Memorandum 10-03 Council Seating

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TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2010

SUBJECT: COUNCIL SEATING.

It is customary for City Council seating arrangements to be made at the Special Meeting in October. The oath of office for newly elected officials is administered and then seat selection is done. The Mayor Pro Tempore has the first seating choice, followed by the Councilmembers in the order of their seniority.

At the October 20, 2009 Special Meeting, Councilmember Lewis was absent. Councilmember Zak chose to be seated in Councilmember Lewis' seat. Because both Councilmembers Lewis and Zak were elected at the same time, neither has seniority over the other. Due to Councilmember Lewis' absence at the October meeting, he was not able to defend his seat. The seating has not been revisited with a full Council.

I suggest that all Councilmembers return to their post October 2009 assigned seats. In the spirit of fairness, a coin toss would be a simple and unbiased way to determine the seating arrangement. The seat selection should occur in this order:

Mayor Pro Tempore Wythe

Councilmembers Roberts, Howard, Lewis & Zak (by coin toss), Hogan

RECOMMENDATION:
Revisit Council seating and conduct a coin toss if needed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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