

Session 16-11 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on May 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Mary E. Wythe 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: LEWIS, REYNOLDS, SMITH, VAN DYKE  
ABSENT: ADERHOLD, ZAK (both excused)  
STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER  
ACTING CITY CLERK JACOBSEN  
FIRE CHIEF PAINTER  
HARBORMASTER HAWKINS

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: **ORDINANCES**- Memorandum 16-092 from the City Manager as backup to Ordinance 16-30, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City to Issue General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$12,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition and Construction of a Police Station and Improvements to the Fire Hall; Amending HCC 9.16.010 to Provide for an Increase in the Rate of the City Sales Tax From 4.5% to 5.5% From April 1 Through September 30, With the Increase Dedicated to Fund Public Safety Operations and Infrastructure, Including Construction of a Police Station and Renovation of a Fire Hall and Submitting the Question of the Issuance of Such Bonds and Such Sales Tax Rate Increase to the Qualified Voters of the City at the October 4, 2016 Regular City Election. Mayor/Council; Budget overhead allocation as informational to Ordinance 16-29, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Ordinance 16-10, the Completion of the 2016 Streets Repaving Project, Utilizing Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Funds From 638,000 to \$562,506. Smith; **RESOLUTIONS**- Memorandum 16-093 from the City Manager as backup to Resolution 16-063, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Maintaining the Water and Sewer Fees at the 2016 Rate and Updating the Homer Fee Schedule Accordingly. City Manager/Finance Director.

The agenda as amended was approved by consensus of the Council.

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

Bob Howard, city resident, commented in support of setting a public hearing for Resolution 16-054. He is opposed to the rate structure presented and opposes to Resolution 16-055 imbedding this rate structure into the tariff. He raised issue that he believes it is not fair and equitable to all users and places the highest burden in history on the small vessel owners. He noted the memo in the packet and consultant's final study is silent on fairness of the rate structure it recommends. He feels the Commission failed to carry out the spirit on the intent specified in Resolution 15-072. He is not aware of any public hearings after June 24, 2015 when the small boat owners testified in favor of resolution

15-072. Mr. Howard referenced the consultant's report in the council packet to emphasize the inequities between what was recommended in Resolution 15-072 and what is before Council tonight.

Mako Haggerty, non-resident and business owner in the harbor, commented in support of setting a public hearing for the proposed rate structure. He is opposed to Resolution 16-055, it seems to be something decided without enough public input. He has followed the development of the new rate structure since last year's June public hearing. He supports Resolution 15-072 calling for the preparation of a fair and equitable graduated rate structure. He shared the history of the harbor growth since 1964 and its capacity. He cited the comment in the 2013 report from the consultant that pointed out the immense change the harbor as gone through and the mixed use of boat sizes that lead to the conclusion the flat rate structure was no longer a fair distribution of cost for running the harbor and recommended a square foot method or graduated linear method be used to more fairly distribute cost and the ever increasing impacts large vessels have on harbor use. He expects fair and equitable out of his government and doesn't like arbitrary and capricious, which is what he thinks Resolution 16-055 is.

Sharon Minch, city resident, commented in favor of the resolution setting the public hearing for the new rate structure, but is opposed to the proposed rate structure. She understands the Commission was directed by council to develop a fair and equitable rates structure for all users of the harbor. She knows the Commission worked on this for a long time and that it was a contentious issue but she doesn't agree with their proposal. She believes the larger boats use more space and require more expensive and oversized infrastructure and we need a rate that reflects that. Under the current lineal rate her 30 foot boat that is 10 feet wide is 37 cents per square foot and a 75 foot boat that is 25 feet wide rate is 14 cents per square foot. She pays twice what they are when they use so much more space. Under the new rate that's same lineal foot that increases per foot up to 86 feet her rate is still 37 cents per square foot and a 75 foot boat would be 16 cents per square foot. She agrees a square foot rate may not be the best way to go for the bigger boats, but asks for a fair and equitable rate that recognizes how much infrastructure the larger boats use. She referenced information in the memorandum that large vessel owners weighed in that a square foot model was unfair and the commission ultimately decided against it.

Greg Sutter, non-resident and business owner in the harbor, commented in support of a public hearing on resolution 16-054 and opposes resolution 16-055. He thinks the Northern Economics Rate Study was ignored or disregarded when the Port and Harbor Commission made its recommendation. For a 20 foot vessel we're looking at \$1.92 per square feet. For a vessel that is 75 feet in length its 78 cents per square foot and that's a disparity of \$1.14 that the small boats are subsidizing the larger vessels. We need to rectify this disparity.

Jim Martin, non-resident and small boat owner in the harbor, commented in support of resolution 16-054 and opposition to 16-055. It seemed they paid \$20,000 for an economic analysis by a consultant and then didn't even consider that. It's a significant difference between what is being proposed and what the consultant came up with. He would like to see something more fair and equitable.

## **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 May 9, 2016. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 16-080**, from Mayor Wythe, Re: Reappointment of Franco Venuti to the Planning Commission and to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission.
- C. **Memorandum 16-089**, from Deputy City Clerk, Re: Liquor License Location Transfer for Homer Liquor and Wine Company.
- D. **Ordinance 16-24**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Title 5 to Add a New Chapter 5.44 to Prohibit the Extraction of Tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC") or Any Cannabinoid by Use of Materials or Methods Deemed Dangerous to Public Health and Safety, Unless Otherwise Permitted By Law. City Manager/Fire Chief. Recommended dates: Introduction May 23, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 13, 2016.

Memorandum 16-081 from Cannabis Advisory Commission as backup.  
Memorandum 16-082 from Fire Chief as backup.

- E. **Ordinance 16-25**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 5.20.020, Open Burning - Permit Requirement, by Requiring a Permit to Burn Combustible Materials in an Approved Burn Barrel, and Amending Homer City Code 5.20.030, Trash Burning - Approved Container, by Requiring a Permit to Burn Trash in a Screen Covered Container or Other Trash Burner Approved by the Fire Chief. City Manager/Fire Chief. Recommended dates: Introduction May 23, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 13, 2016.

Memorandum 16-083 from Fire Chief as backup.

- F. **Ordinance 16-27**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY 2016 Operating Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$38,000 From Port and Harbor Reserves for the Deep Water Dock Uplands Improvements. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director. Recommended dates: Introduction May 23, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 13, 2016.

Memorandum 16-087 from Public Works Director as backup.

- G. **Ordinance 16-29**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Ordinance 16-10, the Completion of the 2016 Streets Repaving Project, Utilizing Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Funds From 638,000 to \$562,506. Smith. Recommended dates: Introduction May 23, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 13, 2016.

Memorandum 16-090 from Public Works Director as backup.

- H. **Resolution 16-053**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding the Contract for Real Estate Broker Services to the Firm of Homer Real Estate of Homer, Alaska, for a Period of Three Years With Option to Extend, Compensating the Broker 10% Commission Fee of Each Property the Broker Sells and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.
- I. **Resolution 16-056**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Adopting Written Safety Policy for Employees and Contractors. City Manager/Personnel Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 16-085 from Personnel Director as backup.

- J. **Resolution 16-057**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Adopting an Americans With Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure. Aderhold. Recommend adoption.
- K. **Resolution 16-058**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing Participation in the Alaska Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program. Aderhold. Recommend adoption.
- L. **Resolution 16-059**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Cooperative Agreement Between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, and the City of Homer, Regarding the Fish Cleaning Table Renovation Project at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 16-086 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

- M. **Resolution 16-060**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Electing to Participate in the AMLJIA Loss Control Incentive Program for the City of Homer for the 2015-2016 Policy Year. City Manager/Finance. Recommend adoption.
- N. **Resolution 16-062**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Establishing a 2016 Mill Rate of 9.962541 Mills for the Ocean Drive Loop Special Service District. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

The consent agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

## VISITORS

- A. Bob Letson, South Peninsula Hospital, 10 minutes.

Bob Letson, Executive Director of South Peninsula Hospital presented information about the hospitals new and expanded service, providers, and systems. He addressed community benefit of the hospital and provided statistics on outpatient ancillary visits, emergency department visits and inpatient days. Lastly he touched on the FY 2016 financial snapshot and current strategies. He reminded everyone this year is the hospitals 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

- B. Asia Freeman and Rita Jo Schulz, Pioneer Avenue Revitalization, 10 minutes.

Asia Freeman presented about the Peony's on Pioneer project and the goal of populating Pioneer with peony gardens to beautify the area, encourage people to linger in the area, and also promote the peony industry. She also commented there will be a guest muralist coming to Homer to work with artists and help collaborate with businesses to host murals at their buildings.

Rita Jo Schultz addressed the growing industry of peony farming in our area. The industry has over 100 farms and is becoming very lucrative. She shared her recent experiences with providing peony's for President Obama's visit to Anchorage at the request of Senator Murkowski and also her visit to Washington DC to provide flowers for Michelle Obama's First Lady's Luncheon that was attended by 1500 people. Ms. Schultz also highlighted the benefits of working with the City to have peonies along Pioneer in that they bloom every year eliminating the need for continual growing and planting of annuals, that the moose won't eat them, and it will help bring recognition to the growing industry of peony farmers in Homer.

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

A. Mayor's Proclamation Mary Epperson Day - June 6, 2016

Mayor Wythe recognized June 6, 2016 as Mary Epperson day.

B. Borough Report

C. Commissions/Board Reports:

1. Library Advisory Board

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

a. Minutes of May 4, 2016

D. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Councilmember Smith reported the Commission talked about the Peonies on Pioneer and one idea was creating some new flags that hang from the light poles to reflect that. That is something that may come forward as a recommendation from the commission. They also talked about the mural in front of Nomar that could be a great canvas.

E. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Robert Archibald reported the Commission discussed the dog waste problem and think the city has done their share in trying to place dog waste containers and bags at various parks and places people travel. They hope the public does their part to pick up after their pets. The Trails Symposium was successful with 34 participants who made recommendations of trails they would like to upgrade. Forest Glen to the Middle School and soccer complex got the most points, followed by the Greatland Trail and then Karen Hornaday Trail around the park. The Commission discussed the comprehensive plan for the city and identified resources needed to operate parks, recreation facilities, recreation

programs, enhance the city and community sponsored year round recreational facilities, programs, and support citizens effort to maintain environmental, quality, public use of beaches through the beach policy. Near term goals include research seasonal and year round staff needs to maintain and operate city park facilities and programs efficiently, increase staffing and volunteer involvement as needed to provide basic city services for parks, expand and promote adopt a park program, establish a park endowment fund through the city or in partnership with the Homer Foundation. The Commission discussed city park landscaping and peonies might fit right in. Thy also addressed developing some summer use trails in the Diamond Creek recreational area at some point; raising campground fees and eliminating multi night discounts and that funds be directed to a reserve or to a budget to address ongoing deferred maintenance issues; and MOU's for groups using city facilities. The Commission is looking forward to working with the arts community, if that is approved.

Councilmember Lewis commented about a home owner neighboring Jack Gist Park expressing concerns about noise at the disk golf area. Mr. Archibald said he believes that will be discussed at their next meeting.

F. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

G. Cannabis Advisory Commission

Councilmember Reynolds reported the Commission's next meeting is Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

A. **Ordinance 16-22**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Repealing and Reenacting Homer City Code 2.60, Public Arts Committee; Repealing Homer City Code 2.68, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission; and Amending Homer City Code 18.07.020, Definitions, Homer City Code 18.07.040, Implementation, Homer City Code 18.07.050, Selection, Homer City Code 18.07.070, Exemptions, Homer City Code 18.07.090, Public Art Fund, and Homer City Code 18.07.100, Ownership and Management of Works of Public Art; to Create the City of Homer Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission, Prescribe its Duties, and Provide for the Transition From the Former Public Arts Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to the New Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission. City Clerk/Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Introduction May 9, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2016.

Memorandum 16-073 from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission as backup.

Memorandum 16-074 from Public Arts Committee as backup.

Asia Freeman, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 16-22. She is excited to see this merger and the collaborative cross sector discussions that are happening. This will lead to a more comprehensive and efficient use of city resources, volunteers, and properties for an overall more cohesive plan when it comes to appearance, maintenance, and functionality of our resources relating to parks and public art. It's all a part of culture and making Homer a more attractive destination and enhancing economic vibrancy.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 16-22 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

REYNOLDS/LEWIS SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- B. **Ordinance 16-23**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Repealing Homer City Code, Chapter 6.12, Drug Abuse and Paraphernalia. Reynolds. Introduction May 9, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 23, 2016.

McKenzy Haber from Baked Alaska thanked council for taking time to add this to the agenda. He has been working with his team to set up and build their shop, not realizing this would be an issue. He hopes they will be able to continue operations by repealing this ordinance. With the decriminalization process of marijuana in the state and country, this change makes sense in our town. Their shop carries nothing that supports the use or sale of hard drugs and focuses solely on items used for legal, recreational, and medical uses.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 16-23 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

REYNOLDS/LEWIS SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE(S)**

- A. **Ordinance 16-26**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending HCC 1.18.043, Public Disclosure, to Require Elected City Officials to Disclose Each Business in Which an Immediate Family Member is a Partner, Proprietor or Employee. Smith. Recommended dates: Introduction May 23, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 13, 2016.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the introduction of Ordinance 16-26 by reading of title only.

SMITH/REYNOLDS SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- B. **Ordinance 16-28**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2016 Operating Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$1,000,000 From the Permanent Fund for the Purposes of Funding Improvements to the Fire Hall and Exempting This Expenditure From Homer City Code Chapter 3.12, Which Requires Expenditures for Operation and Maintenance Costs to be Taken From Income From the Income Sub-Fund Unless 60% of City Voters Approve the Expenditure. Smith. Recommended dates: Introduction May 23, 2016, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 13, 2016.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the introduction of Ordinance 16-28 by reading of title only.

SMITH/LEWIS SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- C. **Ordinance 16-30**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City to Issue General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$12,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition and Construction of a Police Station and Improvements to the Fire Hall; Amending HCC 9.16.010 to Provide for an Increase in the Rate of the City Sales Tax From 4.5% to 5.5% From April 1 Through September 30, With the Increase Dedicated to Fund Public Safety Operations and Infrastructure, Including Construction of a Police Station and Renovation of a Fire Hall and Submitting the Question of the Issuance of Such Bonds and Such Sales Tax Rate Increase to the Qualified Voters of the City at the October 4, 2016 Regular City Election. Mayor/Council. Recommended dates: Introduction May 23, 2016, Public Hearings June 13 and 27, 2016, and Second Reading June 27, 2016.

Memorandum 16-091 from City Attorney as backup.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the introduction of Ordinance 16-30 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/REYNOLDS SO MOVED

Councilmember Lewis asked if it's possible for major food retailers to keep food at 7.5% sales tax and only raise the tax on everything else. City Manager Koester said she will do some research.

Councilmember Smith expressed his concern with funding operation and maintenance through a bond. Those are things we need to show we can afford within the money we make outside an expiring bond.

City Manager Koester clarified Councilmember Smith is correct in that you cannot bond for operational cost, only capital improvements. The sales tax increase is the mechanism for repaying the bond and can also be used for operating cost.

Mayor Wythe added the ordinance as its written does not restrict the timeframe for the sales tax and it will not go away when the bond is paid off. She noted she is still unclear if this needs to be two questions or if it can all be included in one question to the voters.

Councilmember Smith responded he thinks voters will be less likely to support the questions. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline and the opportunity to work with the City Manager and Counsel to draft amendments.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Mayor Wythe called for a recess at 7:17 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. City Manager's Report

1. Memorandum 16-088 from Port and Harbor Director, Re: Mid-Year Budget Adjustment for Emergency Deep Water Dock Repairs.

City Manager Koester provided and addressed a laydown memo from Councilmember Lewis addressing noise and disc golf at Jack Gist Park and requesting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission address it. Also she advised that the Borough is looking at closing the transfer station one day a week and on holidays. This causes concern to the Harbor because while the dumpsters out there are for vessel garbage, a lot of people take their household trash out there as well. The landfill being closed on certain days raises the concern that the dumpsters will overflow and without the ability to remove the trash also create a sanitation issue.

There was brief discussion that is hasn't been specified what day the transfer station would be closed. The city could request at a minimum that it be a mid-week day so the likelihood of a closed day and holiday backing up to each other would be reduced. City Manager Koester said she will communicate the City's concerns with the Borough and may bring a resolution to Council addressing it.

B. Bid Report

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

A. Public Arts Committee

B. Employee Committee Report

C. Public Safety Building Review Committee

Mayor Wythe commented there will be an update at the next meeting.

D. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

**PENDING BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **Resolution 16-054**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the City of Homer Fee Schedule to Implement a New Graduated Harbor Moorage Rate Structure. Port and Harbor Director/Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. Recommend Public Hearing on June 13, 2016.

Memorandum 16-084 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion to adopt Resolution 16-054 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/REYNOLDS SO MOVED

Mayor Wythe asked if there was a motion to postpone Resolution 16-054 to June 13 for public hearing and action.

LEWIS/REYNOLDS SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion to postpone carried.

- B. **Resolution 16-055**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 600 to Implement a New Graduated Harbor Moorage Rate Structure. Port and Harbor Director/Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. Recommend Public Hearing on June 13, 2016.

Memorandum 16-084 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion to adopt Resolution 16-055 by reading of title only.

No motion was made.

- C. **Resolution 16-061**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Establishing the Property Tax Mill Levy Rate at 4.5 for 2016. City Manager.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion to adopt Resolution 16-061 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/REYNOLDS SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- D. **Resolution 16-063**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Maintaining the Water and Sewer Fees at the 2016 Rate and Updating the Homer Fee Schedule Accordingly. City Manager/Finance Director.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion to adopt Resolution 16-063 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/REYNOLDS SO MOVED

Mayor Wythe suggested postponing this so Council can discuss and review the rates we are using for Kachemak City. When we did the initial rate review a number of years ago Kachemak City was at a 3500 gallon base rate, based on an average household of four.

City Manager Koester reviewed the figures in her memo and that the average is just shy of 3000 gallons per month.

Mayor Wythe acknowledged Kachemak City has come to them on several occasions and noted the original rate when doing the rate study was cited as being a household of four in Anchorage in a rate study that preceded the most recent study.

Councilmember Lewis questioned if there was any information from residents in Kachemak City who had installed a water meter to show usage. City Manager Koester said there were some who have used a meter. She will doesn't have the number but will get it. The numbers in her memo are for the City of Homer users.

REYNOLDS/VAN DYKE MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 16-063 TO THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

There was brief discussion about having information to show what the impact changing the rate might be. There is the potential reducing theirs may increase what we have to collect from other parties. City Manager Koester said she will also find out if Kachemak City pays city sales tax.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion to postpone carried.

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

None

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Wells was not in attendance.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

Deputy City Clerk Jacobsen had no comments.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Koester had no comments.

**COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Wythe encouraged people to attend the events that are going on with the beautification of Pioneer Avenue and help where you can.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Lewis congratulated the soccer teams for their hard work at the Regional Soccer tournaments. He also congratulated the Council for agreeing on everything tonight. That's unusual.

Councilmember Smith noted Mr. Archibald's comments about the dog issue and pitched the slogan "Do your Duty with your Dog's Doodie". He hopes people will do that because it's rather annoying for those who use the parks for other things than their dogs. He also recognized Memorial Day along with those who have served our nation and that they don't go forgotten.

Councilmember Van Dyke commented how blessed and good we are that we have South Peninsula Hospital and thanked everyone who was here talking about the heroin and opioid problem and spearheading programs. It seems we are getting a better handle on it than most of the state and he appreciates that.

Councilmember Reynolds followed up on Councilmember Van Dyke's comments reminding people there is a presentation tomorrow by a visiting specialist whose area of expertise is addiction for young adults. There will be a presentation at the Bidarka from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, June 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m., and Worksession 4:00 p.m. A Worksession is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

HOMER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 23, 2016

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, CMC, ACTING CITY CLERK

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