

Session 11-15 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on April 25, 2011 at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor James C. Hornaday at the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: HOGAN, HOWARD, LEWIS, ROBERTS,
WYTHER, ZAK

STAFF: CITY CLERK JOHNSON
CITY MANAGER WREDE
FINANCE DIRECTOR MAURAS
PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

Council met for a Worksession from 4:00 p.m. to 4:59 to discuss Water/Sewer Rates. Council met as a Committee of the Whole from 5:05 p.m. to 5:56 p.m. to hear a report on the Permanent Fund earnings from Clarence Hughes and Rod Castelda of U.S. Bank and for discussion on Regular Meeting Agenda items.

Department Heads may be called upon from time to time to participate via teleconference.

AGENDA APPROVAL

(Addition of items to or removing items from the agenda will be by unanimous consent of the Council. HCC 1.24.040.)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council with the following changes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Letter from Homer Chamber of Commerce;
PUBLIC HEARINGS: Kachemak Drive Phase Two Water and Sewer Improvement/Assessment District, written comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Brad Faulkner, city resident, commented on the parity study and its lack of comparison to the private sector. He voiced support for Resolution 11-041, with the exception of charges for subleases and the insurance requirement. He suggested the City charge a percentage for subleases to make it fair.

Jan Needham, city resident, voiced opposition to Resolution 11-044, citing \$31,000 for a Ford Escape Hybrid 2011 as an unnecessary expenditure.

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If 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 of April 11, 2011. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 11-056**, from Deputy City Clerk, Re: New Liquor License for Two Sisters Bakery.
- C. **Memorandum 11-057**, from Mayor, Re: Appointments of Monica Cogger, Tamara Fletcher, and Kenneth Schroeder to the Library Advisory Board and Reappointment of Steve Smith to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of the recommendations of the consent agenda as read.

LEWIS/ZAK - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

A. Clarence Hughes and Rod Castelda, U.S. Bank

Rod Castelda and Clarence Hughes, U.S. Bank, provided an overview of the Permanent Fund investment account they have managed for ten months. There are two portfolios, fixed income (bonds/bond funds) and growth (equity/stock/commodity). Fixed income is predominantly in individual bonds, 50% in U.S. corporate bonds and 50% in U.S. government agencies and treasuries. The average credit quality is AA-, average coupon is 2.41%, average maturity is 4.1%. The annual income is \$13,352; over the last 10 months the account is off 1.22% in principle due to fluctuations in the fixed income environment. U.S. Bank bought individual bonds as they would mature at par value, shielding the portfolio principle from loss.

The growth portfolio is predominantly invested in common stock funds with \$28,000 in cash, \$102,000 in commodity funds and the remaining \$900,000 is in equity mutual funds. Growth portfolio investments include:

- 66% invested in U.S. domestic companies with the remainder invested in Europe, Asia, and Latin America.
- 25% invested in large cap stocks, with the remainder in mid cap, small cap, and international companies.

Over the past 10 months the Permanent Fund has generated a 22.84% rate of return. Throughout 2011 and 2012 inflation may kick up. There is some volatility with the U.S. Federal Reserves and consumer expenditures. As a precaution for the growth portfolio, U.S. Bank has diversified holdings in mutual funds. They expect the fixed income will stay relatively short to minimize interest hikes and principle erosion. As bonds mature they will look to invest in the most advantageous part of the yield curb.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS

A. **Mayor's Proclamation** - Municipal Clerks Week – May 1 – 7, 2011

Mayor Hornaday read the proclamation.

B. **Mayor's Proclamation** – Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15 and National Police Week May 15 – 21, 2011

Mayor Hornaday read the proclamation.

C. Thank you letters from Cook Inletkeeper and Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies

D. Letter from Homer Chamber of Commerce, re: *Ultimate Fishing Town USA*

Mayor Hornaday read the letter from the Chamber of Commerce.

E. Borough Report

Bill Smith, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assemblyman, reported the Assembly's last meeting was in Seward. The assistant to the city manager is intent on making Seward the *Ultimate Fishing Town USA*. If Homer wants to prevail they need to keep voting. The Assembly will be presented the budget at next week's meeting. There are sentiments of the Assembly to both fund and not fund the Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council (KPTMC). For the last two years the Borough has allocated \$300,000 to the KPTMC. They are now floating a proposal for a 1% sales tax on visitor industry related business. The tax change would cost the Borough \$85,000 to implement and would be confusing for businesses to follow. It may not pass muster with the State of Alaska. The KPTMC wants to see dedicated funding. The counter idea is to approach voters with a .10% sales tax dedicated to business support throughout the borough. It would include the Economic Development District, KPTMC, and other enterprises.

As to the gas line, Assemblyman Smith received a call from Representative Seaton on the energy numbers he put together. He is trying to get a forecast on all public facilities from what they are paying now for fuel oil as to what they would pay with natural gas. So far the savings are over \$1M for public facilities in Homer. Now is the time to write to Governor Parnell and Lieutenant Governor Treadwell to support the gas line to Homer. It is a good investment for the State with less than a 10-year payback.

There is an effort in the borough from various folks to help Japan through the Borough's Sister City Akita. Funds will be used to help the east coast residents of Japan. Contributions may be sent to Bridges, P.O. Box 1612, Soldotna, AK 99669, payable to Akita Sister City Earthquake. For more information call Bill Smith at 235-8932.

Councilmember Zak asked about funding for the borough landfill and what Council can do to help. Assemblyman Smith answered Representative Chenault has reassured the Borough he is looking out for the building of the solid waste handling facility in Soldotna.

F. Commissions/Board Reports:

1. Library Advisory Board
2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

Sharon Minsch, Planning Commission Chair, reminded Council and the large listening audience of the vacancy on the Planning Commission. The commission did not have opportunity to provide written input on Resolution 11-042. She asked that stronger language to do no harm to Homer be included in the resolution.

3. Economic Development Advisory Commission
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Bob Hartley, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, reported the passage of Resolutions 11-036(A) and 11-040 is of vital importance to allow the Harbormaster to implement the permits and signage. It will allow for advertising and installation of signage that should take place before Memorial Day weekend. Resolution 11-041 standardizes ground leases. Each lease will be different, but the document allows for a starting point. It too is time sensitive as there are leases waiting to be issued.

Mayor Hornaday read the letter from the Chamber of Commerce on the search for the *Ultimate Fishing Town USA*. The Mayor encouraged everyone to vote for Homer by visiting the website at: www.homer.alaska.org or from Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VisitHomer.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. Kachemak Drive Phase Two Water and Sewer Improvement/Assessment District

Mayor Hornaday opened the public hearing.

Jan Needham, city resident, reflected on the history of the City paying the larger portion and property owners paying the smaller amount. Kachemak Drive is a major arterial between the Spit and developments on East End Road and water/sewer improvements should be funded by the

State. She asked that her lot within the district that sits back from the street be excluded from the improvement district.

Lars Spurkland objects to the water and sewer improvement due to costs. With the flat assessment per lot, smaller lots are subsidizing larger lots and commercial lots are assessed the same. He has two low lots and will not receive financial benefit.

Jean Mack supports the LID, citing it is important that the City extend water and sewer wherever it can.

Jan Spurkland opposes the LID for economic reasons. He owns multiple lots with minimum development potential and the costs outweigh the potential. One lot is bordered on two sides by easements and the water/sewer would add another easement, making one lot unbuildable. If he had to pay for only one hookup he would be supportive.

Beverly Kaiser expressed support for the LID citing the benefit of the 1.5% interest rate over a 20 year period. She hopes bids come in at a reasonable rate so both sides can make profit.

Mayor Hornaday closed the public hearing.

B. **Ordinance 11-13(A)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2011 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$15,000 from the Port and Harbor Reserve Account for the Purpose of Implementing the Long Term Parking Permit Plan and for New Signage at the Approach Ramps. City Manager. Introduction April 11, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 25, 2011.

Mayor Hornaday opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony, Mayor Hornaday closed the public hearing.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-13(A) by reading of title only for second and final reading.

HOWARD/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. **Resolution 11-040**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 600 to Provide for Parking Fees. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director.

Mayor Hornaday opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony, Mayor Hornaday closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE(S)

- A. **Ordinance 11-14**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a Rasmuson Foundation Grant of \$15,000 for Collection Development for the Homer Public Library and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction April 25, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 9, 2011.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-14 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

WYTHER/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- B. **Ordinance 11-15**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 10.04.100, Vehicles and Other Wheeled Conveyances; and Homer City Code 10.04.110, Violation--Penalty; Regarding the Regulation of Parking in the Harbor Area. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director. Recommended dates: Introduction April 25, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 9, 2011.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-15 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

HOWARD/WYTHER - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- C. **Ordinance 11-16**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2011 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$20,000 from the Fund Balance of the General Fund to Purchase a Used Allman Light Tower and a Used Dynapac Diesel Plate. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction April 25, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 9, 2011.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-16 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

HOWARD/WYTHER - SO MOVED.

WYTHE/LEWIS – MOVED TO AMEND THE TITLE AND OTHER LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT TO READ FOR THESE FUNDS TO COME FROM THE WATER AND SEWER RESERVE FUND AS OPPOSED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE: (main motion as amended) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

UPDATES / FOLLOW-UP

For this meeting, the Manager's Report consists entirely of the Parity Study recently completed by Personnel Director Sheri Hobbs. Please take the time to look it over. My hope is that we can discuss this a little at the Committee of the Whole. At that time we can give you an overview and answer questions. We will be looking for some direction as to how the Council may want to proceed from here. A workshop dedicated to this topic scheduled at a future meeting might be a good idea, to start with.

City Manager Wrede passed out emails from Representative Seaton and maps from the Alaska Redistricting Board for Option 1 – District 35 and Option 2 – District 36. In addition to the two options from the Alaska Redistricting Board, there are private options from the Bush Caucus, City of Valdez, and Bristol Bay Borough. Those maps significantly change House District 35 and Senate District R. There are web links in emails received from Representative Seaton for good information. The big difference for Homer is we are no longer linked with Seward. Instead of Seward we go further up the road towards Clam Gulch and Ninilchik. If Council wants to get involved they are looking for input. There is a public hearing on May 3 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. in Cowles Council Chambers.

Mayor Hornaday commented there may be many lawsuits in Alaska. Administration should ask Senator Stevens and Representative Seaton to give specific recommendations and then follow up on it. Redistricting comes up every 10 years and it is a terrible fight. Southeast Alaska and the bush areas are losing. It may have something to do with the budget in Juneau.

City Manager Wrede informed Council there is no report from the lobbyist, as there is nothing new to report. The lobbyists will be here on May 9th.

Mayor Carey is inviting participation in a borough-wide conference on healthcare. Mayor Hornaday would like to see staff there to represent the City.

City Manager Wrede paid tribute to Sheri Hobbs, Personnel Director, and Helen Hill, Library Director, who are leaving their employment with the City. It has been a joy to work with them. They are both professionals and have done an outstanding job for the City of Homer. The long awaited parity study is in the packet and Council will decide how they wish to proceed.

Mayor Hornaday commented Mr. Faulkner made reference to the comparison of government packages with private employer packages. The Mayor comes from both sides, as a Tier One retired employee and he also ran five businesses. City Manager Wrede clarified the focus was not to compare the city's employees with the private sector. Personnel policies say the parity study compares the City to other cities, since other municipalities are the competitors.

Councilmember Howard added the South Peninsula Hospital is a private facility; none of the operating funds are tax supported. They are a non profit and are unionized. Citizens pay tax money for capital improvements, but do not pay for the operations.

Councilmember Lewis asked for the breakdown of costs per each job description with benefits and salary combined.

Councilmember Hogan asked why it is taking so long to get the streets swept. City Manager Wrede answered Public Works crews have been really busy. They have been working on the streets with a front end loader. Until recently the weather has been mixed, making for plowing, sanding, and thawing culverts.

Mayor Hornaday referenced Mayor Carey's letter regarding the FCC narrow band mandate. City Manager Wrede will present a resolution in support at the next meeting.

B. Bid Report

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Public Arts Committee
- B. Transportation Advisory Committee
- C. Permanent Fund Committee
- D. Lease Committee
- E. City Hall Renovation and Expansion Task Force

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution 11-036(A)**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Fee Schedule to Provide for Long Term Parking Permit Fees. City Manager.

Memorandum 11-059 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

Motion on the floor from April 11: MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 11-036(A) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Wythe expressed opposition to charging people that pay for a slip additional money to park a car.

Bob Hartley, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, reported a person with a slip who will not be parked for more than 7 days will not have to pay for parking. If parked for longer than 7 days the permit is a way to avoid impoundment and fees.

Councilmember Hogan asked if there was discussion on a discount for marine trades on Ramps 1-4. Mr. Hartley answered there was not.

Councilmember Howard commented it is not appropriate to use public land to a store trailer. It is moving in on the storage companies in town that depend on those customers.

WYTHE/ROBERTS - MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE THE CURRENT RESOLUTION 11-036(A) ON PAGE 213 WITH THE AMENDED RESOLUTION 11-036(A) ON PAGE 217.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE: (main motion as amended) YES. ROBERTS, WYTHE, ZAK, HOWARD, HOGAN, LEWIS

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 11-040**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 600 to Provide for Parking Fees. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director.

Memorandum 11-062 from City Clerk as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-040 by reading of title only.

HOWARD/LEWIS – SO MOVED.

WYTHE/LEWIS MOVED FOR THE AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION 11-040 TO FOLLOW THE AMENDMENTS MADE IN RESOLUTION 11-036(A) AS PRESENTED ON PAGE 217.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE: (main motion as amended) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

B. **Resolution 11-041**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving and Adopting a New, Amended Standard Ground Lease Document, and Authorizing the Amendment of the City of Homer Property Management Policy and Procedures Manual to Conform to the Amended Standard Ground Lease Document. City Manager/Lease Committee.

Memorandum 11-060 from Lease Committee Staff as backup.

Memorandum 11-058 from City Manager to Lease Committee as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-041 by reading of title only.

WYTHE/ROBERTS – SO MOVED.

HOGAN - MOVED TO REFER THIS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR COMMENTS.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Lewis requested a set rate for subleasing in Section 8.01 as suggested by Brad Faulkner instead of the rate being set at the whim of the Council. Additionally, he asked if automotive insurance requirements could be amended.

City Manager Wrede agreed the percentage for subleases was a good suggestion and should be included in city code. As to insurance requirements, Attorney Klinkner and Terry Felde, Administrative Assistant, worked with the insurance broker for the language. It was written with

the intent to cover any vehicles a lessee might have, including employees. If there were an accident it could come back on the City.

Councilmember Howard asked if insurance requirements would be satisfied with the City named as additional insured.

City Manager Wrede answered the insurance requirements have been a point of contention with a lot of lessees. The old boilerplate lease had insurance policies required that are no longer available today. A general insurance requirement could be listed on the ground lease and provisions added during lease negotiations.

Councilmember Howard asked that the resolution be delayed to work out both the sublease percentage and the required insurance as to the standard of business. Councilmember Wythe asked that auto liability coverage be delineated to show the appropriate need.

Mayor Hornaday suggested the attorney and insurance carrier both be involved. City Manager Wrede answered the City Attorney and insurance company worked out that question.

WYTHE/LEWIS - MOVED TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-041 TO THE SECOND MEETING IN MAY AND SCHEDULE A WORKSESSION REGARDING THE INSURANCE AND PERCENTAGE SECTION FOR THE FIRST MEETING IN MAY.

Brief discussion ensued on the need for a worksession.

VOTE: (POSTPONEMENT) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. Resolution 11-042, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Expressing Opposition to Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2011-07 Which Reduces the Number of Borough Planning Commission Members from Thirteen to Eleven and Combines the Designated Homer and Seldovia Seats into One. City Manager.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-042 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/ROBERTS – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- D. **Resolution 11-043**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare and Issue a Set of Requests for Proposals for Five Year Term Contracts for Engineering Services. City Manager/Public Works Director. Page 315

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-043 by reading of title only.

WYTHER/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

City Manager Wrede noted the contract is expiring for the first time. Term contracts provide for an engineer to be readily available when needed without spending time requesting proposals and making individual decisions.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- E. **Resolution 11-044**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for a 2011 Ford Escape Hybrid in the Amount of \$30,722.00 to Kendall Ford of Wasilla, Alaska, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Memorandum 11-061 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-044 by reading of title only.

WYTHER/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

The current vehicle operated by the Port and Harbor Director is 16 years old with 140,000 miles. The new hybrid has a gasoline engine to back up the battery power. Hybrid vehicles are in compliance with the Climate Action Plan.

VOTE: YES. LEWIS, ROBERTS, WYTHER, ZAK, HOWARD

VOTE: NO. HOGAN

Motion carried.

- F. **Resolution 11-045**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for the Deep Water Dock Security Gate and Camera Systems Project to _____ of _____, _____ in the Amount of \$_____ and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-045 by reading of title only.

WYTHE/ROBERTS - SO MOVED.

Staff recommended the resolution be voted down as there will be a different bid format.

VOTE: NO. HOGAN, LEWIS, ROBERTS, WYTHE, ZAK, HOWARD

Motion failed.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Carey Meyer, Public Works Director, commented on the street sweeping, stating 10 days ago we had snow and the sand is frozen in the curbs at night making sweeping difficult. Many of the roads not yet swept are State maintained.

Brad Faulkner, city resident, commented the impasse in Juneau on the budget will greatly affect Homer due to the Governor's relationship with the oil companies. Projects have been tied into one bundle to prevent a veto. He recommended support for Senator Stevens and Representative Seaton in their endeavors with the gas line.

Jan Needham, city resident, commented on the .75% portfolio fee paid to U.S. Bank based on market value instead of cash in hand. She is quite concerned the City is spending tremendous amounts of money at a time when it is difficult for citizens.

Sunrise Sjoberg returned to Homer to find the City's monster brush cutting machine was at her house. She spent several hours cleaning up what was left behind in the ditches. The base of the ditch is getting higher, causing water to run under the road. She would like some attention placed on maintenance and to not see the beautiful alders chewed up by the big machine.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Klinkner was not present.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Hornaday commented he heard the Sandhill Cranes this morning. Spring his here!

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Wythe thanked the U.S. Bank folks for coming. She is happy the fund is creating revenue. She appreciates the city clerks and peace officers. The clerks put up with a lot of rhetoric so Council does not have to. She thanked Helen Hill and Sheri Hobbs for their years of service and wished them well. As to the parity study and lack of public participation, Walt stated it was not in the personnel policies that we are looking for non city entities to participate. The City does invite other members of the community to participate in the parity study, although there are not many good fits and not many organizations are interested in sharing information. The City cannot compel people to participate in those surveys.

Councilmember Lewis thanked Sheri and Helen for their years of service.

Mayor Hornaday thanked Sheri and Helen.

Councilmember Zak thanked Assemblyman Smith for the report and coming up with the new numbers of \$1M savings a year with the \$10M request for the gas line. It is good to know Representative Seaton and Senator Stevens have packaging going on to save the veto. On the Borough transfer site, the House Finance Committee is the contact. Being an optimist, Councilmember Zak hopes to see the gas line and transfer site funded as they are both critical to the future. People can get involved and send a letter to Representative Seaton, Senator Stevens, and Governor Parnell.

Councilmembers Hogan and Howard had no comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The next Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

Approved: _____