

Session 21-25 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on September 27, 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, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

**STAFF:** CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL  
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN  
PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS  
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER  
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 read the supplemental items to the packet: **CONSENT AGENDA** under Resolution 21-062 awarding an Asset Management Software contract and Resolution 21-063 awarding a Capital Planning Software contract, there email correspondence with AK DEC as backup to both resolutions; **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS** under Mayor's Report is an Anchorage Port Request and there's a written report from the Planning Commission; **PUBLIC HEARINGS** Ordinance 21-59 Appropriating funds for professional services for Professional Services for a Public Process and Feasibility Study of a New Multi-Use Center, Memorandum 21-171 from Deputy City Planner as backup.

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**

Kevin Walker commented in support of Resolution 21-065 He addressed the existing hazardous road conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists on Kachemak Drive, and a plan he's developed for a path to follow outside the fence line around the west end of the airport.

### **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 for September 13, 2021. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 21-165 from Deputy City Clerk Re: Liquor License Transfer for Grace Ridge Brewing. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 21-166 from City Clerk Re: Confirmation of Election Judges for the City of Homer Regular Election October 5, 2021. Recommend approval.
- d. Ordinance 21-59, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Program 2021 Grant from the State of Alaska for \$35,445 and a Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Pass-Through Grant from the Kenai Peninsula Borough in the Amount of \$35,445 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents, and Appropriating the Funds to the Computer Aided Dispatch Capital Project. City Manager. Recommended Dates Introduction September 27, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 11, 2021.
- e. Ordinance 21-60, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY22/23 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$25,000 from the Homer Accelerated Road and Trail (HART) Program - Road Fund for the Development and Implementation of an Integrated Pest Management Plan and Authorizing a Task Order with the Homer Soil and Water Conservation District to Assist with the Work. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended Dates Introduction September 27, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 11, 2021.

Memorandum 21-167 from Public Works Director as backup

- f. Resolution 21-062, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding a Contract to Antero for Asset Management Software for the Public Works Department, Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents, and Dedicating a Portion of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Principal Forgiveness Subsidy to the Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 21-168 from Public Works Director as backup

- g. Resolution 21-063, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding a Contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. for Capital Planning Software for the Public Works Department, Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate

Documents, and Dedicating a Portion of the Alaska Department of the Environmental Conservation Principal Forgiveness Subsidy to the Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 21-169 from Public Works Director as backup

- h. Resolution 21-064, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska in Support of Full Funding of \$11,492,760 for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Grant Program in the FY 2023 State Capital Budget. City Manager/Port Director. Recommend adoption.

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda and 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. 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, shared a brief overview of the new cases dashboard on the COVID-19 Statewide Dashboard, highlighted updated information, and explained how to navigate through the improved dashboard. He provided a copy of his presentation slides. He shared regarding the impacts to hospitals statewide and eligibility for Pfizer boosters.

Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) Public Information Officer reported boosters are available at primary care clinics and the hospital vaccination and testing site on Bartlett Street where appointments are encouraged at this time due to work being done at the site to accommodate the monoclonal antibody infusions at the site. There will be a mass vaccine event for the Pfizer Boosters on October 15<sup>th</sup>, and they'll also have flu shots available. She reviewed testing, vaccination and monoclonal antibody and hospitalizations over the past two weeks. At this time SPH hasn't been faced with decisions regarding rationing care, other than with rescheduling inpatient surgeries. The State requested staffing support through FEMA and will get just over 500 individuals. SPH will get 6 nurses, 5 CNA's and a surgical tech to help staff. Vaccinations aren't mandated for hospital employees, but they anticipate CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) releasing emergency regulations that will require it. She

encourages people with question to reach out to CMS or their legislators since it's a federal guideline that's tied to participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

There was brief discussion about vaccination status for children. They also touched on eligibility and cost for monoclonal antibody infusion, and clarification that monoclonal antibody infusion is not a replacement for the COVID-19 vaccine.

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

a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council discussed Ordinance 21-60 635 regarding invasive species management and talked with Police Chief Robl about increased activity around local drug use, speeding and traffic management, and department staffing.

b. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner noted the letter to the community that was drafted by Councilmember Aderhold, approved by Council and he signed on their behalf, and clarified that it was not his letter, but the Councils.

He explained he received a letter from the Municipality of Alaska this morning that's provided in the supplemental packet that he's been asked to sign on behalf of the City of Homer. It's a letter from the Municipality of Anchorage to US Department of Transportation Secretary Buttigieg in support of funding for repairs at the Port of Anchorage.

There was discussion among Mayor and Council about this \$1.2 billion project. Some expressed concern about possible impacts to funding for Homer's expansion and Harbormaster Hawkins explained he didn't think there would be any. The Port of Anchorage project is to replace their existing facilities with a new ones, not an expansion. He agrees with supporting the letter because the port is critical to us for our supply chain. They also addressed the misuse of funds by Anchorage on prior port improvement projects, the current dire condition of the Port of Alaska, and the significance of the port to communities on the road system and the supply chain it provides.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO SUPPORT THE MAYORS SIGNING ONTO THIS JOINT LETTER CONCERNING THE PORT OF ALASKA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Borough Report
- d. Planning Commission

A written Planning Commission report was provided the supplemental packet.

- e. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair Karin Marks reported on the Wayfinding and Streetscape Planning work being done and they're moving well along the proposed timeline. At their last meeting they had reports from Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District and Alaska Small Business Development Center to help the Commission stay current on related topics and it's helpful for them as they work to set their strategic plan and goals for 2021/2022. They also discussed the proposal for a grant for proceeding on a Multi-Use Community Center to replace the two HERC building.

- f. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission Chair David Lewis reported at their last meeting the Commission continued their work on a Lend a Leash Program in conjunction with the Friends of the Homer Animal Shelter to help address issues with dogs running loose on Bishop's Beach and Mariner Beach. Public Works reported on modified policies on lawn mowing and replacing gas mowers with electric mowers. They reviewed and approved the City's Accession/Deaccession Gift and Donation Policy and Producers for Arts, and discussed city bathroom improvements at Hornaday and Bishops Beach Parks.

- g. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner Cathy Ulmer reported the Commission had a first reading on bylaw amendments and plan to have them to Council in November for approval. They discussed the parking study draft from HDR and had a lot of discussion on right-of-way parking, they will be sending their recommendations to Council soon. They're also planning a worksession with KPEDD to discuss funding for float repair.

- h. Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Director's Written Report

#### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- a. 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.

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-52 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. 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.

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-53 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. 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

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-54 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- d. Ordinance 21-55, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska 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

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-55 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Lord commented in support of the ordinance and said she'd like to see some portion of this allocated into capital reserves that were unfunded in their budget process.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- e. 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

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-56 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Venuti commented on the importance of this to respond when there are fires at the harbor.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- f. 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

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-57 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- g. 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 opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-58 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Aderhold shared her appreciation for last week's worksession on this and the public comments from that meeting. She agrees with the information in the memo that we need to move quicker by requesting a qualification statement and noted there needs to be evaluation criteria and scoring included in the document.

There was brief discussion about the timeline.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT



Motion carried.

## **ORDINANCE(S)**

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

a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel reported on the Fire Fighter 1 class to become a Volunteer Fire Fighter for the City. There's information on the website or folks can call the Fire Department, we need people to join our team.

In response to questions he reported on the location of the half-pipes at the existing Skate Park.

Councilmember Aderhold expressed her apprecaiton for the completion of the ADA parking spaces at the harbor.

Councilmember Lord noted the Planning Commission's written report and asked if there's a role for the Council in the conversation on the concerns with water drainage. She'd like to be kept abreast of what's happening on that front and how to help move it along.

At the request of the Mayor, Public Works Director Keiser commented regarding the tools the city has now for addressing drainage management plans in development but none of it is tied together in a consolidated plan. There's also a gap during the development when clearing is done before ditches are built, culverts are installed, and before building is completed so water doesn't drain properly. It's something they've discovered is causing a problem and Public Works will be working with Planning to address that gap time.

Councilmember Aderhold acknowledged the significance of addressing drainage and how were going to handle water. Another big part of it is trees, which soak up a lot of water and to a lot of good that gets taken away when someone buys a big piece of land and cuts the trees down. It feels like there needs to be some planning related to retaining trees to the extent we can until something is built.

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution 21-065, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Requesting that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, as part of their Kachemak Drive Pavement Preservation Project, Include Accommodations for Non-

Motorized Users, and Evaluate a Future Project to Create Safe and Sustainable Pedestrian Amenities along Kachemak Drive. Smith/Aderhold.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-065 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Aderhold commented if we can keep inching forward with DOT and reminding them we have other types of transportation besides cars and trucks and that we need to provide for non-motorized transportation also.

Councilmember Smith noted normally there's a project nomination process that we were left out of. He doesn't know what to do be more proactive to provide input. He talked to Representative Vance about this long standing problem.

Councilmember Lord appreciates how many pieces the resolution pulls in and the case it makes, and she appreciates Councilmember Smith's comments and his reaching out.

Councilmember Venuti thanked Kevin Walker for his comments earlier and shared about her time on the Transportation Advisory Committee when they discussed this and ideas that developed. She agrees it should be on the city side, not the ocean side.

Public Works Director Keiser interjected about receiving a letter from the state notifying us they're doing a scoping study of the Kachemak Drive Pavement Preservation Project. They're seeking input from the City and we're in the process of preparing comment related to drainage. She thinks this resolution is very timely.

Mayor Castner noted the Lake Street project originally had no cross-walks or west side sidewalks in the design, and we asked poignantly for some solution for pedestrian crossing and that was achieved, so there is some latitude when they go through their budget. He thinks that's encouraging.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 21-066, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting the Water and Sewer Utility Financial Plan and Rate Setting Policies and Utility Financial Plan, Version 2021-01.

Memorandum 21-170 from Public Works Director as backup

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-066 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Mayor Castner expressed his concern of setting precedent in that this projects a lot of money way out into the future and this Council can't bind future Councils by their actions. His

experience has been that once a Council starts moving in a direction it's almost impossible to stop them.

Councilmember Lord expressed her support for this and adopting financial policy around our utility system. We're best served by transparent, written financial policies that provide a framework in which we operate. In a large part they reflect our practices and providing further clarification in terms of what we do and how we want to operate our utility system from a financial perspective. She hopes this and future Councils will make decisions with best guess estimates of the future because that helps us figure out what it is we need. She recognizes this isn't an allocation of funds but enunciated policies. She asked for input from Public Works Director Keiser.

Public Works Director Keiser reviewed that in adopting this policy Council is not approving or establishing future rates, capital improvement projects, or expenses or revenues, those are done through other processes. What they are doing is establishing policies, many that are already being followed, that are articulated so that future Councils and the public can understand how the decisions are made. It's also adopting a model for how to keep track of expenses and revenues for the utility over time.

Councilmember Aderhold shared her support for the resolution and policy. This was a lot of work over the past year and she appreciates the final result. There are several plans in the city that are used to prioritize and determine how move forward on things, and that's what this document does for the water and sewer department. She loves the model because it lays everything out, it's very transparent, and an improvement to how they've looked at rate setting in the past.

Councilmember Smith supports structure and policy in place for making better decisions. It's hard to ignore some of the projections in those numbers and one of the thorns is the administrative fee that's been charged and we've talked a lot about. He thinks the escalators in the model are unreasonable and need to be addressed over time. It costs money to run the utility and he thinks there's some balancing act that's going to have to be done at some point to understand the true effect of having all these in place and what it does to the rate.

Mayor Castner rebutted that these are percentages, not hard numbers, and they fluctuate significantly depending on what the income stream is. When charging 15% for CARMA and 15% for an administrative fee, he questions what good or service is being delivered for that 30% increase in the tariff, then it's taxed 7.85% so the concept of taxing taxes and surcharges is bothersome to him. He believes the cost of water and sewer is going to get very expensive with this program.

Councilmember Lord noted if there's a way to not taxing utilities that would be a proactive policy if they're able to do it. It's a suggestion that could be brought to the table for

consideration. This policy is a tool to have that and other conversations about setting rates and what will happen over time.

Councilmember Davis also supports adoption of this financial plan because it gives structure and transparency to a lot of what we're already doing, and he likes the capital reserves it sets up. In their last discussion on thing that caught his ear was the idea of distributing excess revenues instead of working to spend them.

Mayor Castner clarified he thinks sales tax should be collected on the commodity but not the extra things.

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 reminded listeners that absentee in person voting is ongoing during regular business hours at the City Clerk's office through Election Day. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm on Election Day, and contact the Clerk's office if you have questions about your polling location. She also announced openings on the Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission, Economic Development Advisory Commission, and Library Advisory Board, and a Student Representative opening on the Economic Development Advisory Commission.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Dumouchel announced job openings with the City and directed listeners to the City website for more information.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Castner commented he's going to work with the Clerk to organize the Student Representatives into a get together for an orientation on how to serve on a Commission. He thinks he could do better to help those who have stepped up to participate. He hopes we can find one more to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Commission, these sorts of things look great on a college resume.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Lord encouraged folks to go vote. She said a lot of people have reached out to her about who's on their borough ballot and she recapped the races on the borough ballot for the city and for outside city limits. She encouraged getting vaccinated and thanked those working in healthcare a million times over.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos had no comments.

Councilmember Venuti commented regarding a class at the college by Ed Berg on global climate change that started tonight. The KBC Facebook page has a neat picture of Lee Post's marine skeletal articulation class excavating a beaked whale that's been cooking in a bone box. There are other exiting classes going on at our local college. She appreciates the PARCAC for their work on the Lend a Leash program, she think it sounds like a winner for pet owners and dogs so they're safe when they're around traffic or other people. Local medical staff is available to answer questions about the COVID vaccine, her fear is people think this won't happen to them, but it's very real. Our numbers are still too high to relax, she hopes people will take notice and get vaccinated. She encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Councilmember Aderhold commented there was a lot going on around town September 17<sup>th</sup>, she went to see Brad Hughes' shop and the Loved and Lost Bench he's building in response to the disappearance of Duffy Murnane. It was a privilege to see the work and hear from Sara Berg about each person portrayed on the bench and what they mean to her. She also participated in a working group called the Alaska Municipal Climate Network that started almost 2 years ago as a members of a number of municipalities getting together and talking about how our small municipalities can respond to climate change. They'll be having a session at the upcoming Alaska Municipal League meeting and it will be great to bring the information to AML members and get more communities joining in with the informal group. She attended the Homer Draw Down celebration at the Pratt Museum and encouraged everyone to visit and see the art displays on peatlands. She also commented about the Central Kenai Peninsula League of Women Voters event to watch the documentary Reunited States and then a discussion with the director and author of the book Reunited States. She encouraged watching the film and checking out the discussion on the Central Kenai Peninsula League of Women Voters Facebook page, it's really about the power of listening and opening yourself to changing your own mind.

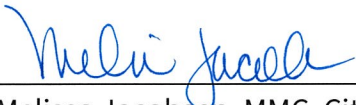
Councilmember Davis also encouraged getting out to vote. He shared that tonight is his last meeting as an appointed councilmember and he wanted to take the opportunity to thank Mayor Castner and all the Council members and staff for their patience, he's learned a lot and it's been exciting.

Councilmember Smith commented voting is part of our civic duty and national pride in understanding what a blessing it is to have a representative republic where we can cast our vote and elect our officials to represent us. He requested the City be more proactive in election signage. He expressed his condolences to the McBride's, their extended family, and friends for

Paul's passing. He participated in the Central Kenai Peninsula League of Women Voters event through an invitation and he thought it was excellent. It reminded him of two films that impacted him when he was younger, first was Twelve Angry Men that talks about diversity of bringing people together and how one person can have a tremendous effect of bringing people to understanding and changing their views, and Awakenings in a sense that when we wake up to the state of who we are and what we take for granted, and truly appreciate what we have in our lives. He shared about his family members and their service which impacted in his willingness to serve.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Next Regular Meeting is Monday, October 11, 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.



Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: October 25, 2021