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City of Homer Agenda

City Council Committee of the Whole Monday, December 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM

In Person at City Hall Cowles Council Chambers and by Zoom Webinar

https://cityofhomer.zoom.us/j/953097829?pwd=RlVmSlc1YnpUUExhbFE0b0NwSCtqUT09 Or Dial: (669) 900 6833 or (253) 215 8782 or Toll Free (888) 788 0099 or (877) 853 5247 Webinar ID: 953 097 829 Passcode: 234969

CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)

 Ordinance 21-63(S), 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/City Manager. Introduction October 11, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 25, 2021 Postponed to November 8, 2021 and December 13, 2021.

Ordinance 21-63(S-2), 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/City Manager.

Memorandum 21-200 from City Manager as backup Memorandum 21-191 from City Manager as backup Memorandum 21-187 from Finance Director as backup

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

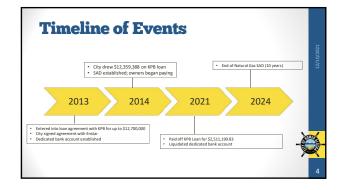
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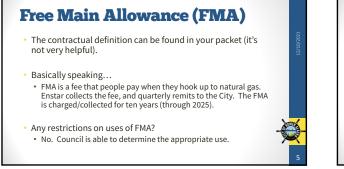
Next Regular Meeting is Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

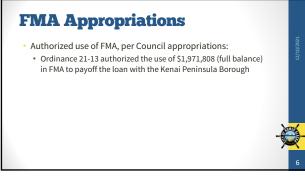


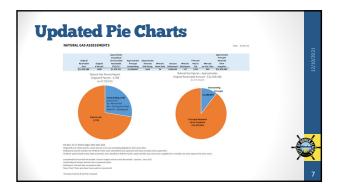
Presentation Roadmap Provide purpose of natural gas fund Provide timeline of events Define and discuss uses of Free Main Allowance (FMA) Display Natural Gas SAD demographics • Discuss financial statements Define and walkthrough restricted cash • Discuss future revenue streams Discuss Ordinance 21-63(S) Wrap-up



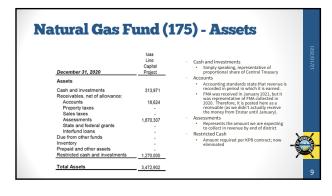


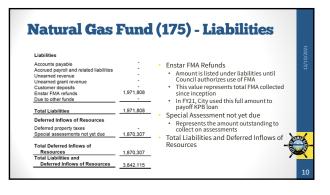


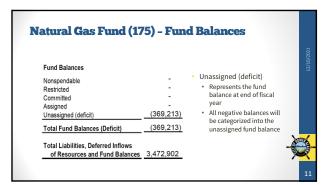


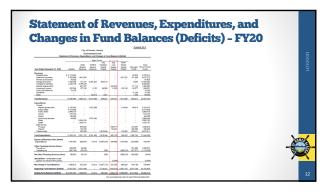


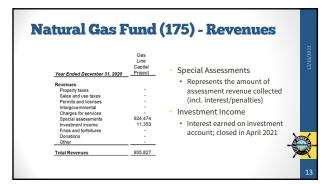
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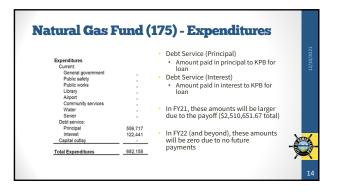


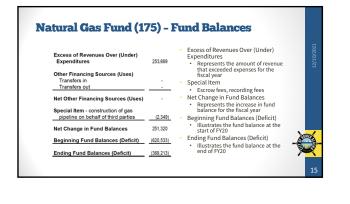


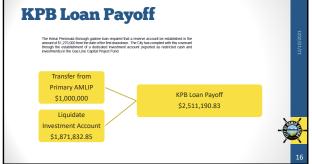


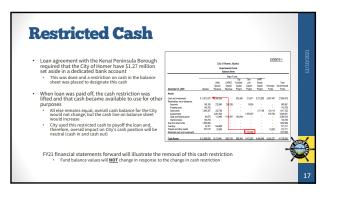


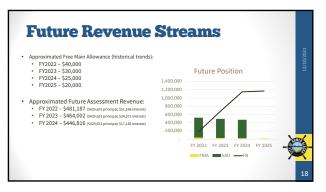












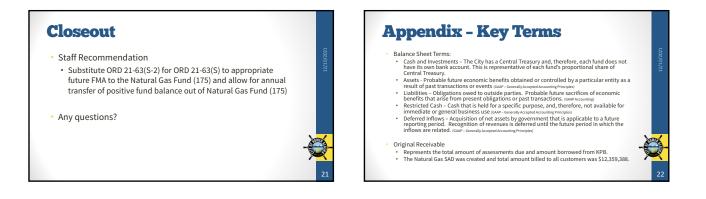
Ordinance 21-63(S)

- As written, ORD 21-63(S) directs the Finance department to transfer the positive fund balance out of the Natural Gas Fund (175).
 - This review will be done annually after the Financial Statements have been formally accepted by City Council
 - The transfer will occur the next business day after the acceptance of the statements

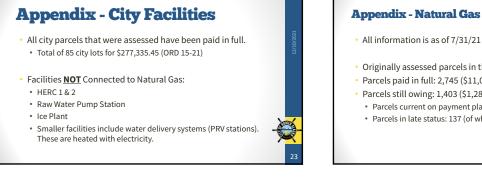


Proposed Amendment

- It was noticed that future FMA needs to be appropriated in order for this to be recognized as revenue on the financial statements.
- Finance proposes that ORD 21-63 (S-2) be substituted for ORD 21-63(S) to include language that appropriates the FMA to the Natural Gas Fund (175)
- This will streamline the management of the FMA and fund balance



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Appendix - Natural Gas SAD Demographics

- Originally assessed parcels in the SAD: 3,788 (\$12,359,388)
- Parcels paid in full: 2,745 (\$11,070,494 approx. principal)
- Parcels still owing: 1,403 (\$1,288,894 approx. principal)
 - Parcels current on payment plan: 993
- · Parcels in late status: 137 (of which 50 have never paid)

NATURAL GAS ASSESSMENTS

Approximate Approximate Unaudited/ Principal Original Unreconciled Approximate Received Approximate # Parcels Receivable Since Original Receivable Principal # Parcels **#Parcels #Parcels** Paid in #Parcels Amount # Parcels Amt. 7/31/21* Outstanding Still Owing Never Paid Delinguent* Delinguent Full on Pmt. Plan Inception \$12,359,388 3788 \$1,370,701 \$1,288,894 1043 50 \$245,943 137 2745 993 \$11,070,494 Natural Gas Figures - Approximates Natural Gas Parcels Report Original Receivable Amount - \$12,359,388 Original # Parcels - 3,788 As of 7/31/21 as of 7/31/21 Outstanding Principal \$1,288,894 Outstanding: 1043 Consists of -50 - Never Paid 993 - On Payment Plan (with 87 - Delinquent) Paid in Full: **Principal Received** 2,745 **Since Inception** \$11,070,494

Per Reso 15-17; District began 2015 ends 2024.

Original #s not refactored for condo lawsuit or for any exempting legislature that came after.

Delinquent parcels includes the 50 Never Paid, many only behind one payment and many missing various payments.

50 Never paids include many State properties and a handful of deferred (a few approved this year and some unapplied for currently, but were approved in prior years.

Unaudited/Unreconciled Receivable: General Ledger and Accounts Receivable - January - June 2021 Outstanding Principal: Amount due on payment plans. Delinquent: Amount late on payment plan. Never Paid: Those who have never paid on assessment.

*Includes interest & late fees charged.

Date: 15-Oct-21

City of Homer, Alaska

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

			Major Fu					
December 21, 2020	Conoral	Utility Special	CARES Special	City Facilities Capital Preject	Gas Line Capital Project	HART Roads Capital Project	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmenta
December 31, 2020	General	Revenue	Revenue	Project	Project	Project	Funds	Funds
Assets								
Cash and investments Receivables, net of allowance:	\$ 8,872,675	6,066,095	-	502,440	313,971	6,272,850	5,657,447	27,685,478
Accounts	188,108	232,943	246,206	-	18,624	-	-	685,881
Property taxes	143,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	143,700
Sales taxes	1,043,307	232,709	-	-	-	217,196	124,110	1,617,322
Assessments	-	2,961,524	-	-	1,870,307	-	476,700	5,308,531
State and federal grants	93,979	113,449	1,714,547	163,944	-	-	-	2,085,919
Interfund loans	104,764	-	-	-	-	-	-	104,764
Due from other funds	1,852,009	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,852,009
Inventory	32,351	544,866	-	-	-	-	-	577,217
Prepaid and other assets	337,916	26,855	-	-	-	-	10,000	374,771
Restricted cash and investments	-	-	-	-	1,270,000	-	-	1,270,000
Total Assets	\$12,668,809	10,178,441	1,960,753	666,384	3,472,902	6,490,046	6,268,257	41,705,592
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$ 187,501	125,965	472,616	204,335	-	24,448	80,475	1,095,340
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	305,173	41,576	18,793	-	-	-	-	365,542
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,827	22,827
Unearned grant revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,673	6,673
Customer deposits	20,888	45,701	-	-	-	-	-	66,589
Enstar FMA refunds	-	-	-	-	1,971,808	-	-	1,971,808
Due to other funds	-	-	1,456,332	-	-	-	363,690	1,820,022
Total Liabilities	513,562	213,242	1,947,741	204,335	1,971,808	24,448	473,665	5,348,801
Deferred Inflows of Resources								
Deferred property taxes	147,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	147,850
Special assessments not yet due	-	2,961,524	-	-	1,870,307	-	476,700	5,308,531
Total Deferred Inflows of								
Resources	147,850	2,961,524	-	-	1,870,307	-	476,700	5,456,381
Total Liabilities and								
Deferred Inflows of Resources	661,412	3,174,766	1,947,741	204,335	3,842,115	24,448	950,365	10,805,182
Fund Balances								
Nonspendable	475,031	571,721	-	-	-	-	-	1.046.752
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	6,465,598	1,607,310	8,072,908
Committed	4,493,489	-	-	-	-	-	804,705	5,298,194
Assigned	171,314	6,431,954	13,012	462,049	-	-	3,269,567	10,347,896
Unassigned (deficit)	6,867,563	-	-	-	(369,213)	-	(363,690)	6,134,660
Total Fund Balances (Deficit)	12,007,397	7,003,675	13,012	462,049	(369,213)	6,465,598	5,317,892	30,900,410
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of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ \$12,068,809	10,178,441	1,960,753	666,384	3,472,902	6,490,046	6,268,257	41,705,592

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

City of Homer, Alaska

Governmental Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances (Deficit)

			Major F	unds				
		Utility Special	CARES Special	City Facilities Capital	Gas Line Capital	HART Roads Capital	Nonmajor	Total Governmental
Year Ended December 31, 2020	General	Revenue	Revenue	Project	Project	Project	Funds	Funds
Revenues								
Property taxes	\$ 3,718,482	-	-	-	-	-	26,828	3,745,310
Sales and use taxes	5,705,499	1,401,880	-	-	-	1,261,822	701,069	9,070,270
Permits and licenses	43,425	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,425
Intergovernmental	1,555,388	173,157	9,345,363	508,514	-	-	6,640	11,589,062
Charges for services	2,239,725	3,756,236	-	-	_	-	-	5,995,961
Special assessments	-	481,370	-	-	924,474	-	81,116	1,486,960
Investment income	207,849	127,748	2,122	48,566	11,353	- 152,136	119,577	669,351
Fines and forfeitures	10,100	127,740	2,122	40,000	11,555	152,150	-	10,100
Donations	10,100	-	-	-	-	-	- 10,145	10,145
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Other	-	-	63,013	1,901	-	-	1,538	66,452
Total Revenues	13,480,468	5,940,391	9,410,498	558,981	935,827	1,413,958	946,913	32,687,036
Expenditures Current:								
General government	3,135,343	-	1,822,084	-	_	118,630	44,615	5,120,672
Public safety	4,774,940	-	-	-	_	-		4,774,940
Public works	2,666,318	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,666,318
Library	816,125	-	-	-	-	-	-	816,125
Airport	196,466	-	-	-	-	-	-	196,466
Community services	94,000	-	7,575,402	-	-	-	-	7,669,402
Water		- 2,092,129	- 1,575,402	-	-	-	-	
	-		-	-	-	-	-	2,092,129
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Debt service:		070 045			550 747		040.057	4 0 4 0 0 4 0
Principal	-	870,645	-	-	559,717	-	216,257	1,646,619
Interest	-	132,235	-	-	122,441	-	200,250	454,926
Capital outlay	-	300,546	-	3,816,454	-	128,290	625,621	4,870,911
Total Expenditures	11,683,192	5,031,316	9,397,486	3,816,454	682,158	246,920	1,086,743	31,944,269
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)								
Expenditures	1,797,276	909,075	13,012	(3,257,473)	253,669	1,167,038	(139,830)	742,767
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers in	658,680	99,629	-	-	-	-	551,565	1,309,874
Transfers out	(500,146)	(36,475)	-	(300)	-	(608,810)	(167,577)	(1,313,308)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	158,534	63,154	-	(300)	-	(608,810)	383,988	(3,434)
Special Item - construction of gas pipeline on behalf of third parties	-	-	-	-	(2,349)	-	-	(2,349)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,955,810	972,229	13,012	(3,257,773)	251,320	558,228	244,158	736,984
Beginning Fund Balances (Deficit)	10,051,587	6,031,446	-	3,719,822	(620,533)	5,907,370	5,073,734	30,163,426
Ending Fund Balances (Deficit)	\$12,007,397	7,003,675	13,012	462,049	(369,213)	6,465,598	5,317,892	30,900,410

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

1 2	CITY OF HOMER HOMER, ALASKA
3	Mayor/City Manager
4	ORDINANCE 21-63(S)
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6	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
7	SETTLING THE CURRENT AND FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS OF
8	INCOME AND DEBT IN THE NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SPECIAL
9	ASSESSMENT BOND SINKING FUND
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11	WHEREAS, Ordinance 13-02 created the City of Homer Natural Gas Distribution Special
12	Assessment District; and
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14	WHEREAS, Ordinance 13-03(S)(2) authorized the City to issue a Natural Gas Distribution
15	Special Assessment Bond in the principle amount of not to exceed \$12,700,000 to finance the
16	design and construction of natural gas distribution improvements in the City; and
17	
18	WHEREAS, The City and Enstar signed an agreement titled "Natural Gas Distribution
19 20	System Extension Contribution in Aid of Construction Agreement for the City of Homer Natural
20 21	Gas Distribution Special Assessment District" (2013 Enstar Agreement) in 2013; and
21	WHEREAS, The natural gas distribution system extension, owned by Enstar, was
23	successfully constructed and put into operation; and
24	successivity constructed and par into operation, and
25	WHEREAS, The City has appropriated an additional \$663,119 to natural gas-related
26	expenses from the General Fund (\$301,097), Utility Fund (\$95,023), and Harbor Fund (\$266,999)
27	since 2012; and
28	, ,
29	WHEREAS, The City has collected both annual assessment payments from property
30	owners and a quarterly refund from Enstar known as free main allowance payments which is
31	based on calculations contained within §602 of Enstar's Tariff; and
32	
33	WHEREAS, Ordinance 15-17(S) permitted the City to prepay principal of the Natural Gas
34	Distribution Special Assessment Bond; and
35	
36	WHEREAS, Ordinance 16-43 provided for the creation of a Natural Gas Distribution
37	Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund; and
38	
39	WHEREAS, Ordinance 21-13 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,512,000 from the
40	Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund to retire the debt that was
41	utilized for the construction of the natural gas distribution line; and

WHEREAS, The City's Finance Department used \$2,459,945 to pay off the bond as
directed, which included the entirety of the \$1,971,808 in free main allowance which had been
collected by the City since the initiation of the project; and
MULEDEAC On time and an anti-sector will continue with Contamber 1, 2024 and
WHEREAS, On-time assessment payments will continue until September 1, 2024 and
Free Main Allowance payments will continue for 10 calendar years after construction; and
WHEPEAS Late accessment normants are likely to continue well beyond 2024, and
WHEREAS, Late assessment payments are likely to continue well beyond 2024; and
WHEREAS, There is value in planning for the end phase of the Natural Gas Distribution
Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund to ensure that surplus funds are put to appropriate
uses; and
WHEREAS, The 2013 Enstar Agreement allows free main allowance to be put towards
whatever the City "determines to be appropriate"; and
WHEREAS, The City Council has determined it is appropriate to direct excess funds to
the General Fund where it can be used for purposes beneficial to the entire City.
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:
Section 1. Once any debt within the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond
Sinking Fund is retired, all payments into the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment
Bond Sinking Fund are income to the City of Homer.
<u>Section 2</u> . Following debt retirement, the City Treasurer shall annually transfer, on the
business day following the passage of the Resolution accepting the basic financial statements,
the accumulated revenues in the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Sinking
Fund to the General Fund – Fund Balance.
Section 3. This is a budget amendment ordinance only, is not permanent in nature, and
shall not be codified.
ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this day of, 2021.
CITY OF HOMER
KEN CASTNER, MAYOR
ATTEST:
MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
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- 85 YES:
- 86 NO:
- 87 ABSTAIN:
- 88 ABSENT:
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- 90 First Reading:
- 91 Public Hearing:
- 92 Second Reading:
- 93 Effective Date:

1	CITY OF HOMER
2	HOMER, ALASKA
3	Mayor/City Manager
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6	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
7	SETTLING THE CURRENT AND FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS OF
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40 41	Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund to retire the debt that was
42	utilized for the construction of the natural gas distribution line; and

WHEREAS, The City's Finance Department used \$2,459,945 to pay off the bond as 43 directed, which included the entirety of the \$1,971,808 in free main allowance which had been 44 collected by the City since the initiation of the project; and 45 46 WHEREAS, On-time assessment payments will continue until September 1, 2024 and 47 Free Main Allowance payments will continue for 10 calendar years after construction; and 48 49 50 WHEREAS, Late assessment payments are likely to continue well beyond 2024; and 51 WHEREAS, There is value in planning for the end phase of the Natural Gas Distribution 52 Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund to ensure that surplus funds are put to appropriate 53 uses; and 54 55 WHEREAS, The 2013 Enstar Agreement allows free main allowance to be put towards 56 whatever the City "determines to be appropriate"; and 57 58 WHEREAS, The City expects to receive the Free Main Allowance refunds through 59 2025 and Free Main Allowance deposits that the City receives shall be appropriated at 60 time of receipt; and 61 62 WHEREAS, The City Council has determined it is appropriate to direct excess funds to 63 the General Fund where it can be used for purposes beneficial to the entire City. 64 65 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS: 66 67 Section 1. Once any debt within the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond 68 Sinking Fund is retired, all payments into the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment 69 Bond Sinking Fund are income to the City of Homer. 70 71 Section 2. The City Council hereby accepts and appropriates future Free Main 72 Allowance refunds as follows: 73 74 Acc<u>ount</u> Amount 75 Description **City of Homer Natural Gas Distribution Special** 76 175-0375 Assessment Bond Sinking Fund 77 TBD 78 Section 3. Following debt retirement, the City Treasurer shall annually transfer, on the 79 business day following the passage of the Resolution accepting the basic financial statements, 80 the accumulated revenues in the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Sinking 81 Fund to the General Fund – Fund Balance. 82 Section 4. This is a budget amendment ordinance only, is not permanent in nature, and 83 84 shall not be codified.

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Memorandum 21-200

TO:	Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM:	Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE:	November 2, 2021
SUBJECT:	Update to Ordinance 21-63

At the October 25th Council meeting, the Council chose to postpone a decision on Ordinance 21-63 to our November meeting. During Committee of the Whole, there was a lot of discussion regarding the ordinance and the type of information that would be required for the Council to get to a point where they would be willing to adopt Ordinance 21-63. Inspired by that discussion, I have created a substitute ordinance which hopefully provides the information the Council was seeking in order to more confidently make a decision on the matter. The substituted memo ultimately does the same thing as the original draft, however, it takes a different pathway to explaining the concept. This memo contains some discussion of the substitute ordinance.

Natural Gas Line Bond and Special Assessment District Origins

Ordinance 13-02 created the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment District and Ordinance 13-03(S)(2) authorized the bond for up to \$12,700,000. The City signed an agreement with Enstar in 2013 which defined our contribution in aid of construction. The natural gas distribution system extension was constructed thereafter. Enstar owns, operates, and maintains the main.

Free Main Allowance

Enstar provides a refund to the City called a free main allowance (FMA) when new customers connect to the gas line. FMA is explained in more detail in §602 Enstar's tariff (attached to this document). It is also discussed in section 11 of the agreement between the City and Enstar which was signed in 2013 (also attached). The City will receive FMA payments for ten calendar years following construction.

Year	FMA Payments	Year	FMA Payments
2015	\$1,302,822	2019	\$114,996
2016	\$169,998	2020	\$88,006
2017	\$130,242	2021 (to date)	\$38,961
2018	\$144,120	TOTAL	\$1,989,145

There is not much guidance in the tariff or the City's contract with Enstar regarding use of FMA. Our agreement has the following language:

The CITY may distribute the refund entitlements, credit the refund against assessments due the CITY under the HSAD, make special assessment bond payments (related to financing the HSAD), deposit the refund in a fund used as security for said special assessment bonds, <u>or may make such use of the refund</u> <u>as it determines to be appropriate (emphasis added)</u>.

To date, the only thing on which the City has spent FMA funds is the payoff of the gas line bond earlier in 2021. \$1,971,808 of the \$2,459,945 payoff came from FMA.

Additional Natural Gas-Related Appropriations

Throughout the life of the gas line, the City has put approximately \$663,119 from non-gas line-related funds into supporting gas line-related purposes. These investments include paying assessments, retrofitting facilities, etc. The table below identifies some of the known appropriations.

Ordinance	General Fund	Utility Fund	Harbor Fund
Ord. 12-46	\$50,165		
Ord 13-19(A)(S)	\$148,319	\$76,461	
Ord 14-07	\$34,089		
Ord 14-22(A)		\$18,562	\$64,708
Ord 15-21	\$68,524		\$202,291
TOTAL	\$301,097	\$95,023	\$266,999

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance 21-63(S)

Enclosures:

- 1. Excerpt of Enstar Tariff (§602)
- 2. 2013 Contract with Enstar
- 3. Gas Fund 175 Spreadsheet from Finance Department

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§602 Extension of Mains

§602a General

The Utility will construct the facilities necessary to extend a Gas Distribution Main (a "Main Extension") to any location within its certificated area if the Main Extension is economically feasible and does not cause an unreasonable added cost burden to be borne by existing Customers. With the exception of Feeder Mains described in Section 602f(4) below, each Main Extension must be considered individually for economic feasibility. A Main Extension may involve one or more Participants.

§602b Costs to Construct

The Utility will calculate the costs to construct each Main Extension. These costs are based on the facilities necessary to provide service and include Mains, underground service pipes, meters, regulators, etc., as well as the engineering and supervision necessary to design and construct the facilities to meet all legal and safety requirements (including applicable overhead costs).

§602b(1) Standard Construction Costs

In calculating the costs to construct a Main Extension, the Utility will use the Standard Construction Costs (Sheet 236) applicable for the year of construction.

On or before May 1 of each year, the Utility will, by tariff advice letter, file the Standard Construction Costs applicable for the next calendar year. The Standard Construction Costs filed will be calculated by using the actual average cost per foot of the construction of two-inch Main Extensions for the previous five years subject to a 10% increase C limitation over the previous approved cost per foot. For example, if the approved C Standard Construction Cost for a given year (Year 1) is \$20.00 per foot, and the С calculated five year average for the next year (Year 2) is \$23.00, the 10% increase С limitation would apply and the new revised Standard Construction Cost for the next year С (Year 2) would be \$22.00. Further, when computing the Standard Construction Cost for С Year 3, the increase limitation will be based upon the revised Standard Construction Cost С for Year 2 of \$22.00. С

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§602b(5) Calculation

For Main Extensions utilizing Standard Construction Costs, the costs to construct a Main Extension will be the total of the footage for a two-inch Main necessary to provide service multiplied by the applicable Standard Construction Cost plus any Charges in Excess of Standard Costs. For Main Extensions requiring pipe in excess of two inches, the costs to construct the Main Extension will be calculated in accordance with Section 602b(3) above.

§602c Free Main Allowance

In determining if a Main Extension is economically feasible, the Utility will calculate a Free Main Allowance. This allowance is an estimate of the amount of Main expenditure that can be incurred for an "average" Customer of each class without significant adverse effect to the existing Customer base.

§602c(1) Standard Load Allowances

In calculating the Free Main Allowance for a Main Extension, the Utility will use the Standard Load Allowances (Sheet 236) applicable for the year of construction. On or before May 1 of each year, the Utility will, by tariff advice letter, file Standard Load Allowances and supporting documentation applicable for the next calendar year. The Standard Load Allowances will be the actual average embedded plant cost per Customer for each Customer class as of the end of the prior calendar year less that prior calendar year's cost per Customer (by class) for meter assemblies and Service Lines. These per Customer costs will be calculated using the methodology accepted by the Commission in the Utility's most recent cost of service study. For computing average loads the Utility will use the following:

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§602c(1)(b)	Average G2 load	371	373	Mcf per year	Ι
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THIS AGREEMENT made this day of March, 2013, by and between ENSTAR Natural Gas Company, a division of SEMCO Energy, Inc., whose address is 3000 Spenard Road, P. O. Box 190288, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-0288 (hereafter "ENSTAR"), and the City of Homer, whose address is 491 East Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska 99603 (hereafter "CITY").

WHEREAS, ENSTAR is a gas distribution public utility which provides natural gas service subject to tariff on file with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and is authorized to provide said service within the CITY, and

WHEREAS, the CITY is in the process of forming a natural gas distribution special assessment district (hereafter "HSAD") consisting of the lots and tracts within the CITY area as shown on Attachment "A", for the purpose of installing a natural gas distribution system extension (hereafter "System"), and

WHEREAS, the System, which will be an extension of ENSTAR's existing system, will be constructed and ultimately the responsibility of, and be owned and operated by ENSTAR, its successors or assigns, and,

WHEREAS, said System must be installed to ENSTAR's specifications, by ENSTAR or by a contractor approved by ENSTAR in order for ENSTAR to connect to the System and to assume full responsibility for the System, and

WHEREAS, Section 602 of ENSTAR's tariff governs System extensions.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises ENSTAR and the CITY agree as follows:

28 For a contribution in aid of construction (CIAC) in an amount not to exceed 1. 29 \$12,160,632 calculated in accordance with Section 602 of ENSTAR's tariff and subject to the 30 provisions below, ENSTAR will construct an extension of its natural gas distribution system of approximately 392,000 feet of 2" High Density Polyethylene Pipe to allow service to all lots and 31 tracts within the HSAD as depicted on Attachment "A" to this Agreement. ENSTAR may elect (but 32 shall not be obligated) to construct the System to accommodate future customer load, but all costs to 33 accommodate future load in excess of the CIAC stated above will be borne solely by ENSTAR. 34 This Agreement does not provide for the connection of a service line from the System to the 35 property owner or customer's facilities. The cost, terms and conditions for the connection of a 36 service line is governed by a separate Service Line Agreement between ENSTAR and the individual 37 property owner or customer which must be executed before natural gas can be provided to said 38 facilities. The not to exceed CIAC referenced above is an estimate calculated in accordance with 39 Section 602 of ENSTAR's Tariff. This is a total project cost estimate used to calculate property 40 assessments in the HSAD and for the purposes of seeking project financing. The parties agree to the 41 42 following provisions with respect to the CIAC.

(a) Construction of the System will occur in two Phases. Phase I is planned for
the 2013 construction season and Phase II is planned for the 2014 construction season. The not to

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exceed CIAC applies to the total System and to both Phases and construction seasons. ENSTAR
 agrees that if construction is delayed and cannot be completed until 2015, the not to exceed CIAC
 and the final CIAC based upon the actual costs described below apply and remain in effect.
 (b) ENSTAR agrees that if the total project cost exceeds the not to exceed CIAC

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(c) ENSTAR agrees that the actual CIAC may be less than the not to exceed CIAC. In accordance with the provisions of Section 7 below, ENSTAR agrees to invoice the CITY for its actual costs of construction on a time and materials basis. For the purposes of this contract, actual cost means:

10 (1) Labor costs for work performed by ENSTAR employees plus
 11 allowable administrative and construction overheads at the rates established by the State of Alaska
 12 Annual Systems Audit for 2013 reimbursable construction projects.

13 (2) The actual contract cost for installation of pipe by a qualified third-party contractor. ENSTAR agrees that there will be no mark-ups, overhead or profit charged on third-party contracts.

16 (3) The actual contract cost of all other third-party contracts, including,
17 but not limited to, surveyors. ENSTAR agrees that there will be no mark-ups, overhead or profit
18 charged on third-party contracts.

(4) The actual cost of all project materials, plus a markup on material
handled by ENSTAR employees to compensate ENSTAR for its administrative and construction
overheads at the rates established by the State of Alaska Annual Systems Audit for 2013
reimbursable construction projects. ENSTAR agrees that inventory overheads will not apply if
materials are delivered directly to the construction site.
(d) The CITY reserves the right to examine or audit all financial records directly

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 related to this project and the invoices submitted to the CITY. This includes, but is not limited to,
 contracts, invoices, timesheets, and other relevant documents.

2. ENSTAR shall perform, or have performed, all studies, analyses, engineering, contracting, acquisition, construction, supervision, testing, acceptance and other acts necessary to construct the System.

3. ENSTAR shall install the System within existing easements and right-of-ways where natural gas lines may be installed or it will obtain easements as needed where existing easements and right-of-ways are not adequate. ENSTAR's inability to secure the necessary easements and/or right-of-ways shall be considered reasonable cause under paragraph 15 of this Agreement.

4. ENSTAR shall own the System; however, if at any time before the end of the useful life of the System, ENSTAR or its successors or assigns formally abandons natural gas service to any lot or tract shown on Attachment "A," excluding abandonment of service lines or related plant then, ENSTAR shall, upon written demand by the CITY, convey to the CITY all of ENSTAR's rights, title and interest in that part of the System abandoned, including any unrefunded construction deposits.

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5. The CITY makes no warranties of title, quality or fitness for a particular use and specifically denies any warranty or responsibility of any kind with respect to the engineering, construction, location, condition or completeness of the System.

6. ENSTAR shall assume full responsibility for all aspects of the System, including but not limited to the System's maintenance, upkeep and safety. ENSTAR agrees to maintain and operate the System at ENSTAR's sole expense for the useful life of the System or until gas service is discontinued in accordance with applicable law. Additionally, excluding incidents which arise in whole or in part from the negligent acts or omissions of the CITY or its personnel that cause bodily injury or death or physical damage to tangible property, ENSTAR agrees to indemnify, save, hold harmless and defend the CITY for and from any and all claims, charges and suits arising in whole or in part out of the engineering, construction, location, operation, use or any condition of the System, or arising from ENSTAR's failure to obtain necessary permits, authorizations, or failure to comply with any federal, state or local law applicable to the Agreement, or arising out of any other action or failure to act by ENSTAR related to the System.

17 The CITY shall pay ENSTAR, in total, no more than the not to exceed CIAC set out 7. 18 in paragraph 1 above. The actual CIAC may be less and will be based upon actual costs incurred as described in Section 1 above. The parties have a mutual interest to ensure that the project proceeds 19 20 expeditiously and efficiently. Therefore, the City agrees to advance funds in three lump sum installments in calendar year 2013. On or about March 25, 2013, the City will provide a lump sum 21 22 in the amount of \$2,000,000 to facilitate pre-construction activities including, but not limited to, 23 permitting, surveying, engineering, design and procurement. This date is subject to final approval of the financing documents by a lending institution, the City Council, and the availability of the bond 24 25 proceeds. Notwithstanding a written authorization to proceed from the CITY, until ENSTAR has 26 received this initial advance of \$2,000,000, ENSTAR shall not be obligated to commence pre-27 construction activities. 28

Provided that ENSTAR first has notified the City that ENSTAR has signed a construction contract
with a third-party contractor, the City will forward a second lump sum in the amount of \$3,000,000
no later than June 3, 2013. Notwithstanding a written authorization to proceed from the City, until
ENSTAR has received this second advance payment of \$3,000,000, ENSTAR shall not be obligated
to commence installation of natural gas distribution mains.

Finally, the City shall forward a third lump sum payment in the amount of \$2,000,000 no later than
August 5, 2013. If the third advance is not made by August 5, 2013, ENSTAR may cease all
construction activities until such payment is actually received by ENSTAR.

The foregoing advance payments will be made in 2013 for a total of \$7,000,000. If the project is terminated for any reason, ENSTAR will refund any unused balance within thirty (30) days of contract termination.

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Beginning in 2014, after all funds advanced in 2013 are exhausted, ENSTAR shall invoice the
 CITY each month during construction of the System for actual costs for ENSTAR labor, project



materials, and contractor work incurred during the preceding month. Save and except for portions of an invoice that are disputed in good faith, payments are to be made within thirty (30) days of receipt by the CITY of an ENSTAR invoice until the project is deemed complete, or the CIAC amount in paragraph 1 has been paid in full. Any amount outstanding after thirty (30) days will accrue interest at the rate of 10.5% percent per annum. In the event that all or a portion of any invoice (except for any portion of the invoice that is disputed in good faith) is not paid within fortyfive (45) days from receipt of billing, ENSTAR may suspend all construction activities until the past due balance has been paid in full.

8. For the purposes of conforming with the section of ENSTAR's tariff governing System extensions (Section 602), the HSAD will be considered a developing subdivision. The CITY will be analogous to a developer for the purposes of payment and refund of the CIAC outlined in paragraph 1 above.

9. The HSAD is designed and engineered to accommodate a single service line and meter to each lot and tract shown in Attachment "A." In the event a tract or parcel is subdivided into multiple lots, or a tract or parcel is developed in a manner requiring multiple meters or service lines, ENSTAR, in its sole discretion, may require payment for a separate main extension and/or reinforcement costs.

10. ENSTAR, in its sole discretion, may elect to treat property outside of the HSAD as shown in Attachment "A" as property not eligible for connection to the HSAD without payment for a separate main extension and/or reinforcement costs. Alternatively, ENSTAR may elect to connect such property to the System installed under the terms of this Agreement. In that event, property outside of the HSAD shall be treated as property that has not contributed to the cost of the System. Accordingly, if the property is connected during the calendar year of construction, or within two (2) full years following the year of construction, the property owner or customer will be required to pay, as a main CIAC, a prorated share of the original CIAC prior to connection to the System, as outlined in Section 602e(2)(a) of ENSTAR's tariff. Any deposits collected from outside the HSAD plus the Free Main Allowance (FMA) attributable to the new customer will be refunded pro rata to the CITY and any new customer who has paid a deposit by February 1 for the previous year's new customer additions.

11. Refunds:

(a) The Main Extension CIAC collected from a new Participant (as described in paragraph 10 above) plus the FMA attributable to the new Participant will be calculated and paid by ENSTAR annually on a pro rata basis to the CITY and any new Participant having paid a Main Extension CIAC. These will be paid by April 1 and be based upon the prior year's Participant additions to the Main Extension.

(b) Refunds not involving the collection of a CIAC will be calculated for the
CITY and those Participants who have Main Extension Advances on the Main Extension, except for
Feeder Mains, prorata, equal in total to the amount of the Free Main Allowance for each new
consuming Customer directly served by the Main Extension (not already included in a refund made
under paragraph 11(a) above) until all of the CIAC portion of the Advance has been refunded or

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until the end of ten (10) full calendar years following the calendar year of construction, whichever
occurs earlier. These refunds will be calculated and paid by ENSTAR quarterly within one month
following the end of the calendar quarter and will be based upon the previous calendar quarter's
Customer additions to the Main Extension.

5 (c) After the end of ten (10) full calendar years following the calendar year of
6 construction the entire remaining amount of the CIAC shall become non-refundable and the
7 property of ENSTAR.

8 (d) ENSTAR may offset against any portion, or all, of any Main Extension
9 CIAC, or any refund of a Main Extension CIAC, for any or all outstanding monies due ENSTAR by
10 the CITY.
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(e) This Main Extension CIAC shall bear no interest and in no case may the amount of the refund or the amount totally refunded exceed the amount of the original CIAC.

(f) After April 1st of each year, the CITY may request a report of Customers
 added, in the preceding calendar year, to an outstanding Main Extension CIAC.

(g) The CITY may distribute the refund entitlements, credit the refund against
assessments due the CITY under the HSAD, make special assessment bond payments (related to
financing the HSAD), deposit the refund in a fund used as security for said special assessment
bonds, or may make such use of the refund as it determines to be appropriate.

12. The CITY shall indemnify, hold harmless, save and defend ENSTAR from any and all claims, charges and suits arising out of the formation of the HSAD, the collection of the HSAD assessments by the CITY and claim for a refund by a property owner if such claim arises from a property within the HSAD/Special Assessment District and asserts misuse or misappropriation of refunds paid to the CITY under the provisions of this Agreement.

26 Subject to the provisions of Section 7 above relating to advance payments, this 13. Agreement becomes effective on the date it is fully executed, provided ENSTAR shall not proceed 27 with the construction of the System until written authorization to proceed has been received from 28 29 the CITY, and provided further, if the CITY is unable to secure financing for the project at what the CITY Council determines are reasonable terms and conditions, or if the CITY Council does not 30 31 form the HSAD, the CITY may cancel this Agreement. If an HSAD is canceled by the CITY, the CITY agrees to reimburse, upon demand by ENSTAR, all expenses and costs related to construction 32 33 of the System, incurred after the receipt of written authorization to proceed. 34

35 Subject to the provisions of Section 7 above relating to advance payments, upon 14. 36 receipt of written authorization to proceed and certification of funding availability satisfactory to 37 ENSTAR, ENSTAR shall proceed expeditiously with surveys, acquisition of permits and easements, and other actions necessary to begin the project. However, should adverse weather 38 39 conditions render completion of the project either too costly or impractical in ENSTAR's judgment, ENSTAR may delay completion of the project until the following construction season, unless prior 40 41 to construction start-up, the CITY cancels this Agreement pursuant to paragraph 15 below. If project completion is delayed under the provisions of this paragraph, ENSTAR agrees that the not to 42 43 exceed CIAC remains in effect. 44

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15. This Agreement is entered into based upon an estimate of actual construction costs. If for any reasonable cause ENSTAR is unable to begin constructing the System during the 2013 construction season, either party may cancel this Agreement or may negotiate a new price consistent with the same methodology as described in this agreement as determined for the following year. In this paragraph, "reasonable cause" means a delay that is caused by a "Force Majeure Event" as defined in paragraph 26 below, or any other event or condition that another provision of this Agreement identifies as reasonable cause for the purpose of this paragraph.

16. ENSTAR shall be responsible for obtaining all permits, easements, authorizations, labor, materials, contracts and other things and actions necessary to construct the System. ENSTAR's inability to secure the necessary permits, easements, authorizations, labor, materials or contracts shall be considered reasonable cause under paragraph 15 of the Agreement.

17. The CITY will be allowed to participate in ENSTAR's typical processes associated with subcontracting the services to third-party contractors. Selection of any contractor, however, will be the sole responsibility of ENSTAR. In the selection process, preference will be given to a qualified bidder with the lowest bid. ENSTAR agrees to publish public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Homer area when soliciting bids from third-party contractors. In no event, however, shall this Section 17 be interpreted to require ENSTAR to deviate from its normal procedure for accepting and awarding contracts.

18. Pursuant to Section 602f(3)(d) of ENSTAR's tariff, the CITY will annually provide ENSTAR with a sworn verification that refunds to the CITY for the previous year made pursuant to ENSTAR tariff Section 602e(3) have been applied on behalf of individual Participants in accordance with the CITY's ordinances and resolutions that authorized the HSAD.

19. This Agreement is binding on the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the parties.

20. Notice under this Agreement may be mailed or emailed to the contact person listed below.

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Contact Person: Walt Wrede, City Manager 491 E. Pioneer Avenue Homer, Alaska 99603 Office Phone: (907) 235-8182 x2222 Cell Phone: (907) 391-1201 Email: wwrede@ci.homer.ak.us ENSTAR Natural Gas Company, a division of SEMCO Energy, Inc. Contact Person: Vin Robinson, P.E. P. O. Box 190288 Anchorage, Alaska 99519-0288 Office Phone: (907) 334-7712 Cell Phone: (907) 230-4464 Email: vin.robinson@enstarnaturalgas.com

33 21. This is the entire Agreement between the parties about the subject matter of this
 34 transaction and all prior agreements, understandings and representations, whether oral or written,

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about this subject matter are merged into and superseded by this written Agreement. It may not be modified except in writing signed by both parties.

No failure or delay by any party in exercising any right under this Agreement shall 22. operate as a waiver of that right, nor shall any partial exercise of a right preclude any further exercise of that or any other right. The rights shall be cumulative and not exclude any rights or remedies provided by law.

23. The parties to this Agreement make no representation (except as expressly stated herein) or warranty of any kind or nature, directly or indirectly, express or implied, as to any matter whatsoever, including merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

24. This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of Alaska. Any dispute hereunder will be resolved by the Alaska Superior Court at Anchorage. However, this clause shall not be interpreted to affect the primary jurisdiction of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

Neither ENSTAR nor the CITY shall be liable to the other for exemplary, punitive, 25. incidental or consequential damages (including without limitation lost profits or revenues) resulting from or arising out of this Agreement, whether the claim is based in contract, tort, strict liability or any other legal theory or principle.

26. No delay or failure of performance by ENSTAR or the CITY, or the agents, directors, officers, employees and contractors of either, shall constitute a default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages if and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by Force Majeure affecting that party's ability to perform. "Force Majeure Event" means any event that directly or indirectly renders a Party unable, wholly or in part, to perform or comply with any obligation, covenant or condition in this Agreement if the event, or the adverse effects of the event, is outside of the control of, and could not have been prevented by, the affected Party with reasonable foresight, at reasonable cost, and by the exercise of reasonable diligence in good faith, and is not attributable to the negligence or willful misconduct of the affected Party. Force Majeure Events include without limitation the following events (to the extent they otherwise satisfy the definition):

act of God, fire, lightning, landslide, earthquake, storm, hurricane, hurricane (a) warning, flood, high water, washout, explosion or well blowout;

strike, lockout or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, (b)military operation, blockade, insurrection, riot, epidemic, arrest or restraint by government of people, terrorist act, civil disturbance or national emergency;

the inability of the affected Party to acquire, or the delay on the part of the (c)affected Party in acquiring materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, servitudes, right-of-way grants, pipeline shipping capacity, easements, permits or licenses, approvals or authorizations by regulatory bodies or oil and gas lessors needed to enable the Party to perform;

breakage of or accident to machinery, equipment, facilities, or lines of pipe, (d)and the repair, maintenance, improvement, replacement, test, or alteration to the machinery, 42 equipment, facilities, or lines of pipe, and the freezing of a well or line of pipe, well blowout, or the 43 44 partial or entire failure of a Gas well; or

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(e) act, order, or requisition of any governmental agency or acting governmental authority, or any governmental law, proration, regulation, or priority.

This Force Majeure provision shall not apply to payment when due of money that is owed by one party or to the other under the terms of this Agreement.

27. ENSTAR and the CITY are independent entities and are not the agent, partner or employee of the other.

28. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to benefit any third party not a signatory hereto.

29. The parties recognize that this Agreement is the product of the joint efforts of the parties and agree that it shall not be construed against one party or the other as a result of the preparation, submittal or other event of negotiation, drafting or execution hereof.

30. In the event of any action, or any judicial proceedings, or if the parties agree to arbitration proceedings to resolve any dispute under this Agreement, or to enforce any term of this Agreement, or to protect or preserve any rights under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of its actual reasonable costs and actual reasonable attorney fees incurred.

31. Each person signing this Agreement warrants that he or she has authority to sign the Agreement.

32. Neither party shall assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to the provisions of Section 17 above, the CITY agrees that ENSTAR may assign portions of the Work to qualified subcontractors without the consent of the CITY.

33. Additional Terms.

(a) The CITY represents and warrants that neither federal Davis Bacon wages nor Alaska 'Little Davis Bacon' wages' (AS 36.05) apply to this project.

(b) ENSTAR will not be required to provide revegetation in areas where working in previously disturbed soils.

(c) ENSTAR will follow all federal, state, municipal and local codes and regulations in the installation and preparation of the pipeline extension.

(d) ENSTAR shall prepare its own SWPPP to ensure adequate coverage for ENSTAR's scope of work.

(e) ENSTAR believes (but does not warrant) that this Agreement does not require the review or approval of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

1 2	34. By signing, the CITY acknowledges having read and understood each and every term and condition of this Agreement.
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City of Homer GAS - Reconciliation Thru 6/30/2021

Fund 175 - GAS																
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Sources/Uses	Dept #		2013	2014	Subtotals	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021				
KPB Loan Revenues	375	4524	8,809,368.00	3,550,020.00	12,359,388.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Interest Income	375	4801	97.45	3,504.72		282,539.39	355,112.19	257,339.45	227,867.68	164,568.94	127,685.47	70,000.00	estimated			
Assessment Revenue	375	4518	-			4,924,924.04	1,238,321.96	1,296,048.80	889,891.02	929,793.87	808,142.20	502,000.00	unreconciled thr	ru 06/30		
FMA Revenue	375	4902										1,971,808.00				
Sub Total (375)			8,809,465.45	3,553,524.72		5,207,463.43	1,593,434.15	1,553,388.25	1,117,758.70	1,094,362.81	935,827.67	2,543,808.00				
Wages	375	5100	(138,224.97)	(47,335.11)	(185,560.08)	(1,547.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Misc Expenses	375	5200	(26,286.55)	(3,463.57)	(29,750.12)	(14,947.36)	-	-	(1,351.86)	(1,189.11)	-	-				
Professional Fees	375	5210	(5,345.96)	(1,282.05)	(6,628.01)	(8,897.00)	(1,904.68)	(1,979.68)	(1,904.68)	(99,540.92)	(2,349.68)	(25.00)				
Construction/Equip	375	5261	(23,066.33)	(5,832.83)	(28,899.16)			-		-	-					
Payments to Enstar	377	5261	(7,000,000.00)	(5,085,632.00)	(12,085,632.00)											
Debt - Principal	375	5607				(4,094,163.16)	(3,686,458.92)	(502,520.00)	(516,428.08)	(536,818.79)	(559,717.09)	(2,459,945.08)				
Debt - Interest	375	5608		(307,933.49)		(587, 127.45)	(313,541.08)	(179,638.12)	(165,730.04)	(145,339.33)	(122,441.03)	(50,681.59)				
Law suit	375	5624				(42,500.00)					-					
Sub Total			(7,192,923.81)	(5,451,479.05)	(12,336,469.37)	(4,749,181.97)	(4,001,904.68)	(684,137.80)	(685,414.66)	(782,888.15)	(684,507.80)	(2,510,651.67)				
Net Assets			1,616,541.64	(1,897,954.33)		458,281.46	(2,408,470.53)	869,250.45	432,344.04	311,474.66	251,319.87	33,156.33				
Beginning Fund Balance			-	1,616,541.64		(281,412.69)	176,868.77	(2,233,601.76)	(1,364,351.31)	(932,007.27)	(620,532.61)	(369,212.74)				
Audit adjustments to fund balance							(2,000.00)									
Ending Fund Balance			1,616,541.64	(281,412.69)		176,868.77	(2,233,601.76)	(1,364,351.31)	(932,007.27)	(620,532.61)	(369,212.74)	(336,056.41)				

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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council

FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

October 25, 2021 DATE:

Additional Information for Ordinance 21-63 SUBJECT:

Legislative History

Quite a few actions have been taken by past Councils related to the natural gas line, the table below provides a brief overview of relevant ordinances. The ordinance numbers are hyperlinked to more information related to each ordinance on the City's website.

Ordinance #	Ordinance Name	Fiscal Notes
12-46	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$50,165 from the General Fund Balance to Carry Out the Requirements of Homer City Code Title 17 Entitled Improvement Districts and to Implement a Public Information Strategy Related to the Proposed Natural Gas Special Assessment District. City Manager.	\$50,165 from General Fund
<u>13-01(A)(S)</u>	An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending HCC 17.04.190 to Provide for Deferral of Special Assessments for Low Income Residents. Burgess.	Approximately 6 parcels deferred at this time (OCT21)
<u>13-03(S)(2)</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City to Issue a Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$12,700,000 to Finance the Design and Construction of Natural Gas Distribution Improvements in the City, Fixing Certain Details of Such Bond and Authorizing Its Sale; and Repealing HCC Chapter 17.08. City Manager.	Allowed the City to borrow up to \$12,700,000
<u>13-09</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating Funds and Establishing a Project Budget for Administration and Direct Services Provided in Support of the Homer Natural Gas Distribution System Special Assessment District. City Manager.	Set \$539,368 budget for administrative and direct services to the SAD
<u>13-19(A)(S)</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2013 Operating Budget to Provide for Natural Gas Conversions to City Buildings by Appropriating \$224,780 from Various City Reserve Funds. City Manager/Public Works Director.	\$148,319 from general reserves (what would be CARMA today); \$48,461 from Sewer Reserves;

		\$28,000 from Water Reserves
<u>14-07</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$34,089 from the Airport Reserve Fund for the Replacement of the Boilers at the Airport Terminal and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director.	\$34,089 to support conversion of the Airport to natural gas
<u>14-22(A)</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget to Provide for Natural Gas Conversions to City Buildings by Appropriating \$83,270 from Various City Reserve Funds. City Manager/Public Works Director.	\$18,562 from Water Reserves; \$64,708 from Harbor Reserves;
<u>15-11</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Section 17.04.100, Subdivision After Levy of Assessments, to Provide for Subdivisions of Property Subject to Natural Gas Distribution Assessments. City Manager.	
<u>15-17(S)</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Ordinance 13-03(S)(2) to Permit the City to Prepay Principal of the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Authorized by Ordinance 13-02(S)(2), and Authorizing an Amendment to the Loan Agreement Between the City and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Regarding the Bond. City Manager.	Added language allowing pre-payment of principal
15-21	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2015 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$277,335.45 to Pay for Homer Natural Gas Special Assessment District Assessments of 85 City Lots From Various City Reserve Funds. City Manager.	\$3,262.77 from Animal Shelter Reserve; \$3,262.77 from City Hall Reserve; \$32,627.70 from General Fund Reserve; \$13,051.08 from Library Reserve; \$6,525.54 from Park Reserve; \$1,631.39 from Police Reserve; \$1,631.39 from Fire Reserve; \$6,525.54 from Public Works Reserve; \$202,291.74 from Harbor Reserve
<u>15-27</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Providing a Procedure for the Council to Consider Whether to Exclude Certain Properties From the Homer Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment District. Burgess.	
<u>15-38</u>	An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending the FY 2015 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$42,500 From the Homer Natural Gas Special Assessment District Account for Settlement Costs in the Castner vs. City of Homer Court Case Challenging Assessments for Condominiums Within the District. City Manager.	\$42,500 lawsuit settlement
<u>16-03(S)</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Ordinance 13-03(S)(2) to State the Actual Principal Amount of, and Change the Payment Dates for, the data and data	Adjusts bond amount to \$12,359,388

	Assessment Bond Authorized by Ordinance 13-02, and Authorizing an Amendment to the Loan Agreement Between the City and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Regarding the Bond. City Manager.	
<u>16-43</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Ordinance 13-03(S)(2) to Change the Terms for Adjusting the Amortization of Principal of the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Authorized by Ordinance 13-02, and Authorizing an Amendment to the Loan Agreement Between the City and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Regarding the Bond. City Manager.	Provides for the creation of a Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund
<u>16-44(A)</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 17.04.190, Entitled "Deferment of Assessment Payments for Low Income Residents," by Permitting Assessment Deferral Applicants to Apply for a Deferral in Any Year an Applicant is Eligible for the Deferral Regardless of Whether or Not the Applicant Applied for Deferral in the Initial Year of Assessment. City Manager.	Approximately 6 parcels deferred at this time (OCT21)
<u>17-15</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Updating and Clarifying the Implementation of a Penalty and Interest Structure for Special Assessments in the Homer Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment District That Became Delinquent on or After July 1, 2016, and Provided Terms for Reinstatement on or After July 1, 2016 of Assessments That Became Delinquent Before That Date, and the Policies and Procedures for Waiving Penalties on Delinquent Special Assessment Payments if They Meet Certain Requirements, and Creating an Appeal Process for Waiver Denials to the Board of Adjustment. Aderhold.	Clarifies penalties
<u>19-56</u>	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Moving Expenditures in the Amount of \$92,852.24 Previously Allocated from the General Fund Operating Fund to now be Allocated from the Natural Gas Line Capital Project Fund for Legal and Travel Related Expenses Associated with ENSTAR Tariff Filing 310-4. Mayor.	\$92,852.24 from Gas Line Fund
21-13	An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Appropriating an Amount not to Exceed \$2,512,000 from the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund to Retire the Debt to the Kenai Peninsula Borough that was Utilized for the Construction of the Homer Natural Gas Distribution Line. Mayor/City Manager.	\$2,512,000 to pay off bond

Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment District Closeout

Those properties in the District have until September 1, 2024 to pay off their assessments. Approximately 1,043 of 3,788 parcels still owe money to the City (approximately \$1,288,894 of the original \$12,359,388). Staff expects to keep the fund open well beyond September 2024 as late payments and deferrals will continue to come in to the City. Ordinance 21-63, proposed by the Mayor, doesn't close the gas line fund. It does however create a mechanism to ensure that we are revisiting this account annually to ensure that the City does not build up a balance within the account that is not put to a generally beneficial use.

1	CITY OF HOMER
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3	Mayor/City Manager
4	ORDINANCE 21-13
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6	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
7	APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,512,000 FROM
8	THE NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND
9	SINKING FUND TO RETIRE THE DEBT TO THE KENAI PENINSULA
10	BOROUGH THAT WAS UTILIZED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
11 12	HOMER NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION LINE.
13	WHEREAS, By Ordinance 13-03(S)(2), adopted on February 25, 2013, the City of Homer
14	("City") authorized the issuance of a Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond in the
15	principal amount not to exceed \$12,700,000, and the delivery of a Loan Agreement ("Loan")
16	between the City and the Kenai Peninsula Borough ("Borough"); and
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18	WHEREAS, By Ordinance 15-17(S), adopted June 15, 2015, the City amended Ordinance
19	13-03(S)(2) to provide for the prepayment of the principal of the Bond; and
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21	WHEREAS, By Ordinance 16-03(S), adopted January 25, 2016, the City amended
22	Ordinance 13-03(S)(2) to state the Bond amount to be \$12,359,388, and to establish a Loan
23	payment regime of making 9 equal annual payments ending in September, 2024; and
24 25	WHEREAS, By Ordinance 16-43, adopted August 22, 2016, the City amended Ordinance
26	13-03(S)(2) to create a special trust fund designated as the "City of Homer Natural Gas
27	Distribution Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund" ("Sinking Fund") allowing for
28	prepayment of the Loan from the Borough and recalibration of yearly payments; and
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30	WHEREAS, The Sinking Fund contains assessment payments, including interest,
31	income from the Sinking Fund capital, and hypothecation of other City funds including Enstar's
32	payments of the Free Main Allowance ("FMA"); and
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34	WHEREAS, It is in the City's best financial interest to retire the loan as soon as the debt
35	has been reduced to be less than the Sinking Fund balance available in any calendar year; and
36	WHEREAS. The funds available and projected to be collected in 2021 exceed the amount
37 38	WHEREAS, The funds available and projected to be collected in 2021 exceed the amount of the loan; and
39	or the total, and
40	WHEREAS, Retirement of the Loan in March, 2021 will save the City a significant amount
41	of interest that is not otherwise offset by interest earnings available to the City.
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PAGE 2 OF 2 ORDINANCE 21-13 CITY OF HOMER

43 44	NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:					
44	Section 1. The City of Homer's Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond					
46	Sinking Fund schedule of payments is hereby amended by appropriating up to \$2,512,000 to					
47	retire the Loan debt obligation to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.					
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49	Account Description Amount					
50	175-0375 City of Homer Natural Gas Distribution \$2,512,000					
51	Special Assessment Bond Sinking Fund					
52	Special Assessment Dona Smang Fana					
53	Section 2. On or before July 1, 2021, the City Treasurer shall provide the Homer City					
54	Council with a summary compilation of the costs and cost allocations funded by, A) the Bond,					
55	and B) The Loan, and C) The Free Main Allowance, and D) uncollected assessments. Costs					
56	include the cost of construction, interest payments paid in excess of interest payments					
57	received, and any other costs that can be appropriately allocated to the project or the					
58	capitalization of the Bond or Fund.					
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60	Section 3. This is a budget amendment ordinance only, is not permanent in nature, and					
61	shall not be codified.					
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63	ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this $\frac{\mathcal{B}^{\mathcal{N}}}{\mathcal{B}^{\mathcal{N}}}$ day of $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{N}}$, 2021.					
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Memorandum 21-187

TO:	Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
THROUGH:	Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
FROM:	Elizabeth Walton, Finance Director
DATE:	October 7, 2021
SUBJECT:	Natural Gas Fund Supplemental Information

The purpose of this memo is to provide Council with additional information related to the Natural Gas Fund.

Background:

On March 8, 2021, Homer City Council adopted Ordinance 21-13, which directed the Finance Department to retire the debt obligation with the Kenai Peninsula Borough regarding the Natural Gas Line. Ordinance 21-13 also directed the Finance Department to provide Council with a fund financial summary.

On September 20, 2021, the Finance Department met with Mayor Castner and City Manager Dumouchel to discuss the fund financial summary reporting to Council. The main focus of the meeting was to determine the necessary future appropriations and to develop a future plan for the fund. Ordinance 21-63 is the resulting product from this discussion.

Fund Overview Questions:

Question 1: What financial activity takes place in the Natural Gas Fund (Fund 175)?

Answer: The Natural Gas Fund was setup to record capital project costs, debt obligation costs, Free Main Allowance deposits, and Special Assessment District revenues.

Question 2: What is the financial position of the Natural Gas Fund? When will the fund balance turn positive?

Answer: As of 12/31/20, the Gas fund had a negative fund balance of \$369,213. We anticipate at least one more calendar year (2 more audits) with a negative fund balance due to the prepayment of debt. Finance recommends not appropriating any transfers from this fund until there is sufficient fund balance.

Question 3: What funding sources did the City utilize to retire the debt obligation with the Kenai Peninsula Borough?

Answer: The primary funding source utilized for the debt retirement was the Free Main Allowance (balance as of January 2021 distribution was \$1,972,000). The full payoff amount was \$2,511,190.83. A funding gap of \$539,190.83 was created in this transaction. This gap was essentially advanced by the City. This gap and FY 2021 activity has decreased the fund balance to a negative \$336,056 (unaudited). Assessment revenue will continue to come in to cover this payment advance.

Question 4: What are the demographics for the Special Assessment District (SAD)?

Answer: There were a total of 3,788 parcels originally assessed in the SAD and currently there are 1,043 parcels still owing money. Of these parcels: 993 are current on a payment plan, 50 have never paid, and 137 parcels are in late status. There are 2,745 parcels that are paid in full.

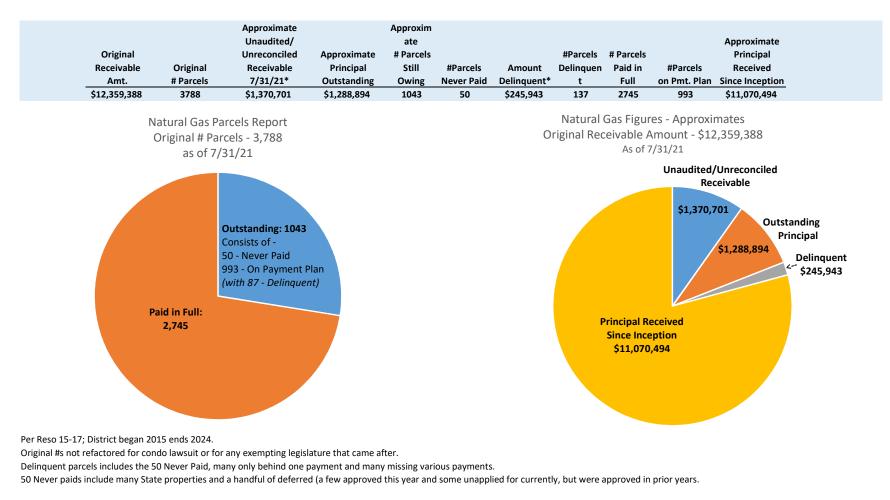
Question 5: How was the doubtful amount derived?

Answer: The doubtful amount (\$161,188) stated in Ordinance 21-63 was approximated by multiplying the 50 parcels that have never paid by the original assessment amount. This value will not be seen in the financial statements, as it is not accounting standards to generate an allowance for doubtful accounts for special assessment districts. We are optimistic that this amount won't be as significant due to our ability to collect on assessments when properties are sold.

Question 6: What does proposed Ordinance 21-63 do?

Answer: As written, Ordinance 21-63 directs the Finance Department to wait until the fund balance for the Natural Gas Line fund turns positive (paying off all obligations to the City). At this point, the Finance Department is to annually transfer excess funds (those above \$0) to the General Fund Fund Balance.

NATURAL GAS ASSESSMENTS



Unaudited/Unreconciled Receivable: General Ledger and Accounts Receivable - January - June 2021 Outstanding Principal: Amount due on payment plans. Delinquent: Amount late on payment plan.

Never Paid: Those who have never paid on assessment.

*Includes interest & late fees charged.