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MEMORANDUM – AGENDA CHANGES/SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK 
DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2012
SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 12-09, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2012 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$27,275.01 (in Equal Amounts from the Public Works, Water and Sewer Reserve Accounts) for the Purchase of a Used Skid-Mounted Steamer Equipment Unit. City Manager/Public Works Director.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Voice consensus to changes under Agenda Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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MEMORANDUM 12-028

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL
THRU: WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2012
**RE: RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO COMPLETE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 11-22**

BACKGROUND

At the regular meeting on February 16, 2012 the Commissioners expressed concerns about the proposed pedestrian bridge over Woodard Creek, trail along the same creek and the road realignment included in the Karen Hornaday Master Plan but not being considered within the current funding available.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of that discussion and resulting recommendation.

Pending Business

B. Review and Recommendations to Council on Additional Funding Allocations for Karen Hornaday Park.

Chair Bremicker wanted to address planning for the Trail along Woodard Creek and the Bridge over Woodard Creek. If the Commission or City is to go after more funding then they need to know the costs. Commissioners commented on the road realignment, the bridge over Woodard Creek and the proposed trail along the same creek. It was noted that the group that advocated for the bridge was not in the forefront any longer but that did not rule out they would return, there are alternatives to building a trail and building a bridge other than conventional methods. It was acknowledged that there was not enough money to cover all components too. Staff further commented that the Legislative grant did not include the road realignment and the trail would be a perfect fit for the Soil & Water Conservation grant.

BREMICKER/BRANN - MOVED TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGE CITY STAFF TO PERFORM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE 11-22 IN RELATION TO THE ROAD REALIGNMENT, BRIDGE OVER WOODARD CREEK AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Discussion ensued on the purpose of forwarding this recommendation to Council.

VOTE. YES. BRANN, ARCHIBALD, LOWNY, BREMICKER.

Motion carried.

Recommendation

Encourage staff to complete engineering required for putting a bridge over Woodard Creek, Road Realignment and Drainage Improvements in accordance with the Karen Hornaday Master Plan.

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MEMORANDUM 12-029

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL
THRU: WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2012
RE: RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR DAY USE IMPROVEMENTS AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MASTER PLAN.

BACKGROUND

At the regular meeting on February 16, 2012 the Commissioners discussed the recommendations presented by Ms. Katie Koester, Economic and Community Development Coordinator at the January 5, 2012 Special Meeting.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of that discussion and resulting recommendation.

Pending Business

B. Review and Recommendations to Council on Additional Funding Allocations for Karen Hornaday Park.

Chair Bremicker next asked about recommending an allocation for Day Use Area. He read from the recommendation proposed by Ms. Koester; Repair and Improve Existing Shelter, Add Amenities, Turf Area and Drainage, etc.

BREMICKER/BRANN - MOVE TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL ALLOCATE \$90,000 FOR DAY USE IMPROVEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MASTER PLAN.

A discussion on what the improvements entailed and clarification on the use of the funds and how staff developed their recommendation ensued.

VOTE. YES. BRANN, ARCHIBALD, LOWNEY, BREMICKER

Motion carried.

Recommendation

Approve the Allocation for Day Use Improvements at Karen Hornaday Park in Accordance with the Master Plan.

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MEMORANDUM 12-030

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL

THRU: WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER

FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2012

RE: RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BALL FIELDS,
DUGOUT AND RELATED AMENITIES AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK

BACKGROUND

At the regular meeting on February 16, 2012 the Commissioners discussed the recommendations presented by Ms. Katie Koester, Economic and Community Development Coordinator at the January 5, 2012 Special Meeting.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of that discussion and resulting recommendation.

Pending Business

B. Review and Recommendations to Council on Additional Funding Allocations for Karen Hornaday Park.

Chair Bremicker introduced the item by title and opened the floor for discussion.

Discussion proceeded and included an explanation of the recommendations presented to the commission at the January 5, 2012 special meeting by Ms. Koester; a laydown consisting of priority listed improvements submitted by Mr. Needham on behalf of the Little League organization for the ball fields and dugouts; and input from the commissioners. After lengthy discussion the following motions were made and passed by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Lillibridge had to leave the meeting at 7:50 p.m. for work.

BREMICKER/BRANN - MOVED TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL ALLOCATE \$40,000 TO LITTLE LEAGUE FOR NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO FIELDS AND DUGOUTS AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK AND THAT ALL IMPROVEMENTS FOLLOW THE MASTER PLAN.

Brief discussion ensued on allocating the funds, recommending that the Little League seeks out grants to stretch this money; that the expenditures follow the master plan. It was acknowledged that this amount should give the organization on getting a good start on completing the list. The Commissioners requested that the Little League keep in communication with the commission through the committee.

VOTE. YES. BRANN, ARCHIBALD, LOWNEY, BREMICKER

Motion carried.

Mr. Needham thanked the Commissioners and will definitely keep in communication with the Commission.

Recommendation

Approve the Allocation for the Needed Improvements with the Ballfields, Dugouts and Related Amenities at Karen Hornaday Park in Accordance with the Master Plan.

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MEMORANDUM 12-031

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL

THRU: WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER

FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2012

**RE: RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO
NORTHERN PARKING LOT AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK**

BACKGROUND

At the regular meeting on February 16, 2012 the Commissioners discussed the recommendations presented by Ms. Katie Koester, Economic and Community Development Coordinator at the January 5, 2012 Special Meeting.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of that discussion and resulting recommendation.

Pending Business

B. Review and Recommendations to Council on Additional Funding Allocations for Karen Hornaday Park.

Chair Bremicker opened discussion on the parking lot improvements. He noted that it may be a tad time consuming addressing each recommendation separately but he opined that it was easier to address concerns, questions and possible comments on each item than as a whole.

Commissioner Archibald brought up the question of saving some of the funds for matching grants and what assurance did the Commission have that City Council will match the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Ms. Koester stated she was assured by the City Manager that they will be able to get additional match funding from Council and in the interest of assisting the Commission in allocating these funds, it was believed that this would give them more money in the end. The City Council and State Legislative body would like to see this existing funding used and as time goes by there may be more demands on these funds by other user groups.

BRANN/BREMICKER - MOVED TO ALLOCATE \$55,000 FOR NORTHERN PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MASTER PLAN.

Discussion clarified the \$50,000 originally allocated by Ordinance 11-22; concerns that there is nothing addressing the road alignment and removal of fill by the creek area; if the parking lot is changed, how would the city proceed with the road change. It was noted that if the road is relocated it would be moved further east and that area would need more improvements; using removed materials for future use. Further clarification was given on the location of the improvements in question.

VOTE. YES. BRANN, ARCHIBALD, LOWNEY, BREMICKER.

Motion carried.

Recommendation

Approve the Allocation for the Northern Parking Lot Improvements at Karen Hornaday Park in Accordance with the Master Plan.

Jo Johnson

From: Walt Wrede
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 8:57 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: FW: Don Henry & Steamer

JO: Please add this series of e-mails to the supplemental packet. I have e-mailed it to Council member Hogan directly.

Thanks, Walt

From: Walt Wrede
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 8:56 AM
To: Kevin Hogan
Cc: Kevin Hogan
Subject: FW: Don Henry & Steamer

From: Jan Jonker
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 11:58 AM
To: Walt Wrede
Cc: cmeyer@ci.homer.ak.us
Subject: RE: Don Henry & Steamer

Walt-

See my responses in red.

Jan

From: Walt Wrede
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 9:22 AM
To: Jan Jonker
Cc: Carey Meyer
Subject: RE: Don Henry & Steamer

Jan:

Got a call from Councilman Hogan yesterday. He had some questions about the steamer and would like the answers by Monday night Council meeting. They are:

1. How many BTU's does it put out. Max rating 1.34 million BTU/Hr @ 600psi
2. How much Horsepower does it have Max rating 40 Hp
3. How many quotes did we get. Our research found only (1) used one available in US & Canada
4. Did we check into renting instead until we could get a new one? Checked with a private company in Soldotna and they had none this size available for rent. They mostly deal with larger units built for the slope.
5. What would a new one have cost? New unit info:
 - a. GenTex, Alberta, Canada \$\$36,984.00 plus shipping and 8-10 weeks lead time after order placement.
 - b. Industrial Boiler & Controls, Anchorage, AK \$42,816.00 plus shipping and 9 weeks lead time after order placement.

6. How many manufacturers did we contact.
 - a. Two vendors for new units (see above)
 - b. Located one vendor with a used unit.
 - c. Also Mike Kennedy had our old used unit that was surplused several years ago. Tried to make this unit work but found that the coils inside of the unit were leaking.

This equipment is very specialized and we made every effort to rent or locate a used unit to get us back up and running. We also investigated the purchase of a new unit, but the lead time in the middle of winter was not feasible.

This is a critical piece of equipment for PW during the winter as it is used to thaw drainages, frozen sewer lines and thaw inoperable water curb boxes that need to be operated. We have been very fortunate that we were able to "borrow" the ADOT steamer periodically to work on major items. That said, now ADOT's unit is down as they are having problems with their truck.

AS this equipment is so critical to us during the winter/freezing months, the long range plan was to get this used unit installed and up and running and follow up with the purchase of a new unit. The used unit will then become our backup unit.

Hope this answers yours & Mr. Hogan's questions.

Jan

Thanks, walt

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