

Session 21-28 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on October 25, 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, ERICKSON, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, VENUTI

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS (excused)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING
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 following changes and supplemental items: **CONSENT AGENDA** Homer City Council Unapproved Special Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2021 and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27 and October 11, 2021. City Clerk. Copy of October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; Memorandum 21-176 from Mayor Castner Re: Appointments to the Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission. Copy of Memorandum 21-176 **VISITORS** COVID-19 Agency Update – Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital Public Information Officer and Kenai Peninsula Homeless Coalition Strategic Plan – Tim Navarre **ANNOUNCEMENTS PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS** Planning Commission written report **PUBLIC HEARINGS** Seawall Improvement Special Assessment District Final Assessment Roll - Memorandum 21-192 and revised final assessment roll from Public Works Director, and Written Public Comments and Correspondence; Ordinance 21-62, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Title 9 Taxation-Generally to Enact Section 9.04.044 Annual Tax Levy-Registered Aircraft to Provide for a Flat Tax on Aircraft. Memorandum 21-193 from City Clerk as backup and written public comments; Ordinance 21-63, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Settling the Current and Future Distributions of Income and Debt in the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund. Memorandum 21-191 from City Manager as backup.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Larry Slone commented in support of Resolution 21-077 awarding the contract for the HERC to Stantec. Stantec did a thorough review of the HERC building several years back in expectation of it being utilized as the Public Safety Building. The HERC Task Force used that information as one of their primary sources for determining the physical condition of the building. He feels they would continue to do a professional job.

Chris Newby commented regarding Resolution 21-057(S) and reiterated the request that his property be included in the improvement district. He doesn't understand why it can't be included when the property was included in the Natural Gas Special Assessment District upon their request.

Scott Adams, city resident, commented in disagreement to paying Stantec \$75,000. They should have plans on the foundation and what the area has for material. They were the only people to respond and feels they were heavy handed on the price.

RECONSIDERATION

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

- a. Homer City Council Unapproved Special Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2021 and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27 and October 11, 2021. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 21-176 from Mayor Castner Re: Appointments to the Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 21-177 from Deputy City Clerk Re: Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Sweetgale Wines, LLC and Salty Dawg Saloon. Recommend approval.
- d. Memorandum 21-178 from City Clerk Re: Travel Authorization for Mayor Castner and Councilmembers Aderhold, Lord, and Davis to attend the Alaska Municipal League Annual Local Government Conference in Anchorage, Alaska November 14-18, 2021. Recommend approval.

Moved to New Business item b. Aderhold.

- e. Memorandum 21-184 from City Manager Re: Disposal of Surplus Library Equipment. Recommend approval.
- f. Ordinance 21-64, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Accepting and Appropriating an FY 2021 State Homeland Security Grant in the Amount of \$142,132 for a Bi-Directional Amplifier System for Homer Police Department and Microwave Links for Homer's Repeaters. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction October 25, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 22, 2021.

Memorandum 21-179 from Police Chief as backup

- g. Ordinance 21-65, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget and Appropriating an Additional \$45,000 from the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund for a Total Expenditure of \$120,000 to Replace and Upgrade Departmental Servers across City Departments. City Manager/Library Director. Recommended dates Introduction October 25, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 22, 2021.

Memorandum 21-180 from Library Director as backup

- h. Ordinance 21-66, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Extending the Time Limit to Upgrade and Replace the City's Microwave Wide-Area Network through December 31, 2023. City Manager/Library Director. Recommended dates Introduction October 25, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 22, 2021.

Memorandum 21-181 from Library Director as backup

- i. Resolution 21-074, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving the Homer Public Library Donor Recognition Policy. City Clerk/Library Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 21-182 from Library Director as backup

Item d. moved to New Business item B. Aderhold.

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda and recommendations.

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

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NO OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. COVID Agency Update – Derotha Ferraro South Peninsula Hospital Public Information Officer (10 minutes)

Derotha Ferraro South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) Public Information Officer reported Alaska is still at red alert level and reviewed case counts on the State's COVID-19 Dashboard. She reviewed SPH statistics for the week ending October 19th with five new COVID admissions, seven emergency room visits, and 24 monoclonal antibody infusions. Testing positivity rate has hovered between 8 and 10% since August, but over the weekend it jumped to 14%. She highlighted the emergency relief traveler that have been welcomed to the hospital seven CNA's and seven nurses. She reported on upcoming

vaccine booster events and groups eligible to receive boosters, and anyone who needs transportation to the event can call 235-0235 to help get that set up. Ms. Ferraro reported the FD/ meets tomorrow to review Pfizer vaccination for children 5 to 11 years old, it's the first of four steps. The Health Fair ends November 5th and this Friday there will be a pop up test and vaccine event in Anchor Point.

b. Kenai Peninsula Homeless Coalition Strategic Plan – Tim Navarre (10 minutes)

Tim Navarre and Leslie Rohr reported on the Coalition's strategic plan framework. They addressed the estimated homeless population for the Kenai Peninsula, a breakdown of reasons for homelessness by percentage, and announced upcoming community discussions throughout the Peninsula scheduled for November 15th through 18th. Additional information is available at www.kenaipeninsulahomeless.org

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

a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council discussed Ordinance 21-63 regarding the natural gas fund.

b. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner implored everyone to have late fall patience and tolerance with the Safeway parking lot. This isn't a decision made by local management, parking lot decisions are made by people far away. They wished they had gotten their wetlands permit earlier so they could have finished the new parking lot first, but they had to put in their new amenities while it's still warm enough for concrete to setup. It doesn't pay anyone to get angry at our friends and neighbors who work at Safeway in our town, they had nothing to do with it. The City of Homer wasn't making them to do it. Safeway expanded their parking lot so they had to come into compliance.

c. Borough Report

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member Lane Chesley reported he and Assembly Member Cox are introducing an ordinance to provide code amendments regarding the Borough Planning Commission membership and apportionment.

d. Planning Commission

Planning Commission Chair Scott Smith reported on the items in his written report that were included in the Council packet.

e. Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDC)

EDC Chair Karin Marks reported they should be finalizing their Strategic Goals and Plan at their November meeting and will be sharing them with Council, along with accomplishments related to their current plans and goals. They are continuing work on the Wayfinding and Streetscape Plan and

are very serious about the plan reflecting the feel of Homer and making it work for all. Kenai Peninsula Center Director for the Alaska Small Business Development Center Cliff Cochran reported on the Homer Business Advisor Funding and the EDC plans to send their recommendations to Council after their November meeting. Mrs. Marks also reported briefly as the Homer Representative to KPEDD and provided an update on their ongoing work.

f. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC)

PARCAC Commissioner Robert Archibald reported the Commission heard from Dr. Marley who continues to propose the City purchase of his property along the Sterling Highway for park land. They also heard from Kachemak City Mayor Bill Fry who gave an update on their park improvements, and from Barb Seaman who presented about Green Cemeteries. He commented on business they're working on including the Lend a Leash Program, a possible in-kind donation for the Kachemak City Park project, and Dr. Marley's proposal.

g. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

h. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

Councilmember Aderhold reported on the Committee's work reviewing data and photographs from their park and campground site visits that were conducted by various members of the Committee, PARCAC, and City Staff and prioritizing areas for accessibility improvements to bring them into ADA compliance over time. Their prioritization is 1. Karen Hornaday Park and Campground, 2. Bayview Park, 3. Bishops Beach Park, 4. Mariner Park, 5. Fishing Hole Campground, 6. Jack Gist Park, 7. Ben Walters Park, 8. WKFL Park. They're also planning to invite the Seafarers Memorial Park Committee to a future meeting to talk about ADA considerations for that area. She was happy to report it's their first time as a full committee in over a year and they have some talented new members.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

a. Seawall Improvement Special Assessment District Final Assessment Roll

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Chris Newby, property owner in the district, commented that the lineal feet calculations of the assessments may be in error, and he doesn't fully understand how the quantities are calculated and finalized, so he'd like a good explanation on that. He addressed other concerns that other neighbors have expressed is maintenance costs, and projected performance of the wall as sand is building up and a major weakness in a structure like that is overtopping.

Pat Irwin, property owner in the district, echo's Mr. Newby's comments, particularly related to the lineal feet calculations.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

At request of the Mayor, Public Works Director Keiser commented there are discrepancies related to of city right of way that will be corrected. She also explained the property owners may be noticing the platted width of their lots is not the same as the linear footage of wall frontage. That's because the platted width is in a straight line and the linear footage of armor rock revetment in front of their property is at an angle and therefore is longer. The quantity was computed by having a surveyor at the project regularly taking a survey before rock was placed; also surveying during the work because that's how the construction contractor was paid for the volume of rock; and then a final survey at the end to determine the final quantity of rock placed. Regarding maintenance, the marine engineer who designed the facility visited the revetment when it was done, and some of the property owners were there as well, he climbed around the rock and said it was exactly what he had in mind. They anticipated the sand building up in the summer and anticipate some the sand buildup will wash away with the winter tides and storms. He was happy with the way the wall is holding up so far, some rocks had slid off so East Road Services came out and plucked the rocks off the beach and placed them back into niches in the wall. The design engineer expected that would happen and that we'd need to provide maintenance once before the winter storms and once after, and they've done it once in the summer and again today. The cost is nominal at approximately \$1200 the first time and today it took about half a day, so should be slightly less. It's anticipated that over time the rocks will settle in and find their place and this will happen less often. This isn't warranty work, the rock wall was built as per spec, the wall is acting as the design engineer expected it to, and what we're seeing out there is normal. She'll adjust the roll to account for the 30 feet and adjustments to projected assessments. She noted they'd also be going into the maintenance service district assessment roll and adjusting it to do this twice a year maintenance work.

She also commented regarding the letter from the Renner's that was included. She explained we feels our computation of the amount we were able to document and should be credited to them is reasonable and sound. However it is a policy decision for the Council to make on how much of a credit they're willing to provide. At one time Council agreed to a higher amount as a possible credit, but we were unable to document that, however if Council feels it has benefit for the overall greater good we'd support that. If the credit to the Renner's changes then the assessment roll will change, we are assigning the amount credited to all the remaining properties so their assessments are slightly increased to account for the credit.

- b. Ordinance 21-61, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY22 Capital Budget and Appropriating an Additional \$30,953 for a Total Expenditure of \$128,953 Divided Equally between the Water and Sewer Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance Funds for East Hill Road City Utility Betterments as part of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Repaving Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction October 11, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading, October 25, 2021.

Memorandum 21-172 from Public Works Director as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Scott Adams, city resident, commented he'd like the City to take this further to provide water to properties annexed back in 2002 on the deal that water was the main issue for Homer. We haven't seen services move and he'd like see additional utilities so they can tie in.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-61 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Erickson asked if this should be postponed until spring since work on East Hill has been postponed and there will likely be further cost adjustments.

Mayor Castner invited Public Works Director Keiser to respond. She explained that these betterments can't be adjusted at this time to address water at upper East Hill, the betterments are to adjust existing manholes, valve boxes and other existing appurtenances. It's a good idea and we can look at what we might be able to do to facilitate some of the main extensions that have been forecasted. Regarding funding, we've been told by AKDOT that our commitment to funding is necessary for them to continue with their funding commitments from their funding sources. She doesn't recommended postponing.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 21-62, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Title 9 Taxation-Generally to Enact Section 9.04.044 Annual Tax Levy-Registered Aircraft to Provide for a Flat Tax on Aircraft. Mayor. Introduction October 11, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 25, 2021.

Ordinance 21-62(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Title 9 Taxation-Generally to Enact Section 9.04.044 Annual Tax Levy-Registered Aircraft to Provide for a Flat Tax on Aircraft. Mayor.

Memorandum 21-193 from City Clerk as backup

Memorandum 21-186 from City Manager as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Larry Slone, city resident, commented in support of the clarifications in Ordinance 21-62(S).

Gary Porter commented regarding the possible economic contributions that the Homer Airport and aviation community can give. He thinks amending the taxation will benefit city. We're currently missing a piece of aviation industry that would provide year round jobs. He provided a study that was done for the Mat-Su Borough in 2014 and highlighted points in the study regarding economic

benefits. This ordinance change could help change our economic base and is worthy of consideration.

Judy Miller commented in support of the ordinance. She's a small airplane owner and there's a need for the ability to have annual maintenance done here in Homer, and she thinks this change will help with that.

Scott Adams commented in support of a flat tax for aircraft, it was helpful when happened in the late 90's or early 2000's for fishing vessels. He thinks it's a great idea.

Heidi Browning with Maritime Helicopters commented they echo the comments of others and added that the current tax structure discourages basing more valuable aircraft within the City year round. As the Mayor noted at the last meeting, there's the issue of parity where aircraft are being treated differently from other business property in Homer. She thinks with this bringing us in line with the Borough, it will make this a more appealing base location for operators and bring some of that annual maintenance back into Homer.

Stephanie Greer commented in support of the ordinance. She's an air taxi operator who takes her aircraft to Anchorage for maintenance. She thinks is a good opportunity to support the aviation trade.

Karin Marks, city resident and member of the EDC, commented aviation along with maritime trades are naturals to grow the year round jobs that would create year round residents, and help improve the base economy of the community. She would like to see this supported.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-62 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 21-62(S) FOR 21-62.

There was no discussion on the motion to substitute.

VOTE (substitution): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND LINES 58 AND 62 TO STRIKE HOMER ASSESSING STAFF AND REPLACE IT WITH KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSESSING STAFF.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There were comments in support of adopting the ordinance. Question was raised regarding the effective date and Mayor Castner explained it can't be retroactive and would go into effect for 2022 tax year.

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

Motion carried.

- d. Ordinance 21-63, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Settling the Current and Future Distributions of Income and Debt in the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund. Mayor. Introduction October 11, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 25, 2021.

Memorandum 21-191 from City Manager as backup

Memorandum 21-187 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 21-63 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Aderhold noted their discussion at Committee of the Whole and Council generally felt there is additional information needed for the Council and public to better understand what's happening with this ordinance. They intend to postpone this until the next meeting when they'll have the information available.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO POSTPONE THIS TO THEIR NEXT MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner called for a 10 minute recess at 7:48 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 7:58 p.m.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel reported the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has assigned a contractor to help Homer with an updated to its All Hazard Mitigation Plan. It's a FEMA requirement that we have this in place to get certain grant funding, and the contractor has asked administration to build a small team to help consult on the project. Councilmember Erickson expressed interest in participating. He noted the FCC mandated that all Alaska phone calls require the full 10 digit phone number, so remember to add the 907 to all local calls. There is no change to 911. He also recognized City Clerk Jacobsen for achieving the Certified City Manager designation through Arizona State University.

Councilmember Aderhold acknowledged PARCAC Commissioner Deb Lowney and Parks Superintendent for their awards and City Clerk Jacobsen for her certification. She saw the half-pipe over the weekend and people were already using it. Regarding the DOT response to Resolution 21-065, she spoke with staff last week and perhaps meeting with Jocelyn Billoon about the topic and adding the project to the Capital Improvement Plan. The letter didn't address the option to work within the existing right-of-way.

Councilmember Venuti thanked KBBI for airing their Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:00 p.m. when the chambers was closed due to COVID. We appreciate them as our public radio.

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 21-057(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Acknowledging the Sufficiency of the Bunnell Avenue/Charles Way Water and Sewer Improvement Special Assessment District and Approving the Improvement Plan, Estimated Cost of Improvement and Assessment Methodology. City Manager/Public Works Director

Memorandum 21-190 from Public Works Director as backup

Memorandum 21-148 from Public Works Director as backup

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 21-057(S) TO DECEMBER 13, 2021.

There was brief comment that this done was at the request of staff in their backup memo.

Public Works Director commented this will allow time to get more certainty about their cost information and address some of the comments made at the public hearing related to minimizing impacts to the wetlands using some alternative construction means.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 21-183 from City Clerk Re: Selection/Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem 2021/2022

Councilmembers made nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. There was discussion with the City Attorney that voting by secret ballot isn't in alignment with the Open Meetings Act.

HANSEN-CAVASOS MOVED TO SELECT COUNCILMEMBER ERICKSON AS MAYOR PRO-TEM.

There was no second.

VENUTI/LORD MOVED TO SELECT COUNCILMEMBER ADERHOLD AS MAYOR PRO-TEM.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion failed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO POSTPONE THIS ACTION TO THEIR NEXT MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- d. Memorandum 21-178 from City Clerk Re: Travel Authorization for Mayor Castner and Councilmembers Aderhold, Lord, and Davis to attend the Alaska Municipal League Annual Local Government Conference in Anchorage, Alaska November 14-18, 2021. Lord Venuti

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT MEMORANDUM 21-178 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND TO INCLUDE SHELLY ERICKSON TO ATTEND AML.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 21-075, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Designating Signatories of City Accounts and Superseding any Previous Resolution so Designating. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO POSTPONE TO THEIR NEXT MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 21-076, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the City Council Meeting Schedule to hold a Special Meeting on November 8, 2021, Cancel the Regular Meeting on November 22, 2021, and Conduct a Worksession on November 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. if needed for the Planning and Conceptual Design of a Multi-Use facility on the Homer Education and Recreation Campus Planning. City Manager/City Clerk.

Memorandum 21-185 from City Clerk as backup

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-076 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY AND TO RESCHEDULE ALL MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 22ND TO NOVEMBER 8TH.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Resolution 21-077, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding the Contract for Planning and Conceptual Design of a Multi-Use facility on the Homer Education and Recreation Campus to Stantec in the Amount of \$75,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager.

Memorandum 21-188 from Deputy City Planner/Public Works Director as backup

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-077 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Mayor Castner asked what part of this contract requires negotiation. City Manager Dumouchel explained there will be negotiation, the \$75,000 is an up-to amount. It was advertised as a Request for Qualifications so there are details to be worked out.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Scott Adams, city resident, commented he approached Council over five years ago about the Baycrest Subdivision and St. Augustine. He's attended meetings and met with Planning and Public Works Staff over the course of those years and he knows plenty of people who have been impacted

since 95 when the road was put in. He noted Memorandum 19-004 and the beehive improvements that were proposed, and then reasons why they weren't. He disagrees with the reasons because the water that comes out of the storm drain that goes across private property to a ditch on Mt. Augustine ends up in the same area. He'd like to see that solution taken care of and the project done because the City wants a grand slam instead of a base hit, and work on the issue further. When he addressed the Planning Commission he didn't realize one of the Councilmembers had been on the Planning Commission who said he knew about the subdivision but had never been down there. It's frustrating when people in charge are supposed to look at things that affect the neighborhood, he doesn't feel that's being taken care of.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen reviewed openings on the Library Advisory Board and Economic Development Advisory Commission, and the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District Board.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner thanked everyone who serves on the Commissions and Advisory Boards, it's a tremendous amount of work. The Council couldn't operate without having the help of these groups. He thanked the Council for their thoughtful legislation tonight. It was a good and productive meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Erickson congratulated Matt Steffy and Deb Lowney on their awards, they've done some incredible work around here. There are 4 hours left to go online and give your opinion on the bycatch dealing with halibut out in the gulf, it's important to provide input if you're familiar with the regulations. Trick or Treating is coming up, be careful of all the little ones out in the dark.

Councilmember Aderhold shared an experience attending a public meeting as a member of the public that didn't properly follow a public process, and went interestingly haywire. She appreciates that Council follows Roberts Rules of Order and speak to each other with respect.

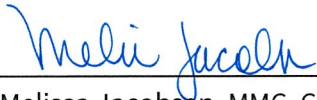
Councilmember Venuti noted evenings are getting darker and wants everyone to be safe on Halloween. There are a lot of dirty and burnt out headlights and encouraged listeners to clean and replace burnt out headlights as we go into winter. She congratulated City Clerk Jacobsen, she agreed it was a good meeting tonight, and appreciates the work of the Commissions.

Councilmember Lord congratulated Matt Steffy, Deb Lowney, and City Clerk Jacobsen, she's proud of the work everyone does, and she really enjoys the public testimony. She said she was in Anchorage at the State Harbormasters Association Meeting as their staff person. The Association is an industry non-profit that's been around for over 40 years and over 90% of the state's harbors are members, along with support industries. It's not super exciting to be in person at an event in Anchorage, but they're masking and being as safe as they possibly can be. She appreciates the deduction it takes to run public services and maintain infrastructure whether its roads, utilities, or our port and harbor, it takes a lot.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos thanked City Clerk Jacobsen for her help this evening, and thanked everyone who commented tonight.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, November 8, 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.



Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: November 8, 2021