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CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA

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Interim City Manager Hired

Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

City Clerk's Office

Walt Wrede, the City Manager for Homer for the past twelve years will be hanging his hat up on this part of his life December 31, 2014. We all wish him the best in his next endeavors and strongly encourage some well-deserved down time. Marvin Yoder, who was previously at Fort Yukon, has agreed to fill the role of City Manager for as long as 6 months until a permanent candidate is selected. Let's make sure he receives a warm Homer welcome. Council has agreed with the selection for the 3rd year in a row and appointed City Clerk, Jo Johnson as the Acting City Manager when Mr. Yoder is out of the office for any period of time ☺

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER

ORDINANCES APPROVED FOR OCTOBER 2014

Ord. 14-46, Amended Homer City Code 8.12.200(d) "Chauffeur's License" – Required, to Remove the Enumerated Chauffeur Application Fee and Instead Identify Chauffeur License Fees in the City of Homer Fee Schedule Determined By City Council Resolution.

Ord. 14-47(A), Amended the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating

\$105,000 from Port and Harbor Depreciation Reserve for Barge Mooring Facility Phase 2 Uplands Improvements.

Ord. 14-48, Accepted and Appropriated a Grant from the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$36,691.21 for Homer Police Department Project Drive.

Ord. 14-49, Amended Homer City Code 21.03.040, Definitions; Homer City Code 21.12.030, 21.14.030, 21.16.030, 21.18.030, 21.24.030, 21.26.020, 21.28.030, 21.30.030, and 21.32.030, Conditional Uses and Structures; and Homer City Code, Permitted Uses and Structures, to Define the Terms Helipad and Hospital, to Delete Heliport as a Conditional Use in the Rural Residential, Urban Residential, Central Business District, General Commercial 1, Marine Commercial and Open Space – Recreation Zoning Districts; to Delete Heliport as a Permitted Use in the General Commercial 2 District, to Add Helipad as a Conditional Use Accessory to a Hospital in the Residential Office Zoning District and as a Conditional Use in the General Commercial 2 District.

Ord. 14-50, Amended the FY2014 Operating Budget by Transferring \$67,500 from the Information System Budget to a Designated Project Expense Account within the Information System Depreciation Reserve Fund.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED FOR OCTOBER 2014

Reso. 14-088-Amended the Sewer Fee Schedule to provide a Fee Structure for Metered Sewer Only Customers.

Reso. 14-093, Adopted the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan and Established Capital Project Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2016.

Reso. 14-008, Approved a New Intergovernmental Wastewater Agreement Between the City of Homer and Kachemak City.

Reso. 14-102, Encouraged the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to Fix the Bumps on the East End Bike Path.

Reso. 14-103, Supported the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan.

Reso. 14-104, Approved a New Five Year Lease on One Fourth of Lot 12 (Chip Pad) for Alaska Scrap and Recycling.

Reso. 14-105, Expressed Support for Kachemak Nordic Ski Club Application to the Recreational Trail Grant Program of the State of

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Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to Complete the Maintenance Building at the Lookout Mountain Ski Area in the Amount of \$50,000.

Reso. 14-106, Requested that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Construct a Bridge and “Daylight” Woodard Creek as Part of the Pioneer Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

Reso. 14-107, Extended the Vessel Haul-out Task Force and Amended the Make-up of the Task Force to Allow Barbara Howard to Continue Serving as Chair.

Reso. 14-108, Awarded the Contract for the Refurbishment of Homer Fire Department Apparatus Engine 4 to the Firm of U.S. Fire Equipment, L.L.C. of Sumner, Washington, in the Amount of \$148,998.18.

Reso. 14-109(S), Certified the Results of the City of Homer regular Election Held October 7, 2014 to decide Ballot Proposition #1”Shall a Charter Commission be Elected to prepare a Proposed Charter?” and to Elect the Mayor and Two Council Members.

Reso. 14-110 Designated the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC) Site as the Location for the Proposed New Homer Public Safety Building.

Reso. 14-111, Requested that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Enact an Ordinance Permitting General Law Cities in the Borough that Levy a Sales Tax to Levy a Sales Tax at a Higher Rate on Hotel/Motel Room Rents.

Reso. 14-112, Confirmed the City’s Intent to Issue a Request for Proposals for Employee Benefit Broker and Consulting Services with the Contract Term to Begin on January 1, 2015.

Reso. 14-113, Supported the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies Recreational Trail Program Grant Application Administered by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

Reso. 14-116, Extinguished the City Self-Insured Employee Health Insurance Plan and Approved a Two Year Contract with Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Reso. 14-117, Approved the Hiring of an Interim City Manager for a Term Not to Exceed Six Months.

MEMORANDUMS APPROVED FOR OCTOBER 2014

Memo. 14-149, Transfer of a Liquor License for Alice’s Champagne Palace.

Memo. 14-154, Authorized Travel for Mayor Wythe, Councilmember Zak and Reynolds to Attend the Alaska Municipal League 64th Annual Local Government Conference in Anchorage, November 17-21, 2014.

Memo. 14-165, Appointed Councilmember Catriona Reynolds to the Permanent Fund Committee, and Reappointed Deb Lowney to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Memo. 14-166, Supported the Grant Application for Kachemak Bay State Park.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2014

November 1, 2014 will be Extra Mile Day

November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

ORDINANCES APPROVED FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Ord. 14-52, Amended Homer City Code 20.12.010 to Provide for the Issuance of Dog Licenses by the Animal Shelter.

Ord. 14-53, Amended the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Authorizing the Expenditure of \$200,000 for the purchase of a Pelican Street Sweeper from the Public Works Vehicle Depreciation Fund, Authorized the Application for a Loan of Said Purchase.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Reso. 14-118, Authorized the City Manager to Enter into Negotiations with Property Owners of a Roger’s Loop Road Parcel to Purchase the Land for a Parking/Staging Area at the Roger’s Loop Trailhead.

Reso. 14-119, Adopted Strategic Doing as a Model for Plan Implementation and Established a Regular Meeting Schedule for the Strategic Doing Work Sessions.

MEMORANDUMS APPROVED NOVEMBER 2014

Memo. 14-171, Appointed Amy Alderfer to the Library Advisory Board and Barbara Howard to the Permanent Fund Committee.

ORDINANCES APPROVED DECEMBER 2014

Ord. 14-51(A), Appropriated Funds for the Calendar 2015 for the General Fund, Water-Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, Debt Funds, and Capital Reserve Funds (Conditional Expenditures).

Ord. 14-54(S) Amended the FY2014 Operating Budget by Authorizing the Expenditure of \$255,000 from the Port and Harbor Reserves to Extend Potable Water to Floats K through Q and to Make Electrical/Structural Upgrades to Floats HH and JJ.

Ord. 14-55(S), Re-appropriated Funds Authorized by Ordinances 12-33(A)(S) and 12-39(S) for the Design and Engineering Phases of the Homer Harbor Improvement Projects to Construction and Replacement of HH and JJ Floats on System 4.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED DECEMBER 2014

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY
COUNCIL, COMMISSION,
COMMITTEES AND BOARD

The following meetings are held in the City Hall Council
Chambers or Upstairs Conference Room:

City Council – Regular Meetings are the second and fourth
Mondays of every month, and begin at 6:00 p.m. Prior to each
Regular Meeting is a Committee of the Whole Meeting from 5:00
to 5:50 p.m.

Special Meetings and Worksessions are held from 4:00 p.m. to
4:50 p.m. or earlier if needed.

Advisory Planning Commission - Regular Meetings are held the
first and third Wednesday of month, begin at 6:30 p.m. Terms are
for 3 years and expire on 07/01 of the designated year.

Parks/Recreation Advisory Commission - Regular Meetings
are held the third Thursday of the month except January, July &
December there is no meetings, and begin at 5:30 p.m. Terms are
for 3 years and expire on 10/31 of the designated year.

Port/Harbor Advisory Commission - Regular Meetings are held
the fourth Wednesday of every month, begin at 5:00 p.m. October
through April and 6:00 p.m. May through September. Terms are
for 3 years and expire on 02/01 of the designated year.

Economic Development Advisory Commission - Regular
Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month, begin at
6:00 p.m. Appointments expire on 4/15 of the designated year.

Library Advisory Board - Regular Meetings are the first Tuesday
of every month, except January, April, August and November and
begin at 5:00 p.m. Terms are for 3 years and expire April of the
designated year.

Public Arts Committee Regular Meetings are quarterly on the
second Thursday of February, May, August and November at 5:00
p.m. the Upstairs Conference Room. A Worksession is held prior
to the regular meetings at 4:00 p.m.

Permanent Fund Committee Regular Meetings are held
quarterly, on the second Thursday of February, May, August and
November at 5:15 p.m.

*We currently have openings on the following:
Economic Development Advisory Commission, and the
Public Safety Building Review Committee.*

Reso. 14-114, Amended the City of Homer Fee Schedule Under
Administrative Fees, Animal Control Fees, City Clerk Fees, Library Fees,
and Port and Harbor Department Annual Moorage Fees.

Reso. 14-115, Amended the Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 600.

Reso. 14-120, Established the 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule for the City
Council, Economic Development Advisory Commission, Library Advisory
Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Advisory Planning
Commission, Port and Harbor Advisory Commission, Permanent Fund
Committee and Public Arts Committee.

Reso. 14-121, Awarded the Officer Uniform and Homer Jail Laundry
Contract to the Firm of Homer Cleaning Center of Anchor Point, Alaska, at a
Rate of \$1.95 Per Pound for Jail Linens, \$9.00 Each for Officer Uniform
Shirts and Pants, Officer Jackets \$16.00 Each, and a \$20 Special Delivery
Fee Per Trip.

Reso. 14-122, Adopted an Alternative Allocation Method for the FY15
Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certified that this Allocation
Method Fairly Represents the Distribution of Significant Effects of the
Fisheries Business Activity in the Cook Inlet Fisheries Management Area.

Reso. 14-123, Supported Full Funding for the State of Alaska Harbor Facility
Grant Program in the FY2016 State Capital Budget.

Reso. 14-124, Supported the Addition of Port and Harbor Employees to the
List of Employees Covered by AS12.55.135.

Reso. 14-125, Confirmed the City Manager’s Appointment of Jo Johnson as
Acting City Manager for the Calendar Year 2015.

MEMORANDUMS APPROVED DECEMBER 2014

Memo. 14-176, Appointed Susan Braund to the Library Advisory Board

MAYORAL RECOGNITIONS

Finance Department for Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in
Financial Reporting

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PAYMENTS FOR

THE FIRST QUARTER 2015

NO ASSESSMENTS DUE

The Clerk’s Homepage contains a myriad of information. If you would like
to be on our regular email list for Agendas, Minutes, Ordinances,
Resolutions, Memorandums, etcetera, all you need to do is visit the City
Website and click on Eservices and go to email notifications to sign up.

The City of Homer kiosks are located at the City Clerk’s Office, Captain’s
Coffee Roasting Co., the Harbormaster’s Office, and Redden Marine Supply
of Homer. There is an array of information available including agendas,
meeting minutes, council packets, public hearing notices, calendars,
directories, fee schedules and newsletters. The kiosks are updated weekly.

Main phone number for City Offices: Dial the main number first 235-8121

General Information, Finance and Reception Ext. 2221

Animal Control 235-3141

City Manager 235-8121 ext 2222

City Clerk 235-3130

Finance Ambulance, 235-8121 ext 2228

Water/Sewer Billings

Assessments 235-8121 ext 2240

Personnel 235-8121 ext 2225

Fire Department 235-3155

Library 235-3180

Planning & Zoning 235-3106

Police Department 235-3150

Public Works 235-3170

Port/Harbor 235-3160

Court Clerk 235-8171

Recorder's Office 235-8136

-Legislative Body-

Mayor Beth Wythe - Term expires 10/16 - 235-3919

-Councilmembers-

Francie Roberts Term Expires 10/15 - 235-1068

Gus Van Dyke Term Expires 10/16 - 235-6517

Bryan Zak Term Expires 10/16 - 235-6089

David Lewis Term Expires 10/17 - 235-2245

Beauregard Burgess Term Expires 10/15 - 235-2352

Catriona Reynolds Term Expires 10/17 - 299-3410

=City Manager=

Marvin Yoder (Interim) 235-8121 ext 2222

=Departments Heads/Managers/Directors=

Finance Dept. - Zhiyong (John) Li

Planning & Zoning Dept. - Rick Abboud

Public Works Dept. - Carey Meyer

IT Dept. - Nick Poolos

Personnel - Andrea Browning

City Clerk - Jo Johnson

Port & Harbor - Bryan Hawkins

Public Library - Ann Dixon

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