

Session 21-10, a Regular Meeting of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Steve Zimmerman at 5:02 p.m. on October 27, 2021 in the Cowles Council Chambers, City Hall located at 491 E Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ZIMMERMAN, ZEISET, ULMER, ERICKSON, PITZMAN

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS MATTHEWS, SIEKANIEC, AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE STONOROV (all excused)

STAFF: PORT DIRECTOR/HARBORMASTER HAWKINS
DEPUTY CITY CLERK TUSSEY

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Zimmerman asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

ERICKSON/ULMER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chair Zimmerman asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

ULMER/ERICKSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 22ND REGULAR MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Port & Harbor Staff Report for October 2021

Port Director Hawkins facilitated questions from the commission and spoke to his written staff report, highlighting the following:

- New Port and Harbor radio repeater installed on Skyline Drive and how far out the coverage now goes.
- Moving seasonal hire Jed Gautier from a seasonal Ice Plant position into a full time and advertising for a new Ice Plant Lead Operator in preparation for Burt Gregory's retirement.
- Completion of the fourth fire cart refurbishment; we're able to do the work in-house and received the rest of the funding to do two more over the winter, overall has been about a three year project to get through all seven carts.

Mr. Hawkins gave an update on the Port Expansion Legislative and Funding. He requested that commissioners reach out to their legislative representatives and push for them to support the port expansion project appropriations in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) budget, which is being discussed now at the legislative level. He agreed to share the contact information with the commissioners through the clerk and encouraged them to share that contact info with anyone interested in supporting the project.

B. Homer Marine Trades Association Report

Commissioner Zeiset provided a verbal report. HMTA is still planning to attend the Seattle Fish Expo which has not been cancelled. The association also donated welding rods to the Homer High School welding class after they completely ran out and did not have the funds to buy more.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. PHC Bylaw Amendments
- i. DRAFT PHC Bylaws
 - ii. Current PHC Bylaws – Adopted June 28, 2021

Chair Zimmerman introduced the agenda item by reading the title and deferred to Deputy City Clerk Tussey to begin discussion.

Ms. Tussey explained the only changes made to the bylaw draft from the last meeting were a few organizational edits and facilitated any questions from the commissioner, which there were none.

ZEISET/ERICKSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED PORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION BYLAWS AND RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. PHC 2022 Meeting Schedule
 - i. Reso 21-1xx Approving the 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule

Chair Zimmerman introduced the agenda item by reading the title and opened the floor for discussion.

Deputy City Clerk Tussey pointed out their regular meeting in December is now the second Wednesday per their revised bylaws. Commissioner Ulmer noted it felt right to have no meeting in November and then the earlier one in December.

ULMER/ZEISET MOVED TO MAINTAIN THE SCHEDULE AS-IS AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION BY CITY COUNCIL.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Port & Harbor Monthly Statistical Report for September 2021
- B. Water/Sewer Bills Report for September 2021
- C. Crane & Ice Report
- D. Dock Activity Report
- E. PHC 2021 Meeting Calendar

There was discussion on the number of stall wait list recipients, increased ice sales from last year, the scrapping and disposal of the derelict vessel Hallow Bay, and who will be giving the PHC report at the City Council meeting. Commissioner Pitzman agreed to give the report at the November 8th meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Port Director Hawkins thanked the commission and for the short meeting. He looks forward to seeing everyone next time in person.

Deputy City Clerk Tussey thanked everyone and had no further comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Zeiset commented that it was good to be back after missing a couple meetings.

Commissioner Ulmer voiced how proud she is of the harbor and commended the Port and Harbor staff for all their work.

Commissioner Zimmerman thanked everyone for a record-short meeting.

Commissioners Erickson and Pitzman had no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and is scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.



RACHEL TUSSEY, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK II

Approved: December 8, 2021