

# **ACTION AGENDA**

Monday, October 24, 2011  
Committee of the Whole  
Regular Meeting

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

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

Mayor Hornaday called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **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. 2012 Budget**

### **4. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

### **5. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There were no comments of the audience.

### **6. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.**

Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Session 11-33 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on October 24, 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

STAFF: ACTING CITY MANAGER ROBL  
CITY CLERK JOHNSON  
FINANCE DIRECTOR MAURAS  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON  
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR PETERSEN  
PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

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.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**

There were no public comments.

**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 Regular Meeting minutes of October 10, 2011 and Special Meeting minutes of October 10 and 17, 2011. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 11-142**, from Mayor Hornaday, re: Reappointment of Barbara Howard to the Permanent Fund Committee.

APPROVED without discussion.

**6. VISITORS**

- A. **Dale Banks**, Community Composting Program, 10 minutes.

Dale Banks, Community Composting Coalition, provided an overview of a potential composting program at the landfill location. With food, yard debris, and fish waste, Homer would have a good stream of compostable materials. The landfill will soon close and be turned into a transfer site. It would be a good spot for a pilot composting program and now is the time to do it. Mr. Banks is supportive of Resolution 11-100 requesting that the Borough perform a feasibility study for a community composting program at the landfill site.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

- A. Borough Report

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assemblyman Bill Smith reported the Borough does not have area-wide solid waste powers, but cities within the Borough authorized them to manage the solid waste. Resolution 11-100 is timely and could get some positive results depending on the reception it receives from the Assembly and new Mayor. At next week's Borough committee meetings discussion will be made on the maintenance of the track.

B. Commissions/Board Reports:

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

Dave Brann, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner, reported the commission supports reinstatement of the parks maintenance position, especially with the prospect of additional restrooms at the harbor. They support the track improvements and whatever Council can do to add to it. A vault toilet system is needed for Mariner Park as the current facilities are not sufficient for the number of visitors there. The commission has a budgetary request of \$1,000 to go towards park day activities. The commission received a good report from HoPP (Homer Playground Project) of activities at Karen Hornaday Park including removal of the big red storage building. The commission is exploring options on the Kachemak Drive Path and plans to write a letter to all landowners to get their feedback. We had the first official adopt-a-park with the Rotary Club adopting the Ben Walters Park. Plans are in the works to paint the bathrooms, plant some flower bulbs, and to get the kiosks standing upright. The commission hopes to co-sponsor an ice skating party with the Rotary Club.

Commissioner Brann reported a proposal was presented to the Kachemak Drive Path Committee for signs indicating bicycles were on the road and digital radar signs for awareness and safety. The Kachemak Bay Water Trail Program is making progress, with the application for technical support from the Park Service being approved. The group will receive support for two years. The trail will be developed around Kachemak Bay for boaters. Upcoming meetings at both the Pratt Museum and Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday. A recent press release from the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Secretary, was issued to approve two park projects within the State of Alaska. Those projects include an all-season trail at Denali State Park and the Kachemak Bay waterway. The trail will be an economic boon to the area with wonderful recreational possibilities. Other work includes picking up garbage and trash on the Mud Bay Trail.

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Pete Wedin, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, reported there are a lot of projects in the harbor that are waiting for funding. A lot of maintenance has been delayed. He questioned the

fast tracking of Resolution 11-099 as the commission has not gotten a lot of information from the Port and Harbor Improvement Committee for the bonding. People will ask why this is happening so fast when it is tied to stiff tariff increases. The reserves are low. A 3% increase in tariff is proposed and could increase up to 20% in the next six years. He favors more public input before the resolution for bonding is approved.

C. Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, Report by John Velsko

## **8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

A. **Ordinance 11-42**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating State Department of Corrections Capital Project Funds in the Amount of \$3,500 to Purchase New Lockers for Prisoner's Personal Property and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Police Chief. Introduction October 10, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 24, 2011.

Memorandum 11-138 from Police Chief as backup.

There was no public testimony.

ADOPTED without discussion.

## **9. ORDINANCE(S)**

A. **Ordinance 11-43**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 14.08.037, Water Meters; Regarding the Number of Water Meters Required Per Lot. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction October 24, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2011.

Memorandum 11-143 from City Manager as backup.

ADOPTED without discussion.

## **10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. City Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Robl indicated the report was included in the packet.

B. Bid Report

C. Games Report

1. Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Lodge #2127
2. K-Bay Marines Detachment 838 Marine Corp League

**11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**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. Port and Harbor Improvement Committee

**13. PENDING BUSINESS**

Mayor Hornaday called for a recess at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Memorandum 11-144**, from City Manager, re: Special Projects Coordinator Position.

APPROVED without discussion.

**15. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **Resolution 11-099**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Draft and Submit a Revenue Bond Sale Application and Take Other Steps Necessary to Prepare for a Possible Bond Sale to Finance Construction of Six Top Priority Capital Projects Within the Homer Harbor. Howard, Lewis, Wythe.

Memorandum 11-145 from City Manager as backup.

ADOPTED with discussion.

- B. **Resolution 11-100**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Requesting the Kenai Peninsula Borough to Perform a Feasibility Study for a Community Composting Operation at the Homer Solid Waste Transfer Facility. Mayor.

ADOPTED without discussion.

**16. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There was one who commented.

**17. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Klinkner was not present.

**18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Johnson reminded everyone to vote in the Borough Mayoral runoff election.

**19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Acting City Manager Robl commented the Police Department has a supply of gun locks for free and a limited supply of CD's parents can download on their computer to help parents track internet usage of their kids.

**20. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Hornaday urged everyone to vote tomorrow.

**21. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Wythe thanked Beth Cumming for her participation. All commissions are important and she appreciates the contributions they make. She appreciates the contributions of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission and is sorry the harbor bonding is offensive to them. The objective is to keep it moving forward, not to remove it, or disenfranchise the commission in any way.

Councilmember Hogan encouraged everyone to support the United Way fundraising efforts.

Councilmember Zak commented he learned some things tonight. We are not getting married, we are not throwing out the anchor, we are not running up on the beach, and we are in a big pond.

Councilmembers Howard, Lewis, and Roberts had no comment.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The next Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 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.