i. Planning Commission Report

g. Economic Development Advisory Commission

i. Memorandum from Economic Development Advisory Commission Re: KPEDD Draft CEDS

Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair Karin Marks reported at their June meeting the Commission finalized their review and comments on the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and the memorandum is included in the Council's packet. The final CEDS will be adopted on Thursday. They also heard from the Wayfinding and Streetscape Consultant, Peter Briggs, with CORVUS Design regarding the Discovery Days that happened on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The Commission has been noting what areas will be strategic

goals and in August they'll begin developing them for 2022. Their next meeting will be in August.

h. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner Casey Siekaniec reported the Commission continued discussion on growing their revenue and adequately funding port and harbor reserves. The infrastructure is aging and is in need of repair, particularly system 4. They're working with an engineering firm on the comprehensive spit parking plan in hopes of helping fund some of these accounts. At the last meeting they approved a motion to have the parking around the pavilion be paid parking. They've reviewed and recommended tariff increases, there was interest in a moorage rate increase but they decided to maintain the 3.2% increase approved back in 2015. The Commission supports reducing the admin fees from the city to the port and encourages looking at it as investment to help reach the goal of fully funded reserve account. The Commission also supports Ordinance 21-26 regarding personal watercraft.

i. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

Councilmember Aderhold reported at their last meeting they had a presentation from Deputy City Planner Engebretsen on the Wayfinding and Streetscape Discovery Days and they talked about aspects from an accessibility perspective. They also discussed a new Transition Plan that's being initiated for parks, trails, and campgrounds, the field work that's needed, and prioritizing the parks and trails. They've tentatively decided to start July 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 5 p.m. starting at Bishops Beach Park and Beluga Slough area. If there's time they'll move on to Karen Hornaday Park.

j. Public Works Campus Task Force

Councilmember Venuti reported the Task Force discussed the tsunami inundation and mitigation strategies and the criteria that will be used to evaluate the strategies. They're also preparing to write the report to Council. They'll meet again June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- a. Ordinance 21-29, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending HCC 2.08.030 to Designate Seats for Council Members Elected at Large from within the Boundaries of the City, and HCC 4.35.020 Votes Required to Amend the Percentages of Votes Required to be Elected. Smith/Hansen-Cavasos. Introduction May 24, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 14, 2021.

Memorandum 21-103 from City Clerk as backup

Memorandum 21-080 from Councilmembers as backup

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

LORD/SMITH MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-29 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Smith commented that over the years he's witnessed people advocating for the use of one vote versus two in order to increase the chances of electing someone. When he first ran for council he questioned why he'd cast a vote for anyone else if it's a vote against him. He explained how the current system for voting for two candidates diminishes the percentage it represents in relationship to everyone else on the ballot. He feels a fair vote is one that represents the same percentage in relationship to any other vote that's cast to elect someone. He'd rather encourage people to go to the ballot and use every vote afforded to them and that one vote doesn't negatively or positively affect itself or others, that it stand on its own and speaks for itself in relationship to the seat it being cast to fill for the candidate of their choice. He believes candidates should have some level of choice of who they'll run against when they file for candidacy. He shared an email from former Councilmember Matt Shadle who opposed Ordinance 08-15(S), but now supports the concept of designate seats.

Councilmember Lord shared regarding research she's done and conversations she's had regarding this matter. She doesn't support the ordinance. While she can't say it doesn't happen, as an active citizen and voter, she's never been asked to withhold a vote to influence the outcome of an election. She's not sure the degree to which it's proposed to be happening is the case. She prefers at large voting and feels it affords a great opportunity for all the candidates to come to the table and debate their ideas. Council is a non-partisan body in a divisive community with a lot of hot button issues and she believes the way we currently hold elections allows for a less partisan and less nasty campaign season that more related to the issues at hand in running the city. She noted the 2008 information provided and that former Mayor Wythe's comments enunciated some of thoughts she had on this.

Councilmember Venuti feels this is a good discussion but thinks designated seats will set up some adversarial situations in our town, and Homer isn't large enough to have districts. She thinks the current system promotes diversity, and she's never had anyone ask her to vote once. She doesn't feel there is a problem with the current voting system.

Councilmember Evensen finds the argument for designated seats compelling. In looking at voting statistics it's clear many people vote once. He's in favor of the idea of districts, several members currently live in the heart of the town, and it would be beneficial to have the opinions of others who live in different areas.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos didn't consider it as a source of contention that would cause more strife in the community with designated seats. When she ran there were people she didn't want to run against and would like to have served with, but that wasn't an option. She

envisions that candidates would still be able to debate topics as we do now and she doesn't think it's as negative as others have put it.

Councilmember Aderhold appreciates the comments. In her research it was interesting to learn there are several different ways municipalities can hold elections, and different criteria used to evaluate the performance of a different voting method. No method is perfect, they all have strengths and weaknesses. She questions what the best way forward is and what problem are we trying to resolve and she has a hard time saying under voting is a major problem in the community. Voting for one candidate is allowed and even with designate seats a voter can still vote once. A concern she has about designated seats is it takes things from people who want to run for council and file early to have their name at the top of the list, versus people waiting to see who's going to run for which seat and waiting to file. Another concern is there are times 3 people file to run for two seats, and what happens when one candidate who isn't a popular candidate who runs unopposed for a seat and receives very few votes. That's not addressed in the ordinance. She isn't going to support it, but is interested in the notion of a community group to evaluate the election process to help determine if there's a better voting process for Homer and let the voters decide.

Councilmember Smith rebutted that if one person is a candidate for a seat and choosing not to vote for them doesn't affect the value of another vote. He doesn't think this limits any level of diversity but encourages it by the way people decide who they want to run against. He doesn't agree partisanship is a concern because it's a non-partisan body. Fraud has nothing to do with what he's talking about here, it has to do with people not using votes.

Councilmember Lord added the strategy laid forth in this ordinance feels like a better strategy directed toward candidates than toward voters. If a voter wants to vote for two people who are running for the same seat, that doesn't serve the voter, it takes away an element of choice. We need good candidates, we need people to run for office, we need open debate, and she'd like the ability for the voters to choose the two people they feel will fit the roles best, and she thinks our current system does that.

Mayor Castner shared regarding his efforts to promote the rights of the electorate and the contentiousness of the Mayor's race. When you find someone so objectionable that you don't want them to serve, the only way to get rid of them is to run against them and win. In the current scenario, you can't do that, except in the Mayor's race. He indicated he may vote in the instance of tie.

Councilmember Aderhold reiterated her feeling that it should be a voter generated process. For this to go forward they'd need to address deficiencies in the ordinance and we haven't had that discussion. So she struggles with the Mayor casting a tiebreaking vote on an ordinance that needs some work.



Councilmember Smith doesn't agree this needs to go to another level of review. He read the same materials as others have and this has gone through the same review as other ordinances.

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

Mayor Castner voted no to break the tie. He hopes the Councilmembers who said they'd put this on the ballot follow through.

Motion failed.

Mayor Castner called for a ten minute recess at 7:47 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 7:48 p.m.

- b. Ordinance 21-30, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Transferring Account Allowances within Fund 156 Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance Fund. Mayor/City Manager. Introduction May 24, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading June 14, 2012.

Ordinance 21-30(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Transferring Account Allowances within Fund 156 Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance Fund. Mayor/City Manager.

Memorandum 21-086 from City Manager as backup

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-30 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 21-30(S) FOR 21-30.

At the request of Council, City Manager Dumouchel explained the substitute provides updated dollar amounts that integrate interest income and takes into account projects that were completed. The Planning line item that was added addresses two projects that were connected to Planning CARMA and the amount allocated was short.

VOTE (substitution): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Councilmember Aderhold asked to clarify that with this action Council is zeroing out all these CARMA accounts and it going into the General CARMA account and the Planning CARMA. Then

at some point in the future Council will to come back and address CARMA on a more holistic level and determine what CARMA accounts we need.

City Manager Dumouchel concurred with the exception of a few accounts that are retaining funds because they have open projects, and the HERC, Fishing Hole, and Seawall CARMA funds weren't touched at all.

Councilmember Lord added she appreciates the work that went into this, but Council has to do the follow up work to make sure they're funding reserve projects into the future.

VOTE (main motion): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 21-31(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Removing the Homer Water and Sewer Program Funds from the Special Utility Fund and Creating a new Fund Account **Consistent with Existing Revenue Code and Requiring Quarterly Reporting, and Amending Homer City Code 9.16 Sales Tax Section 9.16.010 Levied.** Mayor. Introduction May 24, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading June 14, 2021

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-31(S) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was brief discussion with Finance Director Walton that the auditors didn't have any comments regarding this action, they said it's a management decision and they didn't see any red flags with it.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND LINE 7 TO ADD THE WORD ACCELERATED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.

- d. Ordinance 21-32, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 for the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, and Internal Service Funds. City Manager. Introduction May 24, 2021, Public Hearing June 14 and 28, Second Reading June 28, 2021.

Memorandum 21-087 from City Manager as backup

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

Mayor Castner noted the list of debt service funds on page 280 and he thinks there are more that aren't listed. He pointed out the HAWSP fund states it takes one sixth of all sales tax but that's not correct, and the police station debt needs to be listed as a debt service fund. There needs to be a thorough accounting of the funds on page 281 and reviewed scenarios related to the police station fund. He's a proponent of reducing the amount of charged overhead to both the port and harbor and the water and sewer fund, both funds need all the dollars they can get.

- e. Resolution 21-038, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Homer Fee Schedule Under City Clerk Fees and Planning and Zoning Fees. City Clerk. Follows Ordinance 21-32.

Resolution 21-038(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Homer Fee Schedule Under **Administration Fees**, City Clerk Fees and Planning and Zoning Fees. City Clerk. Follows Ordinance 21-32.

Memorandum 21-095 from City Clerk as backup

Memorandum 21-083 from City Clerk as backup

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 21-038(S) FOR 21-038.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- f. Resolution 21-039, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Homer Tariff No. 1 under Rule 26-Fish Dock Rates, Rule 35-Upland Storage, and Rule 35-Fish Disposal/Grinding and Fees. City Manager/Port Director. Follows Ordinance 21-32.

Resolution 21-039(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Homer Tariff No. 1 under **Rule 12- Parking** Rule 26-Fish Dock Rates, Rule 35-Upland Storage, and Rule 35-Fish Disposal/Grinding and Fees.

Memorandum 21-096 from City Clerk as backup  
Memorandum 21-084 from City Clerk as backup

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 21-039(S) FOR 21-039.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

- a. Ordinance 21-35, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 4.10.030 Review of Candidate Qualifications, 4.35.040 Certification of Election, 4.45 Election Recount, and 4.50 Election Contest. Aderhold/Smith/Hansen-Cavasos. Introduction June 14, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading June 28, 2021.

Memorandum 21-093 from Councilmembers as backup.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 21-35 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Evensen questioned if this is overstepping in defining what residency and how it relates to state statute.

Councilmember Aderhold reviewed the process that went into developing the ordinance including working with the City Clerk in drafting language and review by the City Attorney, then the sponsors made their final edits.

City Clerk Jacobsen noted the information regarding residency is similar to what's provided for in the Kenia Peninsula Borough Code. She didn't have title 29 in front of her, but will have more information for them at their next meeting.

City Attorney Gatti added he has reviewed the ordinance and briefly addressed residency noting the state doesn't preempt municipal activities unless the statute does so specifically. Title 29 outlines voting criteria.

Councilmember Lord thanked them for the work on this ordinance.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 21-36, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting the Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 Capital Budget. City Manager. Introduction June 14, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading June 28, 2021.

Memorandum 21-101 from City Manager as backup

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 21-36 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Lord appreciates the information provided and it's an improvement from what they've had in the past. In the past they've received the department project sheets and it's the place where Council has the most conversation and amendments in terms of adding or striking items the city manager did or didn't include in the budget. She asked for the backup documentation to assist them in approving the capital budget. She added they also received blank project sheets for council members to use to propose amendments or projects they're interested in.

City Manager Dumochel said he can pull that information together and provide the budget amendment forms.

Councilmember Lord also noted dealing with HERC and the community recreation situation is a big priority for the community and high on their capital projects list. The capital budget is very dynamic as opportunities come and go. When there's something they've placed a high priority on, having the space in the capital budget within the approved budget follows those priorities. She'd like to see it included and she'll bring an amendment at the next meeting.

City Manager Dumouchel explained his reasoning for taking out since there's still a dedicated account with funds available in account 156. He's happy to put it in, he agrees it's something they should be working on.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel touched on the finance related items identified in his report. He also highlighted fundraising efforts by Friend of the Homer Skate Park in cooperation with the Homer Foundation, for new equipment.

Mayor Castner commented regarding the seawall and the amount of accretion on the Renner end, he expects it will continue to grow and hopes Public Works is able to monitor and see if it works its way down the seawall. On the far end it's down to clay and gouging. Public Works Director Keiser responded by explaining monitoring efforts that are going on.

Councilmember Aderhold shared her appreciation with the efforts at the skate park.

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution 21-044, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer Alaska Approving the Amended Community Design Manual. City Manager/City Planner. Recommend Adoption.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-044 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Question was raised regarding the repercussions for not following the Community Design Manual (CDM), and City Planner Abboud explained a lot of the requirements are part of the conditional use permitting (CUP) process and if the CDM requirements aren't followed they can negate the CUP.

VOTE: NON OBJECTIVE: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 21-045, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Acknowledging the Sufficiency of the Tasmania Court Sewer Improvement Special Assessment District, Approving the Improvement Plan and Estimated Cost of Improvement and Assessment Methodology, Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for a Loan from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Clean Water Fund to Finance the Project, and Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Bishop Engineering for the Design of the Sewer Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum 21-100 from Public Works Director as backup

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-045 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Aderhold thanked staff for having another community meeting and explaining the savings property owners will have for water and getting to yes on the sewer. She appreciates the additional information in the supplemental packet.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND THE END OF LINE 57 TO STRIKE WATER AND REPLACE IT WITH SEWER.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Question was raised regarding the sole-source portion of the resolution and it was confirm it's in line with the term contract with Bishop Engineering.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Gatti had no comments.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Jacobsen announced openings on the Library Advisory Board and the ADA Compliance Committee.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Dumouchel had no comments.

**COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Castner commented that between now and the 28<sup>th</sup> he'll be focusing a lot of attention to the details in the budget.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Lord thanked the community members who brought forth bench donation that was approved on the consent agenda for Duffy Murnane and lost women and children. It's beautiful, sad, and also important remembrance and memorial in the community. She thanked the City Manager for the working forward on the skate park, she's excited about the

fundraising success they've had so far. The Pride Parade will be on Saturday as well as Juneteenth celebration.

Councilmember Aderhold commented about the beautiful summer days and it's nice to see people on the streets. She reminded that Homer Shares the Road and for all to be cognizant of each other, there are cars, bikes, and pedestrians trying to share spaces. Please be respectful and remember to stop for pedestrians waiting to cross the street.

Councilmember Venuti shared her appreciation for the councilmembers and for the great discussion tonight. She thanked the newly appointed commission members for stepping up to serve. She went to a couple of the Wayfinding and Streetscape sessions, there was nice discussion and Julie Engebretsen, Jenny Carroll, and Matt Steffy represented the City well. It was a worthwhile time. There's a GoFundMe set up for the memorial park bench and Homer United Methodist Church is accepting donations as well. She shared about friends who got vaccinated and while she was there with them she met Dr. Zink, and encouraged continuing to wash hands, wear masks, and watch your distance.

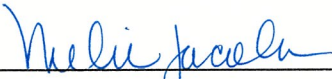
Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos wished everyone a nice evening.

Councilmember Smith remains hopeful they'll get back into chambers before the end of his term.

Councilmember Evensen wished everyone a nice evening.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, June 28, 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.

  
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Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: June 28, 2021