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City of Homer Agenda

City Council Worksession

Monday, April 11, 2022 at 4:00 PM

In Person at City Hall Cowles Council Chambers and Zoom Webinar

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CALL TO ORDER, 4:00 P.M.

Councilmember Lord requests excusal.

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

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)

- a. Legislative Update - Senator Gary Stevens
- [b.](#) Lobbyist Update - Christine Hess & Reggie Joule, J&H Consulting

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minutes)

ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Worksession 4:00 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.

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Legislative Update for City of Homer

April 2022

Operating Budget Process:

- ▶ Operating budget starts in the House, Capital budget in the Senate.
- ▶ Subcommittees meet for each state department and make recommendations to House Finance.
- ▶ House Finance decides which recommendations to accept, and then issues a committee substitute (CS).
- ▶ Public testimony is taken. Finance members then introduce their own amendments.
- ▶ This year, a pause is taken as legislators wait for a new revenue forecast to come out on March 15th.
- ▶ House Finance will make further adjustments after receiving the new revenue forecast.
- ▶ **WE ARE HERE:** The CS bill passes out of House Finance and is introduced on the House floor. More amendments are introduced, the bill is debated, approved, and passed to the Senate; this typically takes a week. The same process takes place in the Senate, where senators add in their important items.
- ▶ The Senate votes to pass, and the changed bill goes back to the House for a concurrence vote, which generally fails.
- ▶ Differences between the two budgets are worked out in a conference committee.

Legislative Update:

Covid outbreak slowed the budget process by a week.

Covid outbreak continues, with hearings cancelled off and on.

Operating budget on House floor week of April 4th. Over 80 amendments with 20 related to the PFD formula.

Senate closing out department subcommittees.

Senate took public testimony last week on all the budgets (op capital, mental health).

Senate will move fast once the budget is on their side.

Everyone still waiting for the new cs for the capital budget.

Federal Infrastructure:

- ▶ Gov. Dunleavy introduced **HB414 Approp: Supplemental; Capital (GOV)** and its companion **SB241 Approp: Supplemental; Capital (GOV)**,
- ▶ Both bills are vehicles to appropriate the initial funding anticipated to be received by the State of Alaska from the federal Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
- ▶ The bills call for \$80 million of general funds and \$56 million “other” funds to access \$870 million of federal funds for a **total of \$1 Billion**. Both bills are already scheduled for their first hearings:
 - ✓ SB241 in Senate Finance on Wed April 6 at 1 p.m.
 - ✓ HB414 in House Finance on Thurs April 7 at 1 p.m.

Governor's Infrastructure Bill Summary (SB 241/HB 414)

			GF	Other	Fed	Total
1	IJA Federal Programs & Match		\$ 56,009.1	\$ 55,650.4	\$ 838,507.0	\$ 950,166.5
2	DCCED	AOGCC, Broadband and RUBA programs	\$ 166.7	\$ 513.0	\$ 38,841.0	\$ 39,520.7
3	AEA	Energy & Energy Efficiency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,655.6	\$ 3,655.6
4	AHFC	Weatherization & Energy Efficiency Related Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,000.0	\$ 37,000.0
5	DEC	VSW, EPA State Revolving Fund Programs	\$ 3,802.0	\$ 34,337.4	\$ 117,317.4	\$ 155,456.8
6	DFG	Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration	\$ -	\$ 6,000.0	\$ 18,000.0	\$ 24,000.0
7	DHSS	LIHEAP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314.0	\$ 314.0
8	DMVA	State & Local Cybersecurity Grants	\$ 240.4	\$ -	\$ 2,164.0	\$ 2,404.4
9	DNR	Mapping, AML Reclamation & Wildfire	\$ 1,000.0		\$ 14,123.0	\$ 15,123.0
10	DOT	FHWA, AIP, EV, Bridge Programs	\$ 50,800.0	\$ 14,800.0	\$ 607,092.0	\$ 672,692.0
11	IJA State Support of Federal Programs		\$ 8,034.4	\$ 250.0	\$ -	\$ 8,284.4
12	DOA	Cybersecurity Improvements	\$ 2,849.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,849.0
13	DEC	SPAR Database Upgrades	\$ 1,300.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300.0
14	DEC	Non-Federally Eligible Brownfield Sites	\$ 1,000.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.0
15	DEC	Water Program Administration	\$ 135.4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135.4
16	DNR	Critical Minerals Resource Mapping	\$ 2,750.0	\$ 250.0	\$ -	\$ 3,000.0
17	FY22 Congressional Earmarks		\$ 2,000.0	\$ -	\$ 7,000.0	\$ 9,000.0
18	AHFC	Teacher, Health, and Public Safety Housing	\$ 2,000.0	\$ -	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 4,000.0
19	DNR	Coastal and Nearshore Mapping of Alaska	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 5,000.0
20	IJA Coordination & Implementation		\$ 8,000.0	\$ 480.0	\$ -	\$ 8,480.0
21	GOV	IJA Planning & Coordination - State Infrastructure Office	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 480.0	\$ -	\$ 5,480.0
22	CED	Alaska Municipal League (AML) - Capacity Building & Technical Assistance to Local Governments	\$ 500.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.0
23	CED	Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Navigator Program	\$ 2,500.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.0
24	IJA Opportunity Investments		\$ 5,500.0	\$ -	\$ 22,500.0	\$ 28,000.0
25	AEA	<u>Electric Grid Modernization:</u> <i>Grid Modernization, Reliability, Resiliency and Transmission Opportunities</i>	\$ 1,000.0	\$ -	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 6,000.0
26	AGDC	<u>Clean Hydrogen:</u> <i>Clean Hydrogen Research Development and Demonstration Opportunities</i>	\$ 1,000.0	\$ -	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 6,000.0
27	DNR	<u>Carbon Capture:</u> <i>Carbon Technology Infrastructure Research Development and Demonstration Opportunities</i>	\$ 1,000.0	\$ -	\$ 5,000.0	\$ 6,000.0
28	UA	<u>Rare Earth Elements & Critical Minerals (REE-CM) Research & Development</u> <i>Rare Earth Elements Demonstration Facility and Critical Mineral Security Projects</i>	\$ 2,500.0	\$ -	\$ 7,500.0	\$ 10,000.0
29		Totals	\$ 79,543.5	\$ 56,380.4	\$ 868,007.0	\$ 1,003,930.9

Bills:

- ▶ **HB 30:** Updates workers comp benefits by increasing death benefits and permanent partial impairment. In Senate.
- ▶ **SB 131:** Breast cancer added as a presumption of compensability for firefighters. L&C (H)
- ▶ **SB 9:** Sen. Micciche's rewrite of Alaska alcohol statute. Fin (H)
- ▶ **HB 3:** Adds cybersecurity to the definition of disaster for access to disaster relief funding. Transmitted to Gov. for signature.
- ▶ **HB 54:** Creates an Invasive Species Council within the Department of Fish and Game to help eradicate/manage invasive species. Passed House, in Senate Resources.
- ▶ **HB 28:** This legislation removes duplicative registration and numbering requirements for active commercial fishing, tender, and processing vessels, by allowing certain vessels licensed by Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to bypass additional DMV registration requirements. The proposed effective date of this legislation is January 1, 2022. Passed House, in Senate Finance.
- ▶ **HB 272/HB 273,** increase school funding; **SB 111/HB 164,** Pre-K and Reading bills, important for end negotiations. **SB 34,** Tribal Compacting to House.

Bills:



- ▶ **HB 358:** Extends the state Renewable Energy Fund for ten years from its current termination on June 30, 2023, to the same date in 2033. This bill is moving fast. Fin (H)
- ▶ **SB 175/HB 265:** Allows medical providers to do consultations by telehealth, which was allowed while the state was under a pandemic health emergency.
- ▶ **HB 220:** Adds a Tier V defined benefit option for some types of employees. [HB 55](#) (similarly creating a Tier V DB option, but only for public safety) has already passed the House, so if these move forward they will depend on the Senate - and likely Finance - for support.
- ▶ **SB 234/HB 363:** Enabling legislation for a state broadband office, creates a broadband advisory board, and creates a mechanism for broadband support where costs are high. Moving on both sides.
- ▶ **HB 234:** Sets a \$2,000 limit on individual donations to campaigns and limits the influence of special interests from the Lower 48 by requiring that 75% of a candidate's individual donations come from Alaskans. Passed House in State Affairs (S).



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