



Homer City Hall

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Homer, Alaska 99603

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City of Homer Agenda

City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, February 08, 2021 at 6:00 PM

City Hall Cowles Council Chambers via Zoom Webinar

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CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL (Addition of items to or removing items from the agenda will be by unanimous consent of the Council. HCC 2.08.040.)

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

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

- a. Homer City Council unapproved regular meeting minutes for January 25, 2021. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 21-025 from City Manager re: Approval of Letter to Governor Dunleavy Expressing the Critical Importance of the Alaska Marine Highway System to the Coastal Communities of Alaska. Recommend approval.
- c. Ordinance 21-06, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$142,800 from the Public Works Fleet CARMA Account and \$272,200 from the HART Road Fund to Purchase a Replacement Grader with Snow Gate and Snow Blade and Two Replacement Sanding Trucks. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction February 8, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 22, 2021.

Memorandum 21-023 from Public Works Director as backup.
- d. Ordinance 21-07, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Operating Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$98,700 from the Port Reserves Fund for the Purpose of Haul out and Disposal of the Derelict Vessel *North*

Pacific in preparation for Safe Disposal. City Manager/Port Director. Introduction February 8, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading February 22, 2021.

Memorandum 21-024 from Port Director as backup.

- [e.](#) Resolution 21-015, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Acknowledging the January 2021 Surplus Equipment Sale Results. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

VISITORS

- a. Unified Command Report (20 Minutes)

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

- a. Special Meeting Report
- b. Committee of the Whole Report
- c. Mayor's Report
- d. Borough Report
- e. Library Advisory Board
- f. Planning Commission
- g. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- [a.](#) Ordinance 21-04, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY21 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of an Additional \$19,700 for the Airport and Library Security Camera Replacement Project. City Manager. Introduction January 25, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 8, 2021.

Memorandum 21-017 from Library Director as backup.

- [b.](#) Ordinance 21-05, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY21 Capital Budget and Authorizing an Expenditure in an Amount up to \$79,000 for Payment of the Water and Sewer Assessments for Lot 4, Hodnik Subdivision KPB Parcel No. 17936032 when Property Ownership Transfers to Kachemak Bay Moose Habitat, Inc and a Deed Restriction has been Recorded Regarding Conservation and Public Access on the Property. City Manager. Introduction January 25, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 8, 2021.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- [a.](#) City Manager's Report

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 21-026 from Finance Director re: FY22/23 Proposed Budget Schedule.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 21-014, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding a Contract to Sherman Technologies, LLC, of Wasilla, Alaska, In the Amount of \$76,100.00 for Upgrades to the Video Security Systems at the Homer Public Library and Homer Airport and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Memorandum 21-027 from Library Director as backup.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, February 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings are scheduled to be held via Zoom Webinar in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Session 21-02 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on January 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: COUNCILMEMBER ADERHOLD, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI
PORT DIRECTOR/HARBORMASTER HAWKINS

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

The following change was made: Memorandum from Mayor Castner Re: Veto of Budget Line Items for Administrative Charges to the HART and HAWSP Funds- Corrected spreadsheet for HART and HAWSP Proposed Admin Fees 2021.

LORD/VENUTI 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 regarding the recent COVID vaccination clinic, he was impressed with the events organization, commitment of the participating groups and individuals, and the seniors who participated. He also commented regarding the Mayor's veto and that it's unfortunate he felt the need to take such a drastic action. He feels there are flaws in the meshing of the gears of government and encouraged that they to work to communicate and cooperate.

RECONSIDERATION

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

- a. Homer City Council Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2021. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 21-014 from Mayor Castner Re: Appointment of Crisi Matthews and Casey Siekaniec to the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 21-015 from Mayor Castner Re: Re-appointment of Carla Stanley to the Cook Inlet Regional Council. Recommend approval.
- d. Memorandum 21-016 from City Clerk Re: Vacation of Drainage Easements within Lillian Walli Estate Plat HM 88-16 and within Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2020-119V1. Recommend approval.
- e. Ordinance 21-04, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY21 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of an Additional \$19,700 for the Airport and Library Security Camera Replacement Project. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction January 25, 2021, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 8, 2021

Memorandum 21-017 from Library Director as backup

- f. Ordinance 21-05, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY21 Capital Budget and Authorizing an Expenditure in an Amount up to \$79,000 for Payment of the Water and Sewer Assessments for Lot 4, Hodnik Subdivision KPB Parcel No. 17936032 when Property Ownership Transfers to Kachemak Bay Moose Habitat, Inc and a Deed Restriction has been Recorded Regarding Conservation and Public Access on the Property. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction January 25, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading February 8, 2021
- g. Resolution 21-010, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving an Updated Memorandum of Understanding with University of Alaska Anchorage and Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 21-018 from Port Director/Harbormaster as backup

- h. Resolution 21-011, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Directing the City Manager to Halt Collection Fees for Park Pavilion Rentals until May 27, 2021. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 21-019 from City Manager as backup

- i. Resolution 21-012, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Review and Release Approved Capital Projects put on hold by Resolution 20-050 on a Case-by-Case Basis. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 21-020 from City Manager as backup

Memorandum 21-021 from Finance Director as backup

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda with it recommendations.

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

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. Unified Command Report (20 minutes)

Homer Fire Chief Mark Kirko, South Peninsula Hospital PIO Derotha Ferraro, and City of Homer PIO Jenny Carroll reported regarding the success of the first COVID vaccination clinic for citizens 65 and over. Christian Community Church provided the space for the clinic, the City managed the planning and logistics side of the event and the hospital managed the clinical side, along with assistance from other partners and volunteers. The system they had set up worked well and they were able to vaccinate 714 people, 10 people per 15 minute, 40 per hour, and are confident they could do 10 people every 10 minutes or 60 per hour. They will continue to do the mass vaccination clinics as long as they are able because it's the best way to get it out to the most people in a short amount of time. They are waiting to find out how many doses will be received in February and will open appointments again when that information is available. Testing continues but has slowed down, we're under 1.5% positivity rate here. Visitation at the hospital has been relaxed but long term care remains closed at this time. The 714 individuals managed the vaccine well and no adverse reactions had been reported to date. They recognized the community members for doing their part in helping keep our numbers down, with no big surges following the holidays, and encouraged the community to follow the mandates to continue the downward trend.

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

- a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council discussed Resolution 21-011 and park pavilion fees, Resolution 21-013 updating the MOU with UAA and KBNERR, Memorandums 21-014 and 21-015 appointments to the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission and the Cook Inlet Regional Advisory Council, also Resolution 21-012 regarding capital projects, Memorandum 21-016 and vacating drainage easements in Lillian Walli Estates, and the Memorandum regarding the Mayor's veto.

b. Mayor's Report

i. Memorandum from Mayor Castner Re: Veto of Budget Line Items for Administrative Charges to the HART and HAWSP Fund

Mayor Castner commented this veto is more of an administrative action because for council to make a correction at this point would require an ordinance and two readings. It's not intended to be adversarial. He also shared that at their next meeting there will be an executive session regarding Baycrest litigation and to provide direction to the City Attorney.

Mayor Castner reported on a meeting with Governor Dunleavy and City of Kenai Mayor Gabriel where they discussed impacts of the North Pacific Fisheries Council closure of lower Cook Inlet to commercial fishing, and he brought up the closing of Homer DMV, Tutka, and the Ferry System. The Governor didn't have much to say, he has an aggressive agenda for expanding natural resource extraction, but has sympathy for expansion of our port. Kenai Mayor Gabriel addressed the management plan that puts about \$3 million worth of excess salmon up the Kenai River without being harvested. The four peninsula Mayors have agreed to sign a joint letter to the Secretary of Commerce asking him to take his time in approving the Council's closure.

b. Borough Report

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly member Lane Chesley reported regarding the January 19th meeting where the Assembly adopted Resolution 2021-008 asking the US Secretary of Commerce to declare a commercial fishery resource disaster due to the 2020 failure of the Upper Cook Inlet Sockeye fishery; 2021-007 approving the tourism and economic development program objectives for FY22. They confirmed the appointment of Melanie Ashelmen as Borough Planning Director, were given notice of contract award to Building Specialties for a new roof on the Homer Medical Center, and addressed ordinance 2020-45 amending Borough Code under subdivisions and appeals to clarify language and procedures.

d. Planning Commission

i. Planning Commission Report

Planning Commission Chair Scott Smith reviewed the written report included in the Council packet. Noting at their last worksession the Commission discussed procedure for appeal hearings. At their regular meeting they welcomed Brad Conley to the Commission, look forward to reports from Commissioner Barnwell on the Public Works Campus Task Force work, and had discussion regarding towers in the medical district area.

e. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair Karin Marks reported on the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD) Economic Development Annual Outlook Forum that was held by Zoom, and the topic was the Regional Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). At the Commission's last meeting they heard reports from Public Works and Planning on subjects they are working on and the Commission appreciates that collaboration. Commissioners reported on their outreach from an informal survey regarding COVID impacts to businesses, many of the respondents had participated in the CARES Grant programs and appreciated the assistance. They approved the draft RFP for the Wayfinding and Streetscape Plan and that will be coming to Council on February 22nd, and they'll be working on their report for the Regional CEDS at their February meeting.

f. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner Ingrid Harrald reported Homer Foundation Executive Director Mike Miller attended their last meeting to talk with the Commission about developing an Endowment Fund and different ways to fund projects for parks and trails. Parks Superintendent Matt Steffy reported on parks and trails sanding plans, trail counters to help in prioritizing trail work, new fire rings, the successful New Year's Eve fireworks event and planning for next year, and the temporary fix of the sink hole at Bishops Beach that will have a long term repair after the ground thaws. Mr. Steffy also addressed work with the library trails, work with the COVID vaccine event, and a new disc golf course in the Diamond Creek Recreation area. Recreation Manager Mike Illg reported on the Winter Recreation Guide that's going out in the upcoming water and sewer mailing and is on the City website, also on the Community Recreation Equipment Rental Program, and online program registration software and shared the HERC is closed to indoor recreation, and the high school gym is unusable due to major roof leakage. The Commission started and will continue to address Beach Policy and personal watercraft.

g. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

Councilmember Aderhold welcomed Deputy Clerk Krause to the group as the new ADA Coordinator for the City. They had a planning discussion with Public Works Director Keiser on one of the next steps for the group which is a self-evaluation and transition plan for parks and trails and the field work will take place this summer. They received an update on the status of the facilities transition plan and considered different perspectives in prioritizing projects

where Public Works prioritizes more along the lines of what they're able to accomplish and the ADA prioritizes access as number 1. They're addressing work needed in the airport and working through responsibility between the state and city, and signage throughout the facilities. She reported the ramp for the KHLT trail on City property is in the City's possession and will be installed when the ground thaws. The committee is also looking at website accessibility and working with one of the members who has a visual impairment on that project. Public Works is taking ownership of the facilities transition plan and updating with additional background information. It's going to be beneficial to the City moving forward to have them fully onboard with ADA compliance.

Mayor Castner raised question regarding the ownership of the airport building and recent work the City had done on the roof. City Manager Dumouchel said he would look into ownership and responsibility of the building and report back.

h. Sister City Report

Deputy Clerk Rachel Tussey provided a brief overview of recent Sister City activity that was provided in her written report, highlighting that the City was invited by the Consular of Japan to participate in the Consulate's Japan Alaska Sister City Forum and discuss projects they are planning, and that Homer currently doesn't have a Sister City Exchange Program. She hopes this new activity will spark interest in establishing that program.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 21-01, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$19,573 from the Sewer CARMA Fund to Perform Preliminary Engineering for the Rehabilitation of the Beluga Lift Station. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction January 11, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading January 25, 2021

Memorandum 21-003 from Public Works Director as backup

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-01 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Smith shared some history his dad expressed to him that back when they were designing this system there was lobbying against a submersed system for the very reason they're exploring re-engineering and replacement of the system now. Some people wonder why he often questions these types of things and this is why he doesn't always accept things outright.

Councilmember Aderhold appreciates the comments and thinks that's the purpose for having a contract like this to help ensure they're doing the right thing.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 21-02, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Chapter 18.08 City Property Leases, Sections 18.08.010 Definitions and 18.08.140 Sublease. City Manager. Introduction January 11, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading January 25, 2021

Memorandum 21-004 from City Manager as backup

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-02 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Lord shared her enthusiasm about this change in that it's a good example of identifying something that doesn't serve the community and isn't in the City's best interest as a service provider. It's business friendly and makes administrative sense.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 21-03, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$35,000 Equally Split between the Water CARMA Fund and the Sewer CARMA Fund for Utility Financial Management Services. City Manager/Public Works Director. January 11, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading January 25, 2021

Memorandum 20-010 from Public Works Director as backup.

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 21-03 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Aderhold noted for the record that she worked for HDR over four years ago and has no financial interest.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel commented regarding items in his written report including ongoing budget meetings between him, department heads, and the Finance Director. He plans to have a budget process schedule at the first meeting in February. He also shared his pride in the City staff working with the Unified Command on the recent vaccination event. He and other staff continue to assess the internal risk level and feel it's getting close to a point to shift from red level to orange and begin limited re-openings for City buildings. There is an Assistant to the City Manager position open, folks who are interested can apply online until February 8th.

Councilmember Evensen commented briefly regarding personal watercraft in considering higher user group fees for funds to put toward additional needs related to that use. City Manager Dumouchel noted Commissions are discussing personal watercraft but he has not received any information back. He will report to Council as information comes forward. Councilmember Evensen also shared concerns about the sinkhole at Bishops Beach and how tidal movement and beach use related to the Beach Policy.

In response to question from the Mayor, City Manager Dumouchel commented the Council Chambers remodel is ongoing. The furniture is completed we have a few issues with supply chain that are being worked on, including considering adjustments in equipment selections if needed. Staff will be doing test meetings to ensure everything is working properly before starting hybrid meetings.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 21-013, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Promoting Civility. Smith/Lord.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-013 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Lord thanked Councilmember Smith for providing the majority of the language and inviting her to co-sponsor this. She's had concerns over the division of the community and the nation, and she feels like the relationship she and Councilmember Smith

have is the way forward. They often disagree with each other's positions but they have a mutual respect for each other. She believes his ultimate motivation is what he feels is best for the community, and his respect for her comes from that shared feeling. She loves this resolution and believes this is the building block of making things work as best we can as a community, and as local government all the way to the national level.

Councilmember Smith shared he has friends and relations who are liberal and others who are conservative and he's found that its far better to collaborate your way through life and not have to look at it as compromising any specific ideal one might have. There will always be different viewpoints and the idea we can exchange views without it becoming an emotional meltdown is a much greater value.

Councilmembers shared their support and appreciation of the resolution, and of Councilmembers Smith and Lord for bringing this forward.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Gatti had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen announced an opening on the Library Advisory Board and an opening for Student Representative on the Economic Development Advisory Commission.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner commented Council's been talking a lot about budget, working through the truncated budget process, and addressing policy issues that need to be taken up. The Commissions have opportunities to discuss the budget as it relates to their charges and he's hopeful to hear their input as Council works through the budget.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Evensen had no comment.

Councilmember Smith thanked the Christian Community Church for their collaboration in the vaccination clinic. There are reports of unsuccessful attempts to accomplish what Homer was able to, and even though we're a small community, it was still a tremendous task to pull off and he's heard nothing but good things about it.

Councilmember Venuti shared her appreciation for community members who apply to serve on the City boards and commissions, and she appreciates their willingness to get involved. She shared a quote from Benjamin Franklin, "*Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn*". She was happy to hear the Sister City report and encouraged reaching out to Deputy Clerk Tussey for more information. Lastly she thanked everyone for their efforts at the vaccine clinic.

Councilmember Aderhold shared about attending a Municipal Climate Community of Practice gathering. It's a group that started meeting in November after AML in 2019. They had two presentations, one was by Scott Waterman about the Borough's Resilience and Security Commission that is just getting started. He shared about what they're doing, where they think they're headed, and options that may be available. It was exciting as representatives from other communities asked questions and shared interest in developing similar framework. The other was by the Anchorage Director of Solid Waste Services, Mark Spafford, who talked about electrifying his fleet and having one of the first electric garbage trucks, and shared about a new transfer station in midtown and about recycling. Someone had commented that it's too bad it's too expensive to recycle in Alaska, and Mr. Spafford countered that land is such a premium and it's always better to keep things out of the landfill.

Councilmember Lord thanked the EOC and the community for their work at the vaccination clinic. It was really warm recently and she was able to walk around the neighborhood. She reminded listeners to clean up after their dogs, it smells bad in the spring and we can help with some of that. The first session of our legislature started on Tuesday, it's a good seasonal past time to listen in at #akleg.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos shared that January 23rd was her oldest niece's birthday, and also her 20 year anniversary at Homer Medical. She appreciates Kathy Hill and Pat Boone for seeing something in her and getting her hired on. She's very grateful for the support and being able to work from home during this time.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, February 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: _____



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Memorandum 21-025

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER

DATE: JANUARY 28, 2021

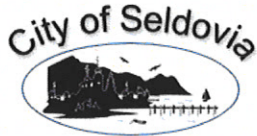
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LETTER TO GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY EXPRESSING THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM TO THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES OF ALASKA

In January 2021, the City of Seldovia's City Manager reached out to my office asking if the Homer City Council would be interested in helping the Seldovia City Council amplify their voice in advocating for the Alaska Marine Highway System.

I included a packet of materials in the City Manager's report for January 11th which discussed this topic (also included in this meeting packet).

At that meeting, Councilmember Aderhold volunteered to champion this topic and we collaborated on the letter included in this packet.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the letter to be signed by the Mayor on behalf of the City Council.



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Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
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Submitted electronically: citymanager@cityofhomer-ak.gov

Subject: Municipal Partnership to Discuss the Alaska Marine Highway System with Governor Dunleavy's Office

December 30, 2020

Mayor Castner and Homer City Council,

On behalf of Seldovia City Council, I am reaching out to assess the potential between our two cities to partner together when discussing the future of the Alaska Marine Highway System with Governor Dunleavy. Seldovia penned the enclosed letter at their last council meeting, however there was interest from Seldovia councilmembers in co-authoring a letter with the City of Homer to share our communities' concerns with his office. We are both connected by the ferry system, perhaps our cities could come together to advocate for its future, too.

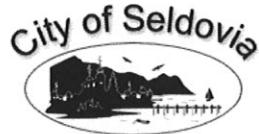
Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rachel Friedlander".

Rachel Friedlander
City Manager

Enclosures:

Dec. 28, 2020 Letter from Seldovia City Council to Governor Dunleavy



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Subject: Invitation from Seldovia City Council to Honorable Governor Dunleavy to
Further Discuss the Alaska Marine Highway System

December 28, 2020

Honorable Governor Dunleavy,

The City of Seldovia would like to invite you and/or Commissioner MacKinnon and Captain Falvey Jr. at either our January 11th or the 25th council meeting to further discuss topics associated with the Alaska Marine Highway System as outlined below.

Seldovia, Alaska is one of thirty-five coastal communities that relies on a year-round ferry system to provide essential transportation and the M/V Tustumena and Kennicott are lifelines to the people of Seldovia. We want to support you in making the Alaska Marine Highway System a sustainable service to the public while ensuring our community's access to this necessary, dependable transportation. When the ferry is running it keeps the cost of living down for rural Alaskans.

In November 2020, Seldovia City Council passed Resolution 21-13 (enclosed) in support of the establishment of an Alaska Marine Highway System Governing Board, one of the main recommendations posed in the October 2020 "Alaska Marine Highway Reshaping Work Group Report to the Governor." The resolution also advocated for the replacement of the M/V Tustumena and emphasized the need to provide this vital and critical transportation service to small Alaskan coastal communities.

The ferry is part of the infrastructure we can expect from the state. This is an essential service to the citizens of Alaska and should not be run as a corporation. We agree with the working group report's recommendation to "(keep) the current department agency model."

Operating on the premise of making money with the marine highway is wrong when compared to the income of DOT land highways, which do not contribute funding.

We are looking forward to your response to the work group report and want to pose the following topics for discussion to be held with you in January:

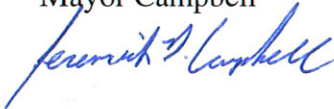
Topics for Discussion

- How is the State ensuring the AMHS budget is sustainable? The FY2022 budget as proposed by the Governor reduces the Marine Vessel Operations budget by \$2,469.7M or -5.4%.
- How is progress being made on the construction of a new Tustumena ferry? What is the long-term fleet plan for the Tustumena?
- How will the state determine and set a static and dependable ferry schedule? The community of Seldovia is willing to entertain the idea of a reduced schedule to ensure ridership on the ferry is high.
- How will the state determine when a vessel is scheduled for the dry dock? It would be best to make sure SOLAS capable vessels like the Kennicott and Tustumena are dry-docked 6 months apart to ensure no interruption in service.

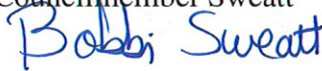
Please know our community is willing to work with the state and is open to making changes to the existing ferry system. As mentioned in the report, the voters approved the bonds needed to bring Alaska's first ferries and docks to the Kenai Peninsula. We are a significant part of the AMHS's history and want your commitment that we will be in its future.

Respectfully,
Seldovia City Council

Mayor Campbell



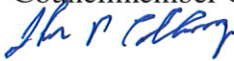
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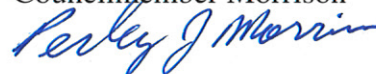
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Commissioner MacKinnon

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Enclosures:

Seldovia Resolution 21-13

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
RESOLUTION 21-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA
URGING GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY AND THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH AN
ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM GOVERNING BOARD; TO SUPPORT THE
REPLACEMENT OF MV TUSTUMENA; AND TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THIS VITAL
AND CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO SMALL ALASKAN COASTAL
COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) is a critical and essential method of transportation for residents of the State of Alaska and Alaska coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy, through Administrative Order No. 313, established the Alaska Marine Highway Reshaping Work Group on January 17, 2020 with the purpose of making recommendations on the future finances and service levels of the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS); and

WHEREAS, it was the duty of the Work Group to consider the analysis and data in the Alaska Marine Highway System Economic Reshaping Report (January 15, 2020) and to define the future needs and purpose of the AMHS, with the goal to ensure residents have access to essential transportation services among Alaskan coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the final report was presented to Governor Dunleavy from the Work Group on October 2, 2020, and included findings and recommendations for the purpose of supporting the Alaska Marine Highway System service provided; and

WHEREAS, the report recommended that the Governor establish and appoint, by administrative order, a new nine member "operations" board, with members having skills and experience a Ferry Commission or Marine Business Board of Directors would bring to bear; and

WHEREAS, an "operations" board would help eliminate the continuing challenge for the AMHS of frequent changes in policy direction coupled with insufficient appreciation of the long-term implications of such changes; and

WHEREAS, the report found that the AMHS fleet was aged and subject to challenging Alaska marine operating conditions, and despite best efforts of ships' crews and AMHS staff, the ferry system was not reliable; and

WHEREAS, the report speaks to the focus beginning in 2014 on the importance of building an ocean capable "replacement" vessel for the MV Tustumena, which has had a 50-year plus service life; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Transportation Improvements Program (STIP) covering all system improvements for which partial or full federal funding is approved and expected to take place during four-year durations, published amendments in October 2020 proposing that FY2020 funding previously budgeted to construct the replacement vessel MV Tustumena to service Southcentral and Southwest Alaska coastal communities be moved to the FY2023 budget; and

WHEREAS, the postponement of funding for the MV Tustumena replacement vessel further perpetuates the unpredictable and unreliable service currently provided from use of the aged fleet that is in need of constant repair and maintenance, and does not promote the provision of long-term sustainable service to Alaskan residents and their small Alaskan communities; and

WHEREAS, the MV Tustumena is and continues to be an important asset for AMHS as one of only two vessels in the AMHS fleet that is ocean-capable and can provide service as a highway and lifeline connecting remote communities in Southcentral and Southwest Alaska to the rest of the great State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the MV Tustumena would be a beneficial long-term investment for the State of Alaska in supporting the continuation of that critical and essential transportation service to small Alaska communities and could provide reliable, sustainable service to other coastal areas of the state as needed; and

WHEREAS, the final report from the Work Group found that reliability was a key concern of every group with which they interacted, some commentors offering that they were willing to accept less frequent ferry service if it was more predictable and reliable; and

WHEREAS, the report states that “It is understood that serving very small communities with the ferry system model will never be cost efficient. It is also understood and appreciated that affordable transportation options are important to them. Ideally, if the overall Alaska Marine Highway System could be made revenue/cost positive, it could absorb losses on these runs”; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System provides an essential transportation service to the City of Seldovia and other small Alaskan communities and it is vital that these services continue, as the AMHS is the only highway connection provided to these communities for access to the rest of the State of Alaska for employment, transportation, groceries, supplies, and general livelihood that cannot be reached without the assistance of boats or planes; and

WHEREAS, long-term sustainable access to essential transportation services that is reliable and predictable could be ensured for all Alaska residents with the establishment of an AMHS Governing Board, with a forward funding plan, and with the continuation of the project to replace the MV Tustumena in the very near future;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA:

Section 1. That the City of Seldovia urges Governor Dunleavy and the Alaska Legislature to establish an Alaska Marine Highway System Governing Board; to support the replacement of MV Tustumena; and to continue providing this vital and critical transportation service to small Alaskan coastal communities.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution will be sent to Governor Dunleavy and members of the Alaska State Legislature.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

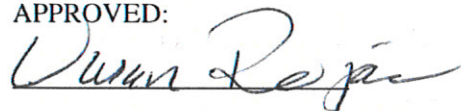
PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia on this 09 day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:



Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Vivian Rojas, Acting Mayor



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2 February 8, 2021

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5 Governor Michael Dunleavy

6 P.O. Box 110001

7 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

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9 Re: The Critical Importance of the Alaska Marine Highway System to Alaska Coastal

10 Communities

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12 Dear Honorable Governor Dunleavy,

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14 The Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) is a critical extension of the state's blacktop
15 highway infrastructure. Coastal communities, like Homer and Seldovia, have relied on this
16 service for more than half a century. The Homer City Council strongly supports a reliable and
17 dependable ferry service that benefits all Alaskans.

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19 As the community at the end of the highway system that connects the Lower 48 to Alaska,
20 Homer provides the launch point for the ferry to Seldovia, the Kodiak Archipelago, and the
21 Alaska Peninsula. This point of transition from state highways to marine highways is very
22 important to Homer, and critical to the physical health and economic resiliency of ferry-
23 connected communities.

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25 The Homer City Council supports the recommendations of the October 2020 "Alaska Marine
26 Highway Reshaping Work Group Report to the Governor" as a method to maintain the essential
27 transportation service provided by the AMHS. In particular, the City Council supports reforming
28 the current board into an operations board tasked with maintaining the sustainability,
29 consistency, and affordability (to the state and to the riders) of the ferry system. The operating
30 board would help eliminate the continuing challenge for AMHS of frequent changes in policy
31 direction coupled with insufficient appreciation of the long-term implications of such changes.

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33 The Reshaping Work Group Report also noted that the current ferry fleet is aged which affects
34 system reliability. Now passing a 50-year service life, the *MV Tustumena* is a prime example of
35 the aging fleet. Replacing the *MV Tustumena* with a comparable ocean-capable (SOLAS) ferry

36 is imperative for the reliability and efficiency of the system for south central and southwest
37 ferry routes. In recent years the *MV Tustumena* has undergone repairs well into the typical ferry
38 operations season, leaving gaps in service and more extensive use of the *MV Kennecott*, a much
39 larger ferry.

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41 The Homer City Council supports the needs of the communities serviced by the south central
42 and southwest ferry routes, Seldovia in particular. As Homer's neighbor across Kachemak Bay,
43 residents of Seldovia rely on the ferry system to access the road system with their personal
44 vehicles and travel to Homer for medical appointments, groceries, and other essential needs.
45 Families and friends live on both sides of the bay and use the ferry for visits. Local businesses
46 thrive by providing goods and services and shipping to Seldovia and residents of other
47 communities accessed via the ferry system. The ferry even becomes a music venue for
48 Seldovia's popular solstice music festival which is attended by Alaska residents and visitors
49 far and wide.

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51 The AMHS is important to the City of Homer, and the future of many rural Alaskan communities.
52 We ask you and your administration to recognize the critical value of the AMHS to thriving
53 coastal communities, to implement recommendations of the Reshaping Work Group Report,
54 and work with coastal communities to come up with a solution that provides a reliable,
55 dependable, and sustainable ferry system.

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57 We look forward to, and would accept any invitation, to come to the table in partnership with
58 other coastal communities and assist your Administration in addressing this critical and
59 complex state service.

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61 Respectfully submitted,

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64 Ken Castner, Mayor

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ORDINANCE REFERENCE SHEET
2021 ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE 21-06

An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2021 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$142,800 from the Public Works Fleet CARMA Account and \$272,200 from the HART Road Fund to Purchase a Replacement Grader with Snow Gate and Snow Blade and Two Replacement Sanding Trucks.

Sponsor: City Manager/Public Works Director.

- a. Introduction February 8, 2021

Memorandum 21-023 from Public Works Director as backup.

1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 City Manager/
4 Public Works Director

5 **ORDINANCE 20-06**

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7 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
8 AMENDING THE 2021 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING
9 EXPENDITURE OF \$142,800 FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS FLEET
10 CARMA ACCOUNT AND \$272,200 FROM THE HART-ROAD FUND TO
11 PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT GRADER, WITH SNOW GATE AND
12 SNOW BLADE, AND TWO REPLACEMENT SANDING TRUCKS.

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14 WHEREAS, The Fleet Replacement Schedule shown in the FY 20/21 approved budget
15 called for, among other things, the replacement of a road grader with snow gate and snow
16 blade; and

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18 WHEREAS, A request was made for the replacement of two sanding trucks; and

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20 WHEREAS, The equipment we seek to replace have been heavily used, at, or beyond,
21 the end of their useful life and are mission critical elements of Public Works road
22 maintenance services; and

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24 WHEREAS, The City Council adopted Resolution 17-038 on April 24, 2017, amending the
25 Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails Program (HART) Policy Manual; and

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27 WHEREAS, The HART Policy Manual establishes criteria to be used for determining
28 which projects qualify for HART-Road funding; and

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30 WHEREAS, Replacing the subject equipment would meet at least two of the criteria set
31 forth in the HART Policy Manual, namely (1) improving safety and (2) reducing maintenance
32 costs; and

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34 WHEREAS, The HART-Roads Fund has sufficient funds to contribute a share of the
35 purchase price of the subject replacement equipment; and

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37 WHEREAS, The City created a Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance Fund
38 ("CARMA") for "*appropriation and expenditure for...major maintenance of City facilities...as*
39 *identified and recommended by the City Manager and authorized by the City Council*"; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Public Works' CARMA Fleet Account has sufficient funds to contribute a
42 share of the purchase price of the subject replacement equipment.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:
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45 Section 1. The City of Homer’s FY21 Capital Budget is hereby amended by appropriating
46 \$415,000 as follows to procure replacement equipment.
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<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
48 Fund 160	HART Roads	\$272,200
50 152-0383	Public Works Fleet CARMA	<u>\$142,800</u>
51	Total	\$415,000

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53 Section 2. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall
54 not be codified.
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56 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ___ day of _____, 2021.
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58 CITY OF HOMER
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61 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR
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63 ATTEST:
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66 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
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68 YES:

69 NO:

70 ABSTAIN:

71 ABSENT:
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73 First Reading:

74 Public Hearing:

75 Second Reading:

76 Effective Date:
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Memorandum 21-023

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JANETTE KEISER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
DATE: JANUARY 27, 2021
SUBJECT: FLEET REPLACEMENT – GRADER AND SANDING TRUCKS

Issue: The Fleet Replacement Schedule shown in the FY 20/21 approved budget called for the replacement of a grader. We seek approval to acquire the grader, with a snow gate and snow blade, as well as two other pieces of mission critical equipment.

Background: The approved Fleet Replacement Schedule for FY 20/21 identified the replacement of a grader. In addition to the grader, we have asked for replacement of a work truck for Parks as well as two sanding trucks. In view of funding constraints, we've re-evaluated our need for these vehicles. We believe we can defer the purchase of the new work vehicle for Parks without compromising mission-critical functions. We request approval to procure the grader, and appurtenances as well as the sanding trucks, because they support mission critical activities.

The Grader. Public Works has four graders, two of which, including Unit E150, the one we need to replace, are 35+ years old. The AK DOT/PF's policy is to replace graders at 15 years and a running life is 12,000 hours. Unit E150 has had a running life of 13,500 hours. To date, we have spent over \$150,000 in labor/materials to keep the Unit E150 running. Currently, the engine and transmission are weak, likely requiring a rebuild sometime soon. The Anchorage School District had a similar machine, which was only 25 years old, with 11,000 hours of running life. They recently rebuilt their machine at the costs of \$145,000. We've been told the cost of rebuilding our machine could cost approximately \$150,000 - \$175,000, because it requires more extensive repairs. Unit E150 is currently in our shop undergoing repairs, due to broken parts. It will cost several thousand dollars and a week of down time to replace the parts.

Even if we could rebuild Unit E150, there is another problem. The unit is undersized and does not have all wheel drive, meaning it does not handle Homer's heavy wet snow well, especially in the remoter parts of the City. Last week, it had to be returned to the shop and traded in for a heavier grader, which does have all wheel drive.

The cost to procure a suitable grader, with an accompanying snow gate and blade, is \$315,000, from the AK DOT/PF's bid sheet. The 2020/21 Budget showed a price of \$200,000 for a new graders. This

was an estimate compiled by the Administration, without the benefit of researching actual current prices. Plus, it did not necessarily include the cost of the accessories, without which the grader is practically useless to us.

The Sanding Trucks.

- a. Unit E 135 is eight years old and one of our two heavy-duty sanding trucks, which run all around the City sanding roads in the winter and as general service trucks in the summer. When sanding, it carries a full load of sand and plow, which stresses its capacity. The road sand contains calcium chloride. While this is a good de-icer, which keeps the sand pourable, it causes corrosion. Plus, these trucks are ridden hard! As an example, the brake pads on a normal work truck need to be replaced every 3 years. We replace the brake pads on the sanding trucks every year. This truck has spent more than its fair share of time in the shop. To date, we have spent \$44,088 in labor and materials for repair and service costs. Our estimated cost for a new truck chassis \$50,000.
- b. Unit E 116 is a 15-year old sanding truck, which services the airport – the tarmac and parking area. It’s a 1-ton truck, which, when fully loaded with sand and a plow, is at, or beyond, capacity. This stresses the drive train and all other mechanical elements, but it works at airport because of terrain is flat. That’s why this truck has lasted longer than if it were operating on City roads. Still according to our asset management software program, we have spent \$43,358 in labor/materials so far to repair this vehicle. It’s at the end of its useful life as a sanding truck and we need to replace it. The estimated cost of a new replacement truck chassis is \$50,000.

Funding:

That Unit 150, the grader, with snow gate and snow blade, and Units E 135 and E 116, sanding trucks, be replaced.

	Original Approved Budget/Request	New Estimated Costs
Unit E150, grader	\$200,000	\$315,000
Unit E135, sanding truck	\$ 48,000	\$ 50,000
Unit E116, sanding truck	<u>\$ 45,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
	\$293,000	\$415,000

Public Works has \$142,800 in its Fleet CARMA account, meaning supplemental funds need to come from another account. I recommend accessing the HART-Roads Fund for the balance of \$272,200.

As of a report dated 12-31-20, the HART- Roads Fund was worth \$6,472,383.66, subject to change upon final audit results. Since then, \$1,278,678 has been spent or obligated, leaving \$6,200,183.6 in the Fund.

Recommendation:

That the City Council authorize the procurement of a replacement grader, with snow gate and snow blade, as well as two replacement sanding trucks, \$142,400 appropriated from the Public Works Fleet CARMA account and \$272,200 appropriated from the HART-Roads Fund.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE SHEET
2021 ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE 21-07

An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2021 Operating Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$98,700 from the Port Reserves Fund for the Purpose of Haul-Out and Disposal of the Derelict Vessel *North Pacific* in Preparation for Safe Disposal.

Sponsor: City Manager/Port Director

- a. Introduction February 8, 2021 Introduction

Memorandum 21-024 from Port Director as backup.

1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 City Manager/
4 Port Director

5 **ORDINANCE 21-07**

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7 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
8 AMENDING THE 2021 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING
9 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,700 FROM THE PORT RESERVES
10 FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAUL OUT AND DISPOSAL OF THE
11 DERELICT VESSEL *NORTH PACIFIC* IN PREPARATION FOR SAFE
12 DISPOSAL.
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14 WHEREAS, On April 11, 2020 the vessel *North Pacific* had an incident where structural
15 integrity of the vessel failed and required an emergency repair and de-watering process to save
16 it from sinking to the bottom of the harbor; and
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18 WHEREAS, After the April 11th event the City of Homer worked in partnership with the
19 U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to have the vessel recognized as an environmental hazard threat to
20 public waterways and to engage the Federal Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) to hire an
21 environmental pollution mitigation firm to remove all the hydrocarbons from the vessel; and
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23 WHEREAS, The USCG completed removal of all environmentally hazardous substances
24 from the vessel and certified it clean and ready for disposal in October 2020; and
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26 WHEREAS, The USCG is currently pursuing legal action against the owner of the vessel
27 *North Pacific* for abandonment and reimbursement of the cost for hazardous material disposal;
28 and
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30 WHEREAS, To ensure that the Homer harbor and public waterways are safe from further
31 environmental hazard, the City of Homer must now arrange for removal and scrap disposal of
32 the cleaned vessel, a cost and effort not covered under the OSLTF fund; and
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34 WHEREAS, The City has received a bid in the amount of \$15,000 from C & C Diving and
35 Salvage for the pre-haul out scrapping and preparatory vessel work; a bid in the amount of
36 \$20,000 from Fortune Sea Marine Services for haul out of the vessel *North Pacific*; and
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38 WHEREAS, The City has received a bid from Alaska Scrap & Recycling in the amount of
39 \$63,700 for the scrapping and disposal of the vessel once hauled out; in which Alaska Scrap &
40 Recycling is willing to take as a credit toward future lease, wharfage, and dockage fee's
41 associated with the Port of Homer.
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43 NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Homer Ordains:
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45 Section 1: The FY 2021 Operating budget is hereby amended by appropriating funds in
46 the amount of \$98,700 from the Port Reserve Fund for the purpose of haul out of the derelict
47 vessel *North Pacific* for future disposal to mitigate possible environmental threats to public
48 waterways and the Homer Harbor, as follows:
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50	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
51	456-0380	Scrap & Haul-out for <i>North Pacific</i>	\$98,700

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54 Section 2: The City Manager is authorized to apply a credit equal to, but not to exceed
55 \$63,700, to Alaska Scrap & Recycling in exchange for the scrapping and disposal of the vessel
56 *North Pacific*, to be applied toward future billable services and fees provided by the Port of
57 Homer including, but not limited to, rent for land leases, wharfage, and dockage.
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59 Section 3: This is a budget amendment ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall
60 not be codified.
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62 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ___ day of _____,
63 2021.
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65 CITY OF HOMER
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67 _____
68 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

69 ATTEST:
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72 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
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74 YES:

75 NO:

76 ABSTAIN:

77 ABSENT:
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79 First Reading:

80 Public Hearing:

81 Second Reading:

82 Effective Date:
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Memorandum 21-024

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR CASTNER
THRU: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER
FROM: BRYAN HAWKINS, HARBORMASTER
DATE: JANUARY 28 2021
SUBJECT: ORD 21-07 DERELICT VESSEL NORTH PACIFIC- HAUL OUT AND DISPOSAL

The vessel North Pacific has been in the Homer Harbor for the past several years. In 2016 it was issued a Nuisance letter by the City and began the derelict vessel process. The owners abandoned the vessel in 2018 and ceased paying their moorage. On April 11 2020 the structural integrity of the hull failed and the vessel began taking on water in the engine room. There was a release that occurred during the de-watering process, inside the containment boom that encircled the boat, and a pollution incident that I reported to NRC documented as case # 1275399. Luckily, with a quick response we were able mitigate the damage to the public waterway by installing a pressure patch inside the vessel's engine room that stopped the flooding. However, because of the very poor hull condition, the North Pacific will, if left to its own devices, eventually end up at the bottom of the harbor.



Since April 11th we have been working in partnership with the US Coast Guard (USCG) to find a permanent solution to the environmental threat and minimize economic loss that the derelict vessel North Pacific presents to this community. The City reached out to the USCG with a plan to share the burden of disposal for this derelict vessel (See Attachment) that asked the Coast Guard to help with the removal and cleaning

of the environmental hazards and help with legally pursuing the negligent owner, while the City in turn shouldered the removal and scrapping of the vessel from the Homer Harbor which is a cost not covered under the available relief funds managed by the Coast Guard.

The USCG went through processes to officially recognize the North Pacific as an environmental hazard threat to public waterways which allowed them to use the Federal Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) to remove all the hydrocarbons from the vessel. The Coast Guard legal unit is also currently pursuing legal action against the owner of the vessel North Pacific for abandonment and reimbursement of the cost for hazardous material disposal.

With the vessel now declared clean, for our part of the deal we've reached out to get quotes for the removal and disposal of the vessel. Logistically this will have to happen in 3 phases:

Phase 1 – Prep.

Scope of Work: This includes an inspection of the vessel at the steel grid to make sure that the integrity of the hull is strong enough to endure the stresses involved in hauling the boat out and onto the uplands area of the Marine Haul Out facility for scrapping, as well as cutting and removing by crane lift any deck gear and dredging equipment from the top sections of the boat prior to dragging it out onto the beach.

Price: We received two quotes, both from highly qualified local firms that have history working within the Harbor. We propose the lower priced quote from C&C Diving and Salvage of \$15,000.

Timeline: February - Taking advantage of the high tide cycles

Phase 2 –Haul Out

Scope of Work: Haul Out of the vessel from the tidal flats to the uplands utilizing an airbag system.

Price: This was a sole source bid, there was only one contractor in the area with the correct equipment and willingness to take on this vessel. Fortune Sea Marine Services for \$20,000.

Timeline: March

Phase 3 – Scrapping and Disposal

Scope of Work: Demolish and dispose of all metals, insulation, garbage, etc., related to the Vessel North Pacific from the uplands lot next to Outer Dock Road

Price: This was a sole source bid, there is only one recycling scrap company with the proper equipment and disposal avenues on the peninsula that is available for the job. Alaska Scrap and Recycling for \$63,700. Alaska Scrap and Recycling is willing to accept a credit of their bid amount toward future lease, wharfage, and dockage fee's associated with the Port of Homer in exchange for the demolition and removal of the North Pacific.

Timeline: July

Recommendation

Approval and adoption of ordinance 21-07

Attached

2020 05 12 Letter to USCG Re Vessel North Pacific Environmental Hazard Threat



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May 12 2020

Dear Sir,

As the Port director and Harbormaster for the City Of Homer, I am working to find a permanent solution to the environmental threat and minimize economic loss that the derelict vessel North Pacific presents to this community. Firstly, I believe it's important to state up front that the City of Homer is not the owner of the vessel North Pacific. The owner is North Pacific Gold LLC. However, due to the neglect of the owner and the imminent threat of pollution to our waterways, the community has been left with no choice but to supply the manpower, equipment, and expertise in order to protect against a sunken vessel pollution release and avoid a tremendously expensive and embarrassing salvage effort in our community's harbor. I believe our two agencies are the best equipped to deal with this threat, and suggest a joint venture between the U.S. Coast Guard and the Homer Harbor to safely remove this threat in as economical a way as possible and to pursue restitution from Paul Thompson Jr, president of North Pacific Gold LLC.

On April 11 2020 the structural integrity of the hull failed when, during an extreme minus tide, the North Pacific set down on the harbor floor causing a crack in the hull and the vessel began taking on water in the engine room. There was a release that occurred during the de-watering process, inside the containment boom that encircled the boat, and a pollution incident that I reported to NRC documented as case # 1275399. Luckily, with a quick response we were able mitigate the damage to the public waterway by installing a pressure patch inside the vessel's engine room that stopped the flooding. However, because of her draft and very poor condition, she will try to sink again. To keep this from happening I'm proposing the following plan:

I'm requesting that the United States Coast Guard:

- ✓ Officially recognize that the vessel North Pacific poses an imminent threat to the environment and public due to the near sinking and pollution release in Homer Harbor that occurred on April 11, 2020. More specifically, taking note of the issue of vessel draft, obvious hull condition/neglect, depth of Homer Harbor, and the pollution potential that exists when the hull is compromised.
- ✓ Officially recognize North Pacific Gold LLC as the owner of the vessel North Pacific so that Coast Guard personnel can pursue the restitution of cost for the pollution mitigation from the vessel owner Paul Thompson Jr. and North Pacific Gold LLC.
- ✓ Engage the pollution fund to hire a firm to clean all of the hydrocarbons from the vessel to mitigate the environmental threat and the danger to the public

The City of Homer is offering in partnership:

- ✓ Once the vessel is cleaned of hydrocarbons, the City of Homer and Port staff will move the pollution free hull from its current location in Homer Harbor to the Homer haul out and repair yard for removal from the water.



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- ✓ The City will engage the firm Alaska Scrap & Recycling to responsibly demolish the North Pacific and dispose of the vessel from the system. "Responsibly demolish" means that all salvageable material will be recycled, all waste material will be removed to the landfill, and the disposal site will be cleaned and return to original condition.

An evaluation of the April 11th event brought to light new information about the vessel and underlined just how present the threat of this vessel sinking is. The North Pacific is a deep draft single keel vessel that has been extended and widened at some point in her life. Because of her draft, the North Pacific sets down on the bottom of the harbor during any minus tide. Earlier that week we experienced an extreme low tide -5.2 and that translated into nearly the full weight of the vessel resting on the keel, and we believe that the stress of settling the old unmaintained hull on the harbor floor caused a bracket welded to the bottom of the bilge to crack, and that it was this cracked weld that started the leak resulting in a full response effort from the harbor staff and diver/salvage team. Because of the lessons learned on April 11th, we know that the vessel hull condition is such that future hull integrity issues from setting down are expected at each minus tide, and this vessel will try to sink again. Given these new factors, I would ask the Coast Guard to reconsider the issue of using the pollution fund and engage a firm to clean all of the hydrocarbons from the vessel to mitigate the environmental threat and the danger to the public.

I believe that if we work together to take these steps we will remove the North Pacific's environmental threat to the public permanently. Further, it will assist in holding the owners of the vessel North Pacific Gold LLC responsible for their property. Please be advised that the City is also continuing our efforts to that effect, and at this time we are working with our attorneys to pursue legal action against the firm for back debt and abandonment of their vessel on the public's property and for disposal costs.

I want to thank the USCG for their support and guidance over the years; our community is being well served. I have always viewed our relationship as a partnership in service as we all have the same goals of safety, service and stewardship.

Respectfully,

Bryan Hawkins, Homer Harbormaster/Port Director

Attachments- July 24 2019 Letter from Attorneys of Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot Re legal ownership of the North Pacific
May 4 2020 C&C diving Inspection/Incident Report
North Pacific History

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Clerk

RESOLUTION 21-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
ACKNOWLEDGING THE JANUARY 2021 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT
SALE RESULTS.

WHEREAS, A Surplus Equipment Property Sale was conducted in accordance with
Homer City Code 18.30; and

WHEREAS, The January 2021 Surplus Equipment Sale Invitation to Bid was advertised
in the Homer News on January 7 and 14, 2021, sent to three plans rooms in the state and
posted on the City of Homer website; and

WHEREAS, There were 84 items included on the list and sealed bids were due by 3:00
p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2021 in the City Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, There were 33 bidders who submitted a total of 183 bids on 61 of the items
available for sale; and

WHEREAS, The City Manager shall reevaluate the value of those items not bid upon and
if found to meet the criteria of Homer City Code 18.30.040, the City Manager may authorize the
disposal of items through non-competitive methods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, hereby
acknowledges the surplus equipment bid results attached as Exhibit A for the January 2021
Surplus Equipment Sale.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

45 Fiscal Impact: Cost of Advertising and processing bids. Revenue generated \$49,916.19
46 distributed to Accts. 100-0040-4901 and 400-0600-4901.

Public Works Department Surplus Items				Port & Harbor Department Surplus Items				Homer Volunteer Fire Department Surplus Items				City Hall & HERC Maintenance Facility			
ITEM #	Brief Description	Bidder & Amount		Item #	Brief Discription	Bidder Name & Amount		Item #	Brief Description	Bidder Name & Amount		Item #	Brief Description	Bidder Name & Amount	
PW1	John Deere Backhoe	William Inglis	\$14,111.00	PH01	Fly Rod & Reel	Jason Boyd	\$10.00	HVFD 1	Mako Briefing Compressor	No Bids Received		CC1	Artwork Homer Spit in winter	This Item was removed from the Sale prior to bid opening.	
		David Smith	\$6,850.00			Mark Whaley	\$11.00	HVFD2	Polaris 6 Wheeler	Troy Laky	\$1,500.00	CC2	Dia dela Flores - Art	Mike Riley	\$2.00
		Moore & Moore Svcs	\$7,050.00			Mike Riley	\$3.00			Moore & Moore Svcs	\$2,600.00	CC3	Wooduck Hen - Art	Mike Riley	\$1.50
		Dutchboy Landscaping	\$6,080.00			David Smith	\$26.50			Dutchboy Landscaping	\$1,150.00			William Inglis	\$20.00
		William Inglis	\$13,651.00			Cory Brandal	\$30.14			Mark Robl	\$1,199.00			Paul McBride	\$3.00
		Dibble Creek Rock	\$8,500.00	PH02	Cutting Board	JKA	\$26.00			Paul Raymond	\$1,128.98	CC4	View from Haines Hwy - Art	Stevie Dresher	\$10.00
		Mark Robl	\$9,201.00			Mike Riley	\$2.00	HVFD 3	TFT 100PSI Fire Nozzles	No Bids Received				Richard Borland submitted @ 2:15 pm	\$35.00
PW2	1990 Chevy Suburban	Troy Laky	\$300.00			David Smith	\$16.50	HVFD 4	Mattracks for Polaris 6 Wheeler	Dutchboy Landscaping	\$575.00			William Inglis Submitted @ 1:09 pm	\$35.00
		Mike Riley	\$95.00			David Kudwa	\$10.29			Mark Robl	\$599.00	CC5	Waves Crashing on Rocks - Art	Stevie Dresher	\$10.00
		Cory Brandal	\$306.17			Richard Borland	\$13.00	HVFD5	55" TV	No Bids Received		CC6	Chickadees - Art	Paul McBride	\$2.00
		AAA Punchlist Handyman Svcs	\$700.00			Yeti B & B	\$10.00	HVFD6	Misc. Office Chairs	Dutchboy Landscaping	\$175.00			William Inglis	\$5.00
PW3	1992 Vac Truck Vactor	East Road Services	\$21,700.00	PH03	Dipnet	Mark Whaley	\$5.00							David Kudwa	\$3.03
		Homer Boat Yard/Josh Burns	\$7,500.00			Mike Riley	\$2.50							Mike Riley	\$1.50
		Moore & Moore Svcs	\$7,500.00			Mark Robl	\$11.00					CC7	Snowy Owl - Art	William Inglis	\$25.00
		Clark Management	\$11,400.00	PH04	Single Sideband Radio	Mike Riley	\$6.00			Total Revenue	\$3,374.00			Stevie Dresher	\$10.00
PW4	1995 Patchman	Moore & Moore Svcs	\$150.00			Mark Whaley	\$35.00							Staci LaPlante	\$20.00
		William Inglis	\$467.00			Randi Iverson	\$55.00					CC8	Tropical Scene - Art	No Bids Received	
PW5	2006 Blizzard Snow Plow	Mike Tracy	\$427.00	PH05	Spinning Rod & Reel Combos (2)	David Kudwa	\$1.11					CC9	Lexmark CS310dn Printer	Stevie Dresher	\$20.00
		AAA Punchlist Handyman Svcs	\$300.00			Mike Riley	\$3.50								
		William Inglis	\$153.00			Jason Boyd	\$10.00								
		David Smith	\$176.00	PH06	Coffee Mug	Stevie Dresher	\$5.00								
PW6	2006 F150 Short Truck Bed	Cory Brandal	\$117.18			Mike Riley	\$1.50								
						William Inglis	\$0.67							Total Revenue	\$117.00
PW7	1000 Gal AST on Skids	Dutchboy Landscaping	\$625.00	PH07	Binoculars	Cory Brandal	\$20.18								
PW8	Used Loader Chains (4)	Moore & Moore Svcs	\$50.00			Kalie Petska-Rubalcava	\$100.00								
		Mark Robl	\$101.00			Mike Riley	\$9.00								
		Dutchboy Landscaping	\$525.00			Dave Welty	\$64.44								
PW9	Plastic Tool Box for Pickup	Stevie Dresher	\$20.00			David Smith	\$52.00								
PW10	Motor Pool Lube Reels	No Bids Received				David Kudwa	\$55.66								
PW11	Barrel Pump for Lube Reels	David Smith	\$45.00			Stevie Dresher	\$3.00								
PW12	Dewalt 18v cordless tools	Mike Riley	\$12.00			Tamara Fletcher	\$27.55								
		David Smith	\$75.50			Mark Robl	\$19.00								
		David Kudwa	\$2.22			Mike Tracy	\$127.00								
		Cory Brandal	\$67.18	PH08	Backpack	Mike Riley	\$3.00								
		Paul Raymond	\$50.00	PH09	Water Cooler	Mike Riley	\$2.50								
		Yeti B & B	\$50.00	PH10	Propane Heater	Mark Robl	\$9.00								
		Paul McBride	\$8.50			Stevie Dresher	\$20.00								
PW13	Milwaukee and Makita cordless Tools	Mike Riley	\$11.00			Mike Riley	\$8.50								
		Stevie Dresher	\$15.00			David Kudwa	\$12.77								
		Cory Brandal	\$47.18	PH11	VHF Radio & Hailer	Randi Iverson	\$32.00								
		Mark Robl	\$11.00			Mike Riley	\$5.00								
PW14	Pasload Nailers	Stevie Dresher 11:15 AM	\$30.00	PH12	Indirect Fired Heater	Mark Whaley	\$551.00								
		William Inglis 1:09PM	\$30.00			Mike Riley	\$300.00								
			\$29.00			Dave Welty	\$644.44								
PW15	Stainless Mirrors	No Bids Received				Moore & Moore Svcs	\$1,400.00								
PW16	Steel Drop in Sinks	No Bids Received				Mark Robl	\$539.00								
PW17	Folding Chairs -7	Mike Riley	\$7.00			C & C Diving & Salvage	\$800.00								
PW18	Bosch Table Saw	Troy Laky	\$20.00			Dibble Creek Rock	\$1,127.00								
		Mike Riley	\$82.00	PH13	Indirect Fired Heater	Moore & Moore Svcs	\$600.00								

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		David Kudwa	\$103.11			C & C Diving & Salvage	\$800.00								
		Stevie Dresher	\$70.00			Dibble Creek Rock	\$777.00								
		Cory Brandal	\$60.17	PH14	1995 Chevy Pickup Truck	Mike Riley	\$78.00								
		Mark Robl	\$89.00	PH15	Conveyor Belt	Dave Welty	\$94.44								
		Paul Raymond	\$50.00	PH16	Insulated Tote	Raspberry Hill Vacation Rentals	\$50.00								
		JKA/Kim Zook	\$205.00			Jason Boyd	\$20.00								
		Moss Island Oyster Farms	\$151.00	PH17	Boat Trailer	Stevie Dresher	\$200.00								
		Paul McBride	\$32.00	PH18	Fiberglass Tote	Jason Boyd	\$10.00								
PW19	Nanolux Grow Lights	Cory Brandal	\$27.18	PH19	Insulated Tote	Jason Boyd	\$20.00								
		AK Loven It	\$600.00			Mike Riley	\$15.00								
		Mark Robl	\$109.00			David Kudwa	\$25.75								
PW20	Computer Server Rack	No Bids Received				Randi Iverson	\$78.00								
PW21	Metal File Cabinet - Beige	No Bids Received				Mark Robl	\$19.00								
PW22	Metal File Cabinet - Black	No Bids Received		PH20	Boat Anchor	Mike Riley	\$11.00								
PW23	Metal File Cabinet - Lot of 2	No Bids Received				William Inglis	\$35.00								
PW24	Metal File Cabinet - Black	Mark Robl	\$11.00	PH21	Garden Cart	Jason Boyd	\$20.00								
PW25	Table - Wood	No Bids Received				Kalie Petska-Rubalcava	\$50.00								
PW26	Desk Brown	No Bids Received				Mark Whaley	\$15.00								
PW27	Desk U Shape	No Bids Received				Mike Riley	\$15.00								
PW28	Grundfos Circ Pumps	No Bids Received				David Smith	\$31.00								
PW29	Display Rack	No Bids Received				Randi Iverson	\$68.00								
PW30	CPR Training Dummies	Stevie Dresher	\$20.00			David Kudwa	\$16.16								
PW31	Green Metal Roofing	No Bids Received				Stevie Dresher	\$16.00								
PW31	Rolled Plan Storage Boxes	No Bids Received				Raspberry Hill Vacation Rentals	\$30.00								
		Total Revenue	\$39,732.86			Richard Borland	\$52.00								
						Paul Raymond	\$32.00								
						Moss Island Oyster Farms	\$35.00								
						Mark Robl	\$29.00								
						Tamara Fletcher	\$27.55								
				PH22	Plunge Pole	No Bids Received									
				PH23	Aluminum Skiff	Mike Riley	\$22.00								
						Dutchboy Landscaping	\$475.00								
				PH24	Kayak	Mike Riley	\$12.00								
						Jason Boyd	\$100.00								
						William Inglis	\$50.00								
						David Kudwa	\$102.11								
						Stevie Dresher	\$101.00								
						JKA/Kim Zook	\$356.00								
						Moss Island Oyster Farms	\$250.00								
						Yeti B & B	\$200.00								
				PH25	Stroller	Mike Riley	\$17.00								
				PH26	Gillnet Fairleads	No Bids Received									
				PH27	Oil Drain Pans	No Bids Received									
				PH28	Light Ballast Kits	No Bids Received									
				PH29	Marine Signal Lanterns	Stevie Dresher	\$30.00								
						Paul Raymond	\$51.25								
				PH30	Sodium Light Fixtures	No Bids Received									
				PH31	Strobe Lights	No Bids Received									
				PH32	Snow Plow 2008 Blizzard 810 with mount	AAA Punchlist Handyman Svcs	\$500.00								
						Mike Tracy	\$388.00								
				PH33	Light Fixtures Halophane	No Bids Received									
				PH34	Black Poly Mesh	William Inglis	\$53.00								
						Mike Riley	\$5.00								
				PH35	Truck Sander	William Inglis	\$297.00								
						Dutchboy Landscaping	\$250.00								
						Homer Boat Yard	\$500.00								
						Mike Riley	\$111.00								

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			PH36	Coleman Cooler	Stevie Dresher \$10.00						
			PH37	Fax Machine	No Bids Received						
			PH38	Ramp Landing Float	Kalie Petska-Rubalcava \$500.00						
					Kachemak Mariculture \$1,595.00						
					Total Revenue \$6,692.33						

ORDINANCE REFERENCE SHEET
2021 ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE 21-04

An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY21 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of an Additional \$19,700 for the Airport and Library Security Camera Replacement Project.

Sponsor: City Manager

- a. Introduction January 25, 2021 Introduction
Memorandum 21-017 from Library Director as backup

- b. Public Hearing and Second Reading February 8, 2021
Memorandum 21-017 from Library Director as backup

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

ORDINANCE 21-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
AMENDING THE FY21 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXPENDITURE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$19,700 FOR THE AIRPORT AND
LIBRARY SECURITY CAMERA REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Through Ordinances 18-44(A) and 19-38(A)(S), the Homer City Council has
previously allocated funds in the amount of \$60,000 to replace existing security cameras at the
Homer Public Library and the Homer Airport, and

WHEREAS, The Review Committee for the Upgrade to Video Security Systems Request
for Proposals recommends awarding the contract to the firm of Sherman Technologies, LLC,
to supply the security cameras and the necessary supporting equipment, and to complete the
installation at both the library and the airport, for a total cost of \$76,100, and

WHEREAS, The design of the replacement system requires an additional 18 perpetual
software licenses for the operation of the cameras, at a total cost of \$3,600.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the FY21 Capital Budget is hereby amended by appropriating an
additional \$19,700 for the Airport and Library Security Camera Replacement as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
156-0390	Library CARMA	\$4,100
156-0388	Airport CARMA	\$15,600

Section 2. This ordinance is a budget amendment only, is not of a permanent nature
and is a non-code ordinance.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ___ day of _____, 2021.

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

43 ATTEST:

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46 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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48 YES:

49 NO:

50 ABSTAIN:

51 ABSENT:

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53 First Reading:

54 Public Hearing:

55 Second Reading:

56 Effective Date:



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Memorandum 21-017

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
FROM: Dave Berry, Library Director
DATE: January 15, 2021
SUBJECT: Airport and Library Security Camera Upgrade

In 2007, security camera systems were installed at the Homer Public Library and the Homer Airport. These systems are well past the end of their designed lifespan, and many of the cameras are no longer functional.

In 2018 and 2019, the City Council approved funds to replace these systems and upgrade them to meet modern standards. The project has been significantly delayed and redesigned due to requirements imposed by the federal government. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), passed in 2019, dictates that security equipment installed at airports must contain no Chinese-made components. This has limited the choice of available suppliers and driven up costs, as well as slowed delivery through supply chains. COVID-19 has further delayed the project, both by tying up suppliers of the equipment and by forcing City personnel to concentrate on other tasks.

In late 2020, the City advertised for bids to supply and install the equipment at both locations. The winning bid, from Sherman Technologies, was selected in January 2021. Sherman Technologies has offered to complete the full project at a total cost of \$76,100. The City will also need to pay \$3,600 for additional software licenses to support the new cameras, bringing the total cost to \$79,700. This is an increase of \$19,700 over the existing \$60,000 appropriation.

In the estimation of the City IT Manager, the bid includes a reasonable cost increase, given the two years that have elapsed since the original appropriation and the aforementioned complications in the equipment supply.

RECOMMENDATION

Appropriate an additional \$19,700 to cover cost increases and complete the project and follow up with a Resolution awarding the contract to Sherman Technologies to supply and install security cameras and supporting equipment at the Homer Public Library and Homer Airport.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE SHEET
2021 ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE 21-05

An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY21 Capital Budget and Authorizing an Expenditure in an Amount up to \$79,000 for Payment of the Water and Sewer Assessments for Lot 4, Hodnik Subdivision KPB Parcel No. 17936032 when Property Ownership Transfers to Kachemak Bay Moose Habitat, Inc and a Deed Restriction has been Recorded Regarding Conservation and Public Access on the Property.

Sponsor: City Manager

- a. Introduction January 25, 2021 Introduction

- b. Public Hearing and Second Reading February 22, 2021

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

ORDINANCE 21-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY21 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND AN AMOUNT UP TO \$79,000 FOR PAYMENT OF THE WATER AND SEWER ASSESSMENTS FOR LOT 4, HODNIK SUBDIVISION KPB PARCEL NO. 17936032 WHEN PROPERTY OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS TO KACHEMAK BAY MOOSE HABITAT, INC AND A DEED RESTRICTION HAS BEEN RECORDED REGARDING CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS ON THE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-133(S) authorized the City’s participation in the payment of water and sewer assessments for Lot 4, Hodnik Subdivision and identified public purpose to justify participation; and

WHEREAS, Payment of the water and sewer assessment fees by the city is contingent on the purchase of the property by Kachemak Bay Moose Habitat Inc, and recording of a deed restriction regarding conservation and public access on the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the FY21 Capital Budget is hereby amended by appropriating up to \$79,000 from the City’s Land Acquisition Fund for the purpose of paying the water and sewer assessment for Lot 4, Hodnik Subdivision, KPB Tax Parcel No. 17936032 as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
150-0392	Land Acquisition Fund	\$ 79,000

Section 2. This ordinance is a budget amendment only, is not of a permanent nature and is a non-code ordinance.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ___ day of _____, 2021.

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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46 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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49 YES:

50 NO:

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54 First Reading:

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Memorandum

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2021

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

FY22/23 Budget

In the last two weeks of January I hosted eight budget kick off meetings with members of the leadership team to discuss the FY22/23 budget. These initial meetings were very informative for myself and the department and division leaders seemed to get a lot of value out of the exercise as well. In February, the Finance Director and I are focusing on deconstructing and reconsidering various "overhead" calculations. At the second meeting in February, we will have a discussion with Council regarding budget priorities for the upcoming two-year cycle.

Land Clearing and Air Quality

In recent weeks there has been a significant amount of land clearing in Homer and Kachemak City which has caused unfavorable smoky conditions. This has been noticed by HVFD staff and they have conducted outreach to those with burn permits within city limits to discuss cold weather burning best practices. See attached for a memo from Fire Chief Kirko regarding the current situation and some changes he is proposing to our existing burn permit requirements. Changes to the conditions imposed on those seeking burning permits are within the powers of the Fire Chief per HCC 5.20.020 (d).

Future Firework Locations

Inspired by comments from Councilmember Evensen, I initiated a conversation with Police, Fire, Harbor, and Public Works staff about potentially directing future fireworks displays to a location towards the end of the Spit. The popularity of the current New Year's Eve program appears to be outgrowing Mariner Park, and there are some additional benefits possible in moving the show further from town. Staff has been directed to conduct outreach to the event organizer and will continue to fine tune the concept of a new preferred fireworks location.

Water Main Break at Lucky Shot

Recently the Public Works Department responded to a water main break on Lucky Shot Street. The narrative and photos below are provided by Director Keiser.

When Superintendent Todd Cook got to the Water Treatment Plant in the morning, he noticed water volumes, as shown on one of the meters, were abnormally high – a clear sign of a water main break somewhere. He traced the data back and found the spike started about 10:00PM last night. He immediately started driving around looking for clean, chlorine-smelling water where it shouldn't be and found it in a ditch on Lucky Shot Street. He was able to bracket the location of the break and direct the road crew's operators where to start digging.

Once the backhoe operator opened the street, you could see clean water bubbling out of the ground, like a spring. He kept digging and eventually got to the pipe, which was cast iron and leaking from obvious cracks in the pipe. As he was exposing the pipe, other crew members were keeping the hole dewatered with pumps and mobilizing parts for the repair. The water/sewer crew turned the water pressure down and notified the neighbors they would have little to no water for a while.

Once the pipe was fully exposed, the water/sewer crew cut out the section of pipe that was cracked, cleaned it and installed a new section of pipe, connected to the existing pipe with special couplings. Everything was cleaned and disinfected with our home-made chlorine solution. The water was gradually turned back on, to reduce excess pressures in the line. Plus, our inspector came out and measured the location of the water break, so it could be as-built on our system maps.

When it was clear no further leaking was occurring, the water/sewer guys packed up their gear and left. The road crew stepped back in to do the backfill and restore the road and a private driveway we had to take out in the repair process. Lucky Shot Street is a paved road, but the paving patch will need to wait for warmer weather.

What was a pleasure to watch was how well the crew worked together, even the folks who were relatively new to their roles. It was a dirt-moving ballet!

The photos below show Todd Cook and Paul Raymond digging out the cracked water main, and Ralph Skorski beside the successful repair.



Meeting with AKDOT&PF Commissioner McKinnon

On January 28th, our lobbyists were able to arrange for a meeting with Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Commissioner John McKinnon and Deputy Commissioner Rob Carpenter. Myself, Harbormaster Hawkins, and Special Project Coordinator Jenny Carroll were in attendance. We discussed the regional importance and funding needs for the port expansion project and Spit erosion management general investigations. We also discussed potential Federal COVID relief funds for transportation and the Governor’s GO Bond package plans.

Remote Sales Tax

In 2020 the City of Homer began receiving sales tax income via the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission (ARSSTC). This program has the benefit of collecting sales tax fees the City was not previously able to collect. In 2020, the City received \$183,955 from ARSSTC. The City paid \$39,947 in fees to the Commission in 2020. Starting with the FY22/23 budget, this revenue source will have its own line.

Much like our regular sales tax collected by the Borough, there is a lag between when a taxable sale occurs and when the City receives income. The table below show the funds received in 2020 and breaks them into the City’s different sales tax streams. It is difficult to forecast the long-term impact of this revenue because 1) it is a new revenue source; 2) COVID has greatly disrupted spending habits and patterns. I believe, based on the limited amount of data we have so far, we would be conservative in saying that funds from ARSSTC could easily exceed \$300,000 on an annual basis.

	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
General Fund	\$99	\$7,897	\$11,545	\$14,532	\$15,325	\$15,551	\$15,559	\$35,175	\$115,683
HAWSP	\$24	\$1,942	\$2,839	\$3,573	\$3,768	\$3,824	\$3,826	\$8,650	\$28,447
HART-Roads	\$22	\$1,748	\$2,555	\$3,216	\$3,392	\$3,442	\$3,443	\$7,785	\$25,602
HART-Trails	\$2	\$194	\$284	\$357	\$377	\$382	\$383	\$865	\$2,845
Police Station	\$10	\$777	\$1,136	\$1,429	\$1,507	\$1,530	\$1,530	\$3,460	\$11,379
TOTAL	\$157	\$12,558	\$18,359	\$23,108	\$24,369	\$24,729	\$24,741	\$55,934	\$183,955

FY21 State Homeland Security Grant Requests Submitted

The application period for FY21 State Homeland Security Program grants just closed. Over the years, SHSP grant support has been instrumental in incrementally and systematically keeping our public safety communications system up to date. This round, the City applied for two critical pieces of equipment: (1) a bi-directional amplifier system to improve radio communication coverage for ALMR system channels inside the new Homer Police building. An unanticipated high noise floor level in the new building interferes with ALMR radio signals making it necessary to amplify ALMR radio signals; and (2) microwave links that carry radio control, data, video and voice traffic from dispatch to Homer Police Department, and during emergencies, to the City’s response personnel in the Fire, Port & Harbor and Public Works departments. The microwave link the City relies on is aging out of manufacturer support and is not capable of fully meeting current system needs. Should the City be successful in these requests, we will bring an ordinance to Council for grant acceptance and request sole source procurement of funded items to insure they are compatible with and successfully integrated into our communications system.

New Certified Municipal Clerk – Rachel Tussey

I would like to congratulate Deputy City Clerk Rachel Tussey who has earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). According to IIMC, the CMC is a “declaration that you are proficient in your important position and that you have demonstrated mastery of administrative skills critical to good government.”

“I’m super excited for Rachel and very proud of her accomplishment! When we planned for 2020 training she was slated to attend two weeks at the Northwest Clerk’s Institute (NCI) in Tacoma to complete her education requirements for this certification. Then COVID hit, travel and in person trainings were canceled, and she stepped up to assist in PIO duties. NCI and IIMC worked to get virtual trainings together to ensure Clerks could continue to receive continuing education, and despite all the other duties Rachel has taken on this year she buckled down, signed up for the virtual sessions, and fulfilled her requirements to earn the prestigious designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. COVID high 5 to Rachel!” – City Clerk Jacobsen

Retirements

Jim Knott; HPD/ Investigator III

Jim was hired October 30th, 2006. He stayed until June 26th 2009, and then decided to see how the dark side was, working for Kenai PD. Jim came back to us February 2010 because let’s face it- Homer rocks. He was promoted to PO III October 31st, 2016, attended a prestigious polygraphing school in 2017 and was again promoted to Investigator III March 25th, 2018. Over his almost 14-year career with us, Jim has been instrumental in training, teaching and mentoring many officers, and many of you. He has been dedicated and an integral part of Project Drive and its success. Jim has been one of the hardest working law enforcement officers I’ve had the privilege to work with over the years. His experience and knowledge will be hugely missed here. Jim, we wish you well and success in all future endeavors and I know you’ll succeed in all. Thank you for being part of our team and giving us your best for almost 14 years. – Lieutenant Browning

Manfred Kirchner; PW/Treatment Plant Operator III

Manfred started with the City of Homer in June 2012 working in the Utility section of PW. He soon moved to the Treatment Facilities. Manfred is very knowledgeable in Water/Wastewater operations. He has been a valuable part of the Water/Sewer team and will be missed. We wish him the best in his retirement. – Superintendent Cook

COVID-Related Updates

COVID Risk Status

On February 1st I moved the City from the “Red” to “Orange” level on our COVID risk framework. The move to orange allowed for a limited reopening of the HERC and the Library by appointment-only. The change in risk level also allows staff to hold more in-person meetings as long as masking and social distancing guidelines are followed. As an organization we continue to do quite well with very minimal positive COVID cases or close contact related absences across the last couple months.

COVID Vaccine Clinic Support

On February 2nd, City staff and volunteers assisted SPH with phone-in appointment setting for the February 5th & 6th mass vaccine clinic. A phone-in option is key to providing vaccine access and assistance to those in our

community without computer or internet. The scheduling was very smooth and more satisfying to callers this time around thanks to a call queue system developed by IT Manager Nick Poolos for the vaccine call line. Thanks go out to community volunteers for their time assisting!

Council Chambers Update

Work continues on the Council Chamber update. The furniture pieces are largely complete but we're continuing to have some supply chain issues for a handful of electronic components. I'm hoping to have a solution to that shortly. At the last meeting a question was asked about the space each Councilmember would have, the photo below shows the space available with the maximum number of individuals seated at the dais (ten). Once the dais is fully wired for electricity, microphones, etc. that unfinished space will be covered up.



Enclosures:

1. Memo from Fire Chief Kirko w/ Attachments
2. Letter of Appreciation received from Pier 1



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Memorandum

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER
FROM: MARK KIRKO, FIRE CHIEF
DATE: JANUARY 27, 2021
SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY

In recent weeks there has been a significant amount of land clearing in Homer and Kachemak City causing unfavorable smoke conditions in the area. The smoke conditions are noticed by most and may produce a health risk to some citizens with existing respiratory problems. Our burn permit regulations are clear, but I am suggesting some revisions to the requirements.

I would like to add two statements to the existing burn permit requirements:

- No burning will occur when exterior temperatures are below 34 degrees.
- The fire department may require permitted fires to be extinguished if smoke conditions are determined to be a nuisance by a fire department official or multiple complaints are received from the public.

At this time, the fire department is reaching out to burn permit holders and reminding them of the requirements for burning and advising them to only burn when conditions are suitable.

The other problem that exists is that we are not the only regulatory agency for the affected area. The State and Borough also have a part in the permit and enforcement process that is similar to what has been adopted by the local jurisdiction.

I am actively working with the borough area fire departments and the Alaska Division of Forestry to improve the burn activities and educate the community on the open burning process and regulations.

Attached is a copy of the existing City permit and a State Forestry Small Scale Permit brochure for your review.

**CITY OF HOMER
BURNING PERMIT**

No. 2616

In accordance with the Ordinances of the City of Homer and the laws and regulations of the State of Alaska, the undersigned is hereby granted permission to burn:

A maximum _____ of _____ on the following property in the
(Woody debris, brush, etc. not to exceed 4" diameter)

Kenai Peninsula Borough: _____ ¼, Sect _____ Township _____ Range _____ Seward Meridian
(Further, specify location by milepost, street, subdivision, and local landmarks)

Burning is authorized subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Construct a firebreak _____ wide to mineral soil around material to be burned before lighting fire.
2. Have _____ adult person(s) attending the burn, until the fire is out and cold to the touch.
3. Have sufficient water _____ and tools _____ on site to control and if necessary to extinguish the fire.
4. No burning if wind exceeds 10mph.
5. **Call Homer dispatch at 235-3150 each day before burning.**
(Leave permit #, name, phone #, and location of burn)
6. This permit does **not** authorize burning any substance which causes black smoke, toxic gases, or odors which affect nearby persons; or excessive smoke that creates a nuisance or health risk for persons on neighboring properties.
7. Do not burn within 50 feet of structures or under powerlines. Exception: piles < 3 feet in diameter - 25 feet away.
8. Other terms: _____

This permit is issued under the authority of Ordinance 98-05 of the City of Homer governing open burning and the regulation of burn permits. This permit may be modified, suspended or revoked at any time.

The permittee shall have this permit in possession at all times when burning and shall display upon demand to any duly authorized agent of the City of Homer or the State of Alaska.

Permittee agrees to hold the City of Homer harmless from any claim or damage caused by negligent acts or omissions of permittee, his/her employee, or his/her agent, arising during or as a result of activities covered by this permit.

WILLFUL OR NEGLIGENT DISREGARD OF THE TERMS OF THIS PERMIT CONSTITUTES AN ILLEGAL ACT AND MAKES YOU CRIMINALLY LIABLE. This permit does not relieve the permittee from responsibility for fire damage.

Date Issued _____ 20 _____ PERMIT EXPIRES _____ 20 _____

Name of Permittee (print) _____ Telephone No _____

Name of the Property Owner if different from Permittee _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

SIGNATURE _____
Permittee attests that they have the owner's permission to perform open burning if they are not the owner

Issued By _____ Business Office #235-3155

In an EMERGENCY- DIAL 911

A Burn Permit is required for Open Burning throughout the year within the City of Homer

(Rev Dec. 02)

CITY OF HOMER
OPEN BURNING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Only wood, slash and other similar natural materials may be burned. The open burning of synthetic materials, flammable liquids or materials that produce black smoke, noxious or toxic gas shall not be permitted.
2. A firebreak, clear of all combustible materials, shall be provided for a minimum of ten feet or equal to the diameter of the burn pile, whichever is greater. A minimum clearance from structures or other improvements of 50 feet or four times the diameter of the burn pile, whichever is greater, shall be provided.
3. Burn piles shall not exceed 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet high. (Requires Site Inspection)
4. Material to be burned will not exceed 4 inches in diameter.
5. Material to be burned will be as dry as practical. Piles left standing should be covered to permit adequate drying.
6. When multiple piles over 10 feet in diameter are to be burned on the same site, one pile shall be lit as a test burn and the burning conditions assessed before any additional piles are lit. Smoke should rise at least 500 feet and remain clear of all inhabited structures.
7. The smoldering phase of the fire will be minimized by tending and consolidating the open burn as it progresses into the smoldering phase and will be fully extinguished when active flaming combustion can no longer be maintained.
8. All open burning must be tended continually for maximum combustion and safety until the fire is fully extinguished. Fully extinguished is defined as cold to the touch with no hot ash or embers.
9. Equipment and personnel capable of extinguishing the open burn must be on site throughout the burn.
10. All State of Alaska regulations for open burning and permit requirements must be met.
11. As a condition of this permit the emergency dispatcher center must be notified immediately prior to lighting any open burn. **Call 235-3150**

Violation of the terms of this burning permit may result in suspension modification or termination of this permit. It may also subject you to civil and criminal penalties and the cost to extinguish the fire.

You are REQUIRED to call the Burn Permit Hotline before burning or if weather conditions become hotter, drier or windy
907-260-4269

This permit is issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry as authorized by AS 41.15.010 (protection from wildland fire), 41.15.050 (fire season) and 41.15.060 (permits).

This burn permit may be denied, suspended or revoked by an authorized employee of the Alaska Division of Forestry. **11 AAC 95.430** (Denial, suspension, or revocation of permit).

The permittee shall sign this permit and possess it while burning and shall display it request. **11AAC 95.422** (Permit requirements).

Non-compliance with this permit may lead to a fine or criminal prosecution. This permit does not relieve the permittee from civil or criminal liability for damages resulting from an unpermitted burn or escaped fire.

This permit is valid thru December 31st of the year issued

I have read and understand the conditions and requirements of this permit.

(Print Name)

(Signature-Required) _____ (Date)

(Physical Burn Location)

CAMPING, COOKING AND WARMING FIRES

A campfire not more than three feet in diameter and two feet in height, or a commercially manufactured outdoor burning device does NOT require a burn permit.

LARGE SCALE BURN PERMITS

To burn a brush pile larger than ten feet in diameter and four feet in height, more than one pile at a time, or undertaking burning more complex than allowed under this permit, you must contact the nearest Alaska Division of Forestry Fire Prevention Office listed on the front of this permit, either by phone or in person, to request information about obtaining a Large Scale Burn Permit **11 AAC 95.416** (Large Scale burn permits).

COMMON BURNING VIOLATIONS

- Burning during adverse weather conditions (hot, dry, windy) or during a burn permit suspension or burn closure.
- Failure to possess a valid burn permit.
- Burning that exceeds the scope of the permit.
- Burning materials that emit black smoke, obnoxious odors or toxic fumes. Examples include plastic, rubber, vinyl, animal waste/carcasses, household garbage, waste oil, etc.
- Failure to clear the ground around a campfire, brush pile or burn barrel.
- Leaving a fire unattended or not fully extinguishing a fire until it is cold to the touch.

The Wildland Fire Protection Statutes and Regulations can be found at:
<http://forestry.alaska.gov/>

State of Alaska Division of Forestry

SMALL SCALE BURN PERMIT

Required from April 1st - August 31st

You are REQUIRED to call the Burn Permit Hotline prior to the start of any burning or if conditions get hotter, drier or windy

907-260-4269*



Kenai-Kodiak Area Forestry

Fire Prevention Office
42499 Sterling Highway
Soldotna, Alaska 99669
907-907-260-4260

Residents living within the following fire service areas must also call the number listed below to notify the fire department of any open burning:

Nikiski: 907-776-6401
City of Homer: 907-235-3150
Kachemak Emergency Service Area: 907-235-9811

For information visit:

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/>

To receive NIXLE alerts from local agencies
TEXT YOUR ZIP CODE TO 888777 TO OPT-IN

BURN BARREL REQUIREMENTS

55 Gallon Barrel

- Circular, outdoor metal drum, in good condition, with no more than a 55 gallon capacity
- Metal mesh cover on top in good condition, with mesh openings no larger than 5/8"
- At least three evenly spaced 3" square holes covered with metal mesh along the bottom
- Situated on top of non-burnable materials



- At least 6 feet of ground cleared to mineral soil extending to all sides of the barrel
- Stay with the barrel until completely out and cold to the touch



Sufficient water to immediately extinguish fire and a tool close by when burning



- Burn only untreated wood, leaves, grass clippings, cardboard and paper

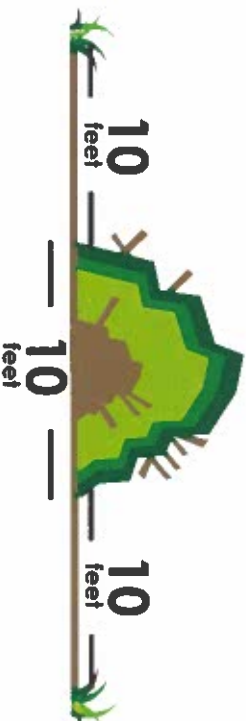


1 Adult with the barrel at all times

SMALL PILE BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Pile Specifications

- Only ONE pile burning at a time
- Max ten foot diameter and four foot height



- At least 10 feet of ground cleared to mineral soil extending to all sides of the pile
- Stay with the pile until completely out and cold to the touch



Sufficient water to immediately extinguish fire and tools close by when burning



- Burn only untreated wood, leaves, grass clippings, cardboard and paper

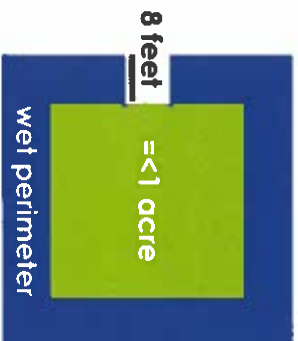


At least one adult with the pile at all times

LAWN BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Lawn Specifications

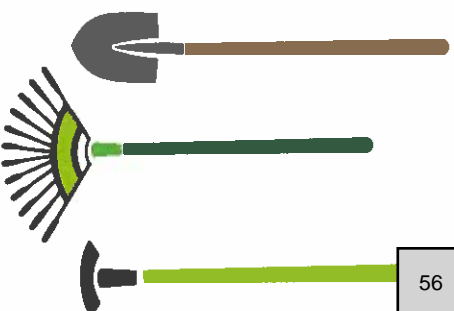
- Maintained lawn
- Max one acre and four inches in height



- Maintain an 8 foot wet perimeter on the ground around the burn at all times
- Stay with the lawn until completely out and cold to the touch



Sufficient water to immediately extinguish fire and tools close by when burning



3 Adults at all times



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To the City of Homer, Mayor Castner and City Council Members,

This year, as with theatres across the world, the Coronavirus pandemic forced Pier One Theatre to close its doors. Our planned season flew out the window, and we faced a year of financial uncertainty and disconnect from our community. As we reflect on the last year, all of its strangeness, and all of its small miracles, we can clearly see that we could not have survived on our own. Your Herculean efforts to administer funds to businesses and organizations in need have sustained us throughout the pandemic. The CARES funds, SBERG and NERG, and the matching funds from the Rasmuson Foundation which you so diligently distributed were essential to the survival of Pier One Theatre. Thanks to these economic relief packages and the tireless efforts of funders to reach communities, we had a very different season than we were anticipating.

In addition to being able to meet our basic operational expenses, we had a surprisingly full season including an acting technique workshop, a Drama Slam in conjunction with the Alaska World Arts Festival which resulted in the creation of nine new plays, and a holiday film which collected music, poetry, and dance celebrating the season. We teamed up with the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies for their Coastal Cosmic Telethon and live-streamed five original plays celebrating the natural world around us. We collaborated with KBBI AM 890 to produce three radio plays including *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde and two original plays by local playwrights, *Rising* by Brenda Dolma - a story about grief and climate change, and *Shakespeare in Quarantine* by Jessica Golden - a modern take on the writing of King Lear while theatres were closed due to plague. We enjoyed an overwhelmingly positive response from the community when we helped celebrate Mary Epperson Day in June, and in October shared a curated live performance of *Haunted Shakespeare: His Murdered, Ghosts, and Otherworldly Creatures* - two COVID safe walks on the Pratt Museum trails featuring over 30 local actors (*Haunted Shakespeare* was also filmed and will be released sometime early this year). It is very clear that the residents of Homer are longing for more live theatre!

This past year has called on all of us to reimagine, to adapt, and to work hard for the community in ways we could never have anticipated. You have risen to the challenge and supported us all the way through. As we look to the end of the pandemic and a brighter future, we hope you continue to view the arts as a core part of society that lifts our hearts and strengthens us all.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Norton
Executive Director
Pier One Theatre, Inc.



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Memorandum 21-026

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
FROM: Elizabeth Walton, Finance Director
DATE: February 1, 2021
SUBJECT: FY 2022/23 Proposed Budget Schedule

Included is the proposed budget development schedule for the FY 2022/23 budget period.

Recommendation:

Review and approve the FY22/23 Budget Schedule.

City of Homer
Proposed Budget Development Schedule for FY 2022 & 2023

Dates	Time	Event
2/8/2021	6:00 PM	Budget Development Schedule approved by Council
2/22/2021		Submit to departments, budget work sheets including salary and fringe benefit costs
	5:00 PM	Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget priorities for the coming year
	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Public Hearing - public input on budget priorities for the coming year
3/8/2021	5:00 PM	During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss Revenue Sources for General Fund
3/29/2021		Departmental Draft Budget and narratives to Finance
4/12/2021		Compile data and return copy to departments for review
4/12 - 4/23/2021	Weeks Of	City Manager - Budget Review with Finance Director and Department Heads
4/26/2021		Preliminary budget assumptions to Council.
5/10/2021		City Manager's Budget (Proposed Budget) to Council
	5:00 PM	Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget
	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting - Public Hearing
5/24/2021	5:00 PM	Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget
	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting - to introduce Budget Ordinance and Fee/Tariff Resolutions
6/14/2021	5:00 PM	Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget
	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting - Public Hearing
6/28/2021	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting - Public Hearing & FY 2022/23 Budget Adoption

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Clerk

RESOLUTION 21-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SHERMAN TECHNOLOGIES, LLC OF WASILLA, ALASKA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,100.00 FOR UPGRADES TO THE VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEMS AT THE HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND HOMER AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, The Request for Proposals was advertised in the Homer News on November 5th and 19, 2020, in the Peninsula Clarion on November 8, 2020, sent to two plans rooms in the state and posted on the City website; and

WHEREAS, Proposals were due in the Office of the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, and two proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, The Review Committee reviewed the proposals received and determined the firm of Sherman Technologies, LLC of Wasilla, Alaska, to be the lowest responsive proposer qualified to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, This award is not final until written notification is received by the selected firm from the City of Homer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, awards the contract in the Amount of \$76,100 for Upgrades to the Video Security Systems at the Homer Public Library and Homer Airport to the firm of Sherman Technologies, LLC of Wasilla, Alaska, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8th day of February, 2021.

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK



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Memorandum 21-027

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER
FROM: DAVID BERRY, LIBRARY DIRECTOR
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2021
SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SHERMAN TECHNOLOGIES, LLC FOR SECURITY CAMERAS

In late 2020, the City solicited bids to replace the existing security cameras at the Homer Public Library and the Homer Airport.

In January 2021, the City selected Sherman Technologies, as the bidder best able to meet the requirements of the project.

The detailed plan presented by Sherman Technologies meets all the specifications laid out in the Request for Proposals. The selection committee unanimously regarded it as the best choice among the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution awarding Sherman Technologies the contract to supply and install security cameras and supporting equipment at the Homer Public Library and Homer Airport.