

Session 16-15 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on July 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tempore David G. Lewis 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: ADERHOLD, LEWIS, REYNOLDS (telephonic),  
SMITH, VAN DYKE, ZAK

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER  
CITY CLERK JOHNSON  
CITY ATTORNEY KLINKNER  
FINANCE DIRECTOR LI  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON  
POLICE CHIEF ROBL  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

Mayor Wythe has requested excusal.

Councilmember Reynolds has requested telephonic participation.

Councilmember Reynolds' request for telephonic participation was approved by consensus of the Council.

Council met for a Worksession from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. for Strategic Doing- Heroin/Opioid Epidemic. From 5:00 p.m. to 5:44 p.m. Council met as a Committee of the Whole to hear Public Safety Building Review Committee – Overview of Project to date and discuss Resolution 16-078, Memorandum 16-120, and Consent Agenda and 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 following changes were made: **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Councilmember Reynolds has requested telephonic participation. **CONSENT AGENDA** - **Resolution 16-078**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Approving Memorandum 16-120 Establishing Conditions Under Which Adjacent and Benefitted Properties Can Connect to the Shellfish Avenue/South Slope Drive Water Main Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. (Title amendment) Written backup provided by Public Works Director. **Resolution 16-079(S)**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Policy and

Procedure for the Waiver of Penalties on Delinquent Special Assessment Payments.  
Mayor/Lewis.

ADERHOLD/SMITH - MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**

Karen Berg-Forrester, city resident, asked Council to consider tabling Resolution 16-078 until they have time to review the documents she submitted pertaining to Quiet Creek.

Beau Burgess, city resident, voiced objection to Resolution 16-078. At the last minute there was a switch of assessment amounts and the memo property owners received was omitted from the supplemental packet. It is inequitable for a 20-acre lot to be assessed the same as a ½ acre lot. He asked to spread costs more proportionately as to how properties will be benefitted.

Deb Lowney, city resident, expressed concerns with the public safety building. Although she totally supports the project, she opposes the proposed location which is premium green space. The proposed police facility doesn't require this much space. The relocation of the outdoor basketball court has not been addressed.

### **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 June 25, 2016. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
  
- B. **Memorandum 16-115** from Mayor Wythe Re: Appointment of Claire Keisel to the Economic Development Advisory Commission.

- C. **Memorandum 16-116** from Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis: Re: Appointment of Clark Fair to the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission and Ingrid Abrahamson to the Advisory Planning Commission.
- D. **Ordinance 16-39**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating Funds in the Amount Of \$5,000 from the Public Safety Building Fund for Public Information Campaign in Support of the Ballot Proposition to Issue General Obligation Bonds not to Exceed \$12 Million Dollars to Finance the Acquisition and Construction of a Police Station and Provide for an Increase in the Rate of City Sales Tax from 4.5% to 5.15% from April 1 through September 30 with the Increase Providing Funds to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation Bonds and Expiring on September 30 the Year when the City has Received Sufficient Funds from the Increase to Pay all of that Debt Service, Including Information that may Influence the Outcome of the Election on the Proposition. Mayor. Recommended dates: Introduction July 25, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 8, 2016.

Memorandum 16-117 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

- E. **Ordinance 16-40**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Transferring Recreational Powers to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for the Leasing of Borough Property as a Site for an Indoor Athletic Field. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction July 25, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 8, 2016.
- F. **Ordinance 16-41**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2016 Operating Budget to Provide for Necessary Mid-Year Adjustments by Appropriating and Transferring Funds from the General, Water and Sewer and Port and Harbor Funds. City Manager/Finance Director. Recommended dates: Introduction July 25, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 8, 2016.

Memorandum 16-118 from City Manager as backup.

Moved to Ordinances, Item A. Smith.

- G. **Ordinance 16-42**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Enacting Homer City Code 10.04.115, Appeal from Port and Harbor Citation Issued Pursuant to Homer City Code Title 7 and Homer City Code Title 10. City Manager/Port Director. Recommended dates: Introduction July 25, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 8, 2016.

- H. **Resolution 16-077**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Clarifying How Assessments Will be Levied on a Portion of Government Lot 2 Split by Kachemak Drive as it Relates to Phase I and III of the Kachemak Drive Water and Sewer Improvement Projects. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum 16-119 from Public Works Director as backup.

- I. **Resolution 16-078**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Approving Memorandum 16-120 Establishing Conditions Under Which Adjacent and Benefitted Properties Can Connect to the Shellfish Avenue/South Slope Drive Water Main Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum 16-120 from Public Works Director as backup.

Moved to Resolutions, Item B. Aderhold.

- J. **Resolution 16-079**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer Alaska, Approving a Policy and Procedure for the Waiver of Penalties on Delinquent Special Assessment Payments. Lewis.

**Resolution 16-079(S)**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Policy and Procedure for the Waiver of Penalties on Delinquent Special Assessment Payments. Mayor/Lewis.

Memorandum 16-121 from City Manager as backup.

Moved to Resolutions, Item A. Aderhold.

Item F, Ordinance 16-41 was moved to Ordinances, Item A. Smith.

Item I, Resolution 16-078 was moved to Resolutions, Item B. Aderhold.

Item J, Resolutions 16-079 and 16-079(S) was moved to Resolutions, Item A. Aderhold.

ADERHOLD/SMITH - MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

## **VISITORS**

### **A. Public Safety Building Review Committee – Overview of Project to date**

Ken Castner, Public Safety Building Review Committee Chair, provided an overview of the project to replace police, fire and EMT facilities. The committee was tasked to provide a project for \$15M. After the space analysis and needs assessment it was apparent the \$15M would not be sufficient for the square footage needed. They looked for financial resources, but state and federal funds were diminishing quickly. It was decided the replacement or improvement costs of the facilities would be placed on the city residents. In December the committee provided Council with three different options for the public safety building. Time was also spent on reviewing various sites for the facilities.

The Fire Department agreed they can live without a new facility for now, but delayed maintenance needed to be done. The Council funded that and the work has begun to sustain the Fire Department for a number of years. The Police Department has been in distress for quite a while and needs to be replaced. The solution was utilization of the HERC building for part of the space and a new annex to meet other space needs requiring more stringent building standards. Two thirds of the Police Department will be existing HERC building and one third will be new building separated by a seismic joint. Architect drawings were shown.

The benefit of a phased building method is that the existing Public Works on the second floor of the HERC can remain until a new fire station is built. Census data predicts a .5% to 2.5% growth in the next 40 years. The public safety building is sized properly and allows enough space for future growth.

Councilmember Aderhold asked about the relocation of the outdoor basketball court and opposition she has been hearing about using the HERC site. Chair Castner answered the site was selected two years ago. We own the HERC site, complete with utilities, and Council blessed the site long ago. About a third of the basketball court is on borough property. There was a lot of public testimony on abandoning the gym, but tonight is the first he has heard of creating a basketball court. The skateboard park will be relocated, but nobody has asked to create a basketball court, therefore, the committee did not address it.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **A. Borough Report**

### **B. Commissions/Board Reports:**

#### **1. Library Advisory Board**

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

Planning Commissioner Savanna Bradley reported Jenny Carroll presented the CIP to the commission at their last meeting. The commission unanimously agreed on two projects: ice plant improvements and large vessel haul-out facilities based on the ability of their returns. The commission approved a CUP for SPARC, provided recommendations for towers and tall structures, and recommended approval of a preliminary plat on East End Road. Additionally, the commission reviewed the Comp Plan Parks and Recreation Plan. The commission has been tasked with review of HAWSP and will hold a Worksession with the Public Works Director and Finance Director to answer questions.

3. Economic Development Advisory Commission

4. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner Deb Lowney acknowledged the appointment of Clark Fair to the commission. The commission is reviewing the dog leash law in parks and parking lot areas. By August or September they will have something before the council. The commission plans an educational campaign on leash laws and pet owners' responsibility of cleaning up after pets. Ms. Lowney added that the outdoor basketball court at the HERC needs to be relocated. Out of all the discussions on the new public safety building the relocation of the outdoor basketball court has not been addressed.

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Mark Zeiset, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, reported the commission will conduct a Worksession on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, on the Marine Repair Facility and proposed trailer.

6. Cannabis Advisory Commission

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis announced the upcoming meeting on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- A. **Ordinance 16-36**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2016 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$9,970.00 From Sewer Reserves for the Removal of an Underground Fuel Storage Tank at the Sewer Treatment Plant. City

Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction June 27, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 25, 2016.

Memorandum 16-109 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony, Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 16-36 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

ADERHOLD/ZAK – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- B. **Ordinance 16-37**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a Donation From Paul M. Hertzmann, Inc., Vintage Photography of San Francisco, California, in the Amount of \$1,000.00 for the Homer Public Library and Stipulating That the Funds be Segregated and Used by the Library in Support of Its Mission to Provide Library Services. City Manager/Library Director. Recommended dates: Introduction June 27, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 25, 2016.

Memorandum 16-110 from Library Director as backup.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony, Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis closed the public hearing.

ADERHOLD/REYNOLDS - MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 16-37.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. **Ordinance 16-38**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Title 20, Animals, Regarding the Regulation and Impoundment of Animals, and Penalties for Animal Violations. City Manager/Police Chief. Recommended dates: Introduction June 27, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 25, 2016.

**Ordinance 16-38(S)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending HCC 7.04.030, Traffic Fine Schedules, and Enacting Homer City Code Chapter 7.15, Animals in Vehicles, Regarding Animals in Vehicles; and Amending Homer City Code Title 20, Animals, Regarding the Regulation and Impoundment of Animals, and Penalties for Animal Violations. City Manager/Police Chief. Recommended dates: Introduction June 27, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 25, 2016.

Memorandum 16-111 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

Memorandum 16-114 from City Attorney as backup.

Resolution 15-057

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis opened the public hearing.

Robert Archibald, city resident and Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner, commented the commission discussed animal regulations quite a bit. There has been trouble with dogs knocking people over and it is time to address irresponsible dog owners. He questioned the definition of direct control and would like on/off leash areas defined.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis closed the public hearing.

ADERHOLD/REYNOLDS - MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 16-38(S) FOR ORDINANCE 16-38.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/REYNOLDS - MOVED TO POSTPONE THE ORDINANCE TO THE AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING FOR SECOND PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING.



There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

- A. **Ordinance 16-41**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2016 Operating Budget to Provide for Necessary Mid-Year Adjustments by Appropriating and Transferring Funds from the General, Water and Sewer and Port and Harbor Funds. City Manager/Finance Director. Recommended dates: Introduction July 25, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 8, 2016.

Memorandum 16-118 from City Manager as backup.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis called for a motion for the approval of Ordinance 16-41.

VAN DYKE/ADERHOLD - SO MOVED.

Council discussed the need for a defibrillator at the Library. Police Chief Robl told Council although there is no city or state law requiring the devices, the amount of time to save a life when a heart has stopped is small. Response times from the Fire Hall on a good day are 5 to 10 minutes and that is too long. About half of the library staff is trained in CPR.

Other budget amendments that were questioned were Caselle training and the Coastal Erosion mapping update.

ZAK/VAN DYKE - MOVED TO TRANSFER \$94,394 TO EMPLOYEE HEALTH COSTS INSTEAD OF TO RESERVES.

Employee health care costs will be increasing.

VOTE: YES. ZAK

VOTE: NO. LEWIS, SMITH, ADERHOLD, REYNOLDS, VAN DYKE

Motion failed.

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

Motion carried.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. City Manager's Report**

#### **Animal Control Contract Advertised**

The contract for Animal Control is up for renewal in December of 2016. The City will be issuing a request for proposals this week. The Animal Control Sustainability Committee spent a great deal of time updating City Code (changes to Title 20 before you today) and made useful suggestions on updates to the contract to be more reflective of current standards and practices. The RFP will be open for a full 7 weeks in an effort to give prospective contractors plenty of time to respond.

#### **ICMA Conference in September**

I will be missing the September 26 Council meeting as I will be attending the International City Manager Association conference in Kansas City, Missouri. I am very excited about so many workshops that pertain directly to City Manager responsibilities, development in small communities, and the Council-manager relationship. I really appreciate Council's support of my professional development. I applied for and received a Workplace Diversity scholarship that will cover much of the conference and travel expenses (about \$2,200 value).

#### **What is Next with Harbor Rates?**

Resolution16-055, amending the harbor tariff failed at introduction and its companion, Resolution 15-054 amending the fee schedule to implement a graduated rate, was postponed until the second meeting in September, leaving many to question what is next. I appreciate all the Councilmembers and public who have met with me and expressed a desire to tackle this issue and build on the work of the Port and Harbor Commission. There is approximately \$8,000 left in the budget for moorage rate consultant services. Given the complexity of the issue, I suggest an extended work session with Northern Economics to help explain how the Port and Harbor Commission got to their recommendation, alternatives and compromises, and answer any questions Council may have. With elections in October and the potential for 2 new councilmembers and a new Mayor, the timing is awkward. I propose postponing Resolution 15-054 until the second meeting in October and scheduling an extended worksession on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> with Northern Economics. Does that work for Council? Please submit any specific questions you have on harbor rates to so we can make the best use of Council's time and maximize time with the consultant.

#### **How Useful are Monthly Stats?**

Council should be receiving monthly statistical reports in their box (see attached March 2016 example). These stats cover items like animals reported lost at the shelter, number of packets

distributed by the Clerk's office, Fire and EMS calls, number of arrests, volunteer hours at the Library, work orders process at Public Works, and wait list requests at the Homer Harbor (just to name a few, there is a great deal of information in the reports). While this information is interesting, I wonder how useful you find it. Most of the information is collected by the departments regardless of whether or not it is provided to Council, however it is an extra step to report it to the City Manager's office and my staff can spend a great deal of time hunting down and compiling statistics. How useful does Council find the statistics? Are there suggestions on how to present the information in a more useful way? Should we consolidate our energy in a single comprehensive annual report?

### **Status of Borough's Property and Sales Tax Code Revisions**

The borough assembly has approved an ordinance to ask the voters to raise the maximum sales tax transaction to \$1,000, effective Jan. 1, 2017, and to eliminate sales tax on residential rent. Look for this on the October municipal ballot (October 4). The Assembly is scheduled at its July 26 meeting to vote on whether to put the senior citizen property tax exemption ordinance before voters Oct. 4. The ordinance would reduce, over several years, the optional (second) \$150,000 exemption in borough code. A third ordinance, dealing with other property tax issues (no voter approval required), will be introduced at the July 26 assembly meeting. Public hearings will be Aug. 9 and 23. The ordinance contains mostly procedural issues, but also amends code so that no one can get a residency-based property tax exemption if they have applied for or received a similar residency-based exemption outside of the borough in the same year. And it requires taxable personal property owners to notify the borough of sales, including the name and address of the new owner, so that the assessor can maintain an accurate list for assessments and tax billings. This Ordinance will have little impact for Homer.

Of greater interest to the City of Homer, is an ordinance dealing with all-things-sales-tax that is scheduled for introduction Aug. 9. This is the one that scales back which businesses can sell non-prepared foods as tax-exempt, amends code to require sales tax on flightseeing rides, says sales by a nonprofit ongoing business are subject to sales tax, and seeks to expand (as much as legally possible) the taxation of goods ordered and delivered into the borough. Per the direction given in the Revenue Worksessions, I will be drafting a resolution in support of many of these items for consideration at the next Council meeting (August 8).

### **Alaska Public Library Assistance Grant Agreement FY2017**

The Library has received a grant from the Alaska State Library for \$6,900 for purchasing materials and staff training. This is a routine grant that the Library receives every year. In the past, it has been accepted and appropriated by ordinance. However, during the 2016 budget Council gave the City Manager the authority to accept and appropriate grants under \$25,000. I will report any small grant we receive to Council in the City Manager's report.

City Manager Koester suggested bringing in the Northern Economics consultant at a Worksession on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to review the harbor rates. Extending the review date to October will allow the new mayor and new councilmembers to participate in the review

before Resolution 16-054 returns to the Council. Council agreed to use remaining funds allocated to the harbor rate study for the consultant to attend the Worksession.

Asked how useful the monthly statistical reports were to Council, City Manager Koester received varied responses, the consensus being that the reports were beneficial.

Councilmember Zak asked for public input on the AML Position Statement that is due to the City Manager by August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- B. Memorandum 16-122 from City Clerk re: Marijuana Petition
- C. Memorandum 16-123 from Deputy City Clerk re: AML Position Statement
- D. Bid Report

### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Attorney Klinkner commented on the Quiet Creek request for exclusion from Resolution 16-078. The proposal is totally contingent and in control of the property owner. Property owners won't incur expense unless they want to hook up to water. He can look into this further as to where properties are located in conjunction with the existing and proposed water lines.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Employee Committee Report
- B. Public Safety Building Review Committee
- C. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

Councilmember Aderhold reported the committee met last week and reviewed the draft CIP. At their next meeting they will finalize recommendations of the CIP for ADA compliance.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Memorandum 16-124**, from Deputy City Clerk re: Natural Gas Assessment Deferral.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis called for a motion for the approval of a deferment of the natural gas assessment for Sue Douglass.

ZAK/VAN DYKE - SO MOVED.

City Clerk Johnson explained the procedure for deferral requests.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

A. **Resolution 16-079**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer Alaska, Approving a Policy and Procedure for the Waiver of Penalties on Delinquent Special Assessment Payments. Lewis.

**Resolution 16-079(S)**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Policy and Procedure for the Waiver of Penalties on Delinquent Special Assessment Payments. Mayor/Lewis.

Memorandum 16-121 from City Manager as backup.

ADERHOLD/ZAK - MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-079.

ADERHOLD/LEWIS – MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 16-079(S) FOR RESOLUTION 16-079.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/LEWIS - MOVED TO AMEND LINE 91 “THERE” TO “THE” AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SENTENCE.

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 16-078**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Approving Memorandum 16-120 Establishing Conditions Under Which Adjacent and Benefitted Properties Can Connect to the Shellfish Avenue/South Slope Drive Water Main Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum 16-120 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 16-078 by reading of title only.

ZAK/ADERHOLD - SO MOVED.

Council requested clarification as to when interest rates begin to accrue and at what amount. If interest is due upon connection to water it does not address subdivisions.

ZAK/ADERHOLD - MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 16-078 TO AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

Karen Berg-Forrester, city resident, thanked Council for taking the time to consider Resolution 16-078. She submitted information on Quiet Creek to the clerk for Council's review.

Robert Archibald, city resident, reported the Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park and Water Trail received \$15,000 from Rasmuson Foundation, bringing their fundraising close to \$46,000 for the pavilion. They will move ahead with planning the trail that will be located in the back of Pier One Theatre at the Wooden Boat Festival location.

Tom Zitzmann reflected on the discussion last fall about retaining services of the city lobbyist. With the close of the legislative session, he asked Council if we received value with the lobbyist. Council may want to revisit the \$40,000 contract.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Klinkner announced his retirement after working with the City for eight years. He will continue to work part-time, but will not be visiting Homer. He expressed his gratitude for the business and working with the City.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Johnson had no comments.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Koester had no comments.

### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis wished Tom good luck in his partial retirement.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Reynolds commented it was a good meeting. She congratulated City Attorney Klinkner on his retirement.

Councilmember Zak thanked City Attorney Klinkner for his service. The new attorneys replacing him are excellent. South Peninsula Athletic and Recreation Center (SPARC) is able to provide an extra-large building 75 ft. x 159 ft. For more information: [www.sparchomer.org](http://www.sparchomer.org) Councilmember Zak commented on the greater number of seniors than youth that add wonderful value to our community.

Councilmember Van Dyke thanked the commission members and the Public Safety Building Review Committee. They have spent a vast number of hours on the building plans. They are going in the right direction.

Councilmember Aderhold thanked City Attorney Klinkner for his service and the commissioners for their service. Council conducted a Worksession this afternoon related to opioid addiction. She is proud to live in a city willing to take action on some issues.

Councilmember Smith is excited about the SPARC building and glad that the City could participation in helping facilitate it. They are still trying to hit their mark. It will be a

tremendous asset to the community. He agreed with Tom Zitzmann on examining the lobbyist contract since the lobbyist communication over the extended legislative session mirrored with AML. We do not need to pay for duplication of labor and he will continue to fight to be more cost effective. Councilmember Smith thanked Tom Klinkner and wished him the best. He appreciates the community of Homer and their involvement; we couldn't do it without the people. The Public Safety Building Review Committee has provided many hours working on the public safety building plans. He encouraged the public to educate themselves on the proposal and provide input on the project. We need the public safety building and he appreciates all the effort that has gone into it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tempore Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m., and Worksession 4:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_