

ACTION AGENDA
Monday, April 11, 2011
Worksession
Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting

WORKSESSION AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, 4:00 P.M.

Councilmember Zak has requested telephonic participation.
Councilmember Zak was absent.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 5)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

3. Water and Sewer Rates

Finance Director Regina Mauras gave a PowerPoint presentation on 2009/2010 water/sewer rates.

4. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was one who commented.

5. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.

Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

Councilmember Zak has requested telephonic participation.
Councilmember Zak was absent.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 5)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

3. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

4. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments of the public.

5. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.

Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Session 11-13 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on March 29, 2011 at 6:00 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,
WYTHE, ZAK (telephonic)

STAFF: CITY CLERK JOHNSON
CITY MANAGER WREDE
CITY ATTORNEY KLINKNER (telephonic)
LIBRARY DIRECTOR HILL
PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

Councilmember Zak has requested telephonic participation. Councilmember Zak joined the meeting at a later time.

Council met from 4:00 p.m. to 4:51 for a Worksession to discuss Water/Sewer Rates. Council met as a Committee of the Whole from 5:00 p.m. to 5:43 p.m. to discuss Regular Meeting Agenda items.

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

2. 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:

RESOLUTIONS - Resolution 11-036, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Fee Schedule to Provide for Long Term Parking Permit Fees. City Manager. Written public comments/Port & Harbor Director Response; Draft Ordinance from City Attorney to incorporate Parking Violation Offenses in code.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

There were seven who commented.

4. RECONSIDERATION

5. 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 Special Meeting (BOE) minutes of March 24, 2011 and Regular Meeting minutes of March 29, 2011. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Regular Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2011 amended.

APPROVED with discussion.

6. VISITORS

- A. **Joy Steward**, City of Homer Grants Program, 10 minutes.

Joy Steward, Executive Director of The Homer Foundation provided a report on the City of Homer Grants Program.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS

- A. **Mayor's Proclamation** – Week of the Young Child, April 10-16, 2011 Page 39

Mayor Hornaday read and presented the proclamation.

- B. **Mayor's Recognition** – Homer Bantam Hockey Team, State Champions Page 43

Mayor Hornaday read and presented the proclamation.

- C. **Mayor's Proclamation** – National Library Week, April 10-16, 2011 Page 45

Mayor Hornaday read and presented the proclamation.

- D. Borough Report

Bill Smith, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assemblyman, provided documents depicting sales tax revenues and property/personal/oil assessed values for communities within the Borough. Sales tax revenues have rebounded from other cities within the Borough, with the exception of Homer and Soldotna. The City does not collect sales tax on food and Soldotna sales tax revenue has

dropped due to competition from Walmart. Overall, residential construction is down significantly. Homer has the benefit of a diverse economy with a strong fishing industry.

The City exceeded Kenai's assessed real property values due to Homer having more expensive homes and a diversity of small and medium businesses.

Recent ordinances have been introduced at the Borough to give the Mayor a salary increase from \$80,000 to \$99,000, and another to improve administrative salaries and benefits. An ordinance to protect the stream setbacks of the 25 streams the Borough manages is also in the works.

The mil rate will be lowered to 4.5 mils. Given the increase in costs for everything and lack of sales tax from food, the Borough will not be able to maintain the sales tax holiday and low mil rates for long. Currently the maximum taxable sale is set at \$500; there is an amendment to increase the amount to \$2,500. The change is anticipated to generate an additional \$6.3M.

E. Commissions/Board Reports:

1. Library Advisory Board
2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission
3. Economic Development Advisory Commission
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioners Beth Cumming, Bumpo Bremicker, and Robert Archibald provided updates on the commission's work.

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner Bob Hartley provided an update on the commission's work.

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. **Ordinance 11-11**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2011 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$9,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails Fund (HART) for the Construction of the West Homer Elementary Trail Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction March 29, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 11, 2011.

Memorandum 11-049 from Public Works Director as backup.

There was no public testimony.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- B. **Ordinance 11-12**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a Donation / Grant from Family First in the Amount of \$2,800 for Playground Equipment at Bayview Park and Stipulating that the Funds be Segregated and Used Only for That Purpose. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction March 29, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 11, 2011.

There was no public testimony.

ADOPTED without discussion.

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

There was no public testimony.

9. **ORDINANCE(S)**

- A. **Ordinance 11-13**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2011 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$7,000 from the Port and Harbor Reserve Account in the Amount of \$7,000 for the Purpose of Implementing the Long Term Parking Permit Plan. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction April 11, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 25, 2011.

AMENDED and ADOPTED with discussion.

Mayor Hornaday called for a recess at 7:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

10. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. City Manager's Report

Lobbyists Linda Anderson and Yuri Morgan provided an update on the Senate Capital Budget. At this time \$10M is budgeted for the natural gas line, \$6M for the cruise ship dock, and \$6.7M in DOT funds for paving at the Airport and East End Road. The Capital Budget includes \$400M in energy projects statewide. Each project is tied together, if one gets vetoed they all go. The fish tax will not receive a hearing this year. A revenue sharing bill would provide Homer with an additional \$114,000.

Council discussed a change order to HDR Alaska, Inc. (Resolution 11-028), the conflict issue with the City Attorney.

- B. Bid Report

11. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

A. Advising City Adjudicatory Bodies

Attorney Tom Klinkner explained how two in-house attorneys could work on the City's cases, each with different aspects of representation. Attorney Holly Wells and himself will handle the City's legal work, falling within the City's contract, reducing the need to hire outside attorneys.

Councilmember Bryan Zak joined the meeting by telephone at 7:33 p.m.

12. 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
- F. Natural Gas Distribution Task Force

13. PENDING BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. RESOLUTIONS

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

AMENDED and POSTPONED to April 25, 2011.

- B. **Resolution 11-037**, A Resolution of the City Council Approving the City of Homer 2011 Land Allocation Plan. Mayor/City Council.

Memorandum 11-054 from City Clerk as backup.

Memorandums 11-040 and 11-052 from Lease Committee, 11-041 from Planning Commission, 11-042 from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, 11-043 from Library Advisory Board, and 11-053 from Planning Technician as backup.

AMENDED and ADOPTED with discussion.

- C. **Resolution 11-038**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding a Contract for the Sewer Treatment Plant Bio-Solids Disposal Feasibility Study (\$49,940)

and the Design of the Replacement of Sewer Treatment Plant Polymer Injection Equipment (\$9,988), for a combined total of \$59,928, to HDR Alaska, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. Public Works Director.

Memorandum 11-055, From the Public Works Director as back up.

Mayor Hornaday called for a recess at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

AMENDED and ADOPTED with discussion.

- D. **Resolution 11-039**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting a Bill to End Requirements that Employers who Terminate Some or all Participation In the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska Pay Termination Costs, and Making the Changes Retroactive. Zak.

ADOPTED with discussion.

16. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments of the audience.

17. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Klinkner had no comment.

18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson had no comment.

19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede had no comment.

20. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Hornaday commented Homer is a hopping place. Last weekend the oil support spill drill people were here with 30 to 40 boats. They filled up the hotels, ate in restaurants, and shopped. The State Emblem Club and hockey kids from Barrow were here. The Elks are meeting next month and Bryan is bringing the Port and Harbor Directors to meet here. The Methodists are going to have their state convention here. Reality shows and movies are all ending up at the Auction Block. The Rotary with over 300 people will be meeting here in June.

21. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Hogan extended his best wishes to Helen Hill. Her tenure as a librarian was a difficult time that she handled with grace.

Councilmember Roberts commented she never thought she would read a magazine called Pacific Northwest Trenchless Review. She appreciated the article about Carey and his project.

Councilmember Howard requested that resolutions be lined documents which would be helpful for amendments.

Councilmembers Wythe, Zak, and Lewis had no comment.

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The next Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. A Worksession is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.