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Busy, Busy, Busy...

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City Clerk's Office

Well this year is just flying by... where has the time gone? Spring came and went - Mother Nature spent no time in mucking about this year. But let see what has happened well, a City Manager was hired, the Cannabis Advisory Commission was created, Natural Gas Assessments went out, and Budget 2016 talks are starting up early, it is not looking good. Following is what Council has been working on, addressed or took action on in the last six months.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR THE FIRST & SECOND QUARTERS OF 2015

ORDINANCES APPROVED FOR JANUARY – JUNE 2015

Ord. 14-56(A) Amended Homer City Code 21.70.010 Zoning Permit Required and 21.90.030, Invalid Land Use Permits, regarding the Requirement for a Zoning Permit and the Relationship of Zoning Violations to Permit Issuance.

Ord. 15-01, Amended Homer City Code 2.08.040(M) Regarding Compensation for the Mayor and Council.

Ord. 15-02, Accepted and Appropriated a Grant from the Homer Foundation in the Amount of \$930 for the Public Library Fireplace Natural Gas Conversion.

Ord. 15-03, Approved the Sale of the City's Interest in Lot 6-A-1, Nils O Svedlund Subdivision 2013 Replat for \$1,655.50 to Dragonfly, LLC

Ord. 15-04, Accepted and Appropriated a Grant from the Alaska Highway Safety office in the Amount of \$40,768.01 for the Homer Police Department project Drive.

Ord. 15-06, Amended the FY 2015 operating Budget by Appropriating \$179,892.97 from the Harbor reserve Fund to Satisfy the City's Matching Grant requirement Associated with the Completion of the Deep Water Dock Expansion Feasibility Study.

Ord. 15-07(A), Adopted Chapter 2.78 entitled Cannabis Advisory Commission, Establishing a Cannabis Advisory Commission to Advise City Council on the Governance of Cannabis Use Within the City of Homer, Alaska and Serve as the City of Homer's Local Regulatory Authority on Cannabis.

Ord. 15-09, Amended Subsection (d) of Homer City Code Section 21.58.020, Installation requirements, to delete the One Acre Minimum Lot Area for Small Wind Energy Systems.

Ord. 15-10(S), Amended the FY 2015 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$30,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trail Program (HART) Fund to Repair Fireweed Avenue and Cottonwood Lane and Added \$7,000 to Match the Amount the Property Owners Fund for Repairs to the Roads.

Ord. 15-11, Amended Homer City Code Section 17.04.100, Subdivision After levy of Assessments, to Provide for Subdivisions of property Subject to Natural Gas Distribution Assessments.

Ord. 15-12, Amended the FY 2015 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$8,500 to Aha Consulting, Inc. from the Information Systems Budget to Fund Website Design and Software Upgrades.

Ord. 15-14, Accepted and Appropriated a Commercial Vessel Passenger Tax Program Grant from the Kenai Peninsula Borough for FY2014 in the Amount of \$13,925.00.

Ord. 15-15, Purchased Tax Foreclosure Property, Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Tax Parcel Number 173-052-19 and Designating its use for Public Purpose (Bridge Creek Watershed Protection District)

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Ord. 15-16, Amended Homer city Code 3.05.012, Complete Financial Plan, to Exclude State revenue Sharing from Income in the City Budget.

Ord. 15-17(S), Amended Ordinance 13-03(S)(2) to permit the City to prepay Principal of the Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond Authorized by Ordinance 13-02(S)(2) and Authorized an Amendment to the Loan Agreement between the City and the Kenai Peninsula Borough regarding the Bond.

Ord. 15-21, Amended the FY 2015 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$277,335.45 to Pay for Homer Natural Gas Special Assessment District Assessments of 85 City Lots from Various City reserve Funds.

Ord. 15-22(S), Determined that a Public Purpose Does Not Exist for Lots 57, 58, 59, 60, 65, 66, 67, and 70, Lillian Walli Estate and Authorized Their Sale.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED FOR JANUARY – JUNE 2015

Reso. 15-001, Ratified and Confirmed the Appointment of an Interim City Manager.

Reso. 15-002, Confirmed the Appointments of Zhiyong Li as Treasurer and Laurie Moore as Deputy Treasurer for Calendar Year 2015.

Reso. 15-003, Designated Signatories of City Accounts for 2015

Reso. 15-004(S), Requested That the Alaska Legislature Re-Appropriate \$606,000 of the \$1,405,000 That the City Received for the Waddell Way Road Improvement to a New Public Safety Building.

Reso. 15-005, Amended the Preliminary Assessment Roll for the Homer Natural Gas Special Assessment District by Exempting Certain Properties and Made Amendments for Recorded Property Plat Actions through January 5, 2015.

Reso. 15-006, Re-Adopted the Established Investment Policies of the Permanent Fund.

Reso. 15-007, Approved the Recommendations of the Public Safety Building Review Committee.

Reso. 15-008, Awarded a Contract for the purchase of a 2015 Ford F550 Truck for Public Works to the Firm of Worthington Ford of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Amount of \$36,367.

Reso. 15-009, Amended the US Coast Guard Lease on Government Lot 20 to Add an Additional 20 years of One Year Renewals.

Reso. 15-010, Authorized the City Manager to Apply for an Alaska Drinking Water Fund (ADWF) Loan for Phase I of the Homer Water Distribution/Storage Improvement Project in the Amount of \$594,075.

Reso. 15-011, Acknowledged the January 2015 Surplus Equipment Bid Results.

Reso. 15-012, Amended the Preliminary Assessment Roll for the Homer Natural Gas Special Assessment District by Exempting One Property and Correcting Errors in the Assessment Roll.

Reso. 15-013, Awarded Contract for the preparation of the Deep Water Dock Expansion Feasibility Study to the Firm of R & M Consultants, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Amount of \$1,060,092.

Reso. 15-014, Awarded the Contract for the Construction of the Homer Small Boat Harbor Launch Ramp Renovation to the Firm of Harris Sand & Gravel of Valdez, Alaska, in the Amount of \$3,412,000.00.

Reso. 15-015, Approved an Amendment to Bob's Trophy Charter lease on Tract 1-B, Fishing Hole Subdivision No. 2, to Permit Transfer of the lease to Wilson Stick, Inc., and Extended the Lease for a Period of 20 Years.

Reso. 15-017, Confirmed the Assessment Roll, Established Dates for Payment of Special Assessments, Established Delinquency, Penalty and Interest Provisions for the Homer Natural Gas Special Assessment District.

Reso. 15-018, Requested the Kenai Peninsula Borough Transfer their Portion of the Fisheries Business Tax Allocated by the State of Alaska to the Port an Harbor Enterprise Fund for the Purpose of Increasing and Maintaining the Port and Harbor Depreciation Reserves.

Reso. 15-019, Disbanded the City Manager Selection Committee.

Reso. 15-020, Revised the Homer Public Library Policy Manual to Include a Collection Development Policy.

Reso. 15-021, Approved the Purchase of Safety Equipment for the Homer Police Department Officers from ADS, Inc. of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in the Amount of \$27,782.28.

Reso. 15-022, Approved the City Manager Contract with Mary K Koester.

Reso. 15-023, Designated Signatories of City Accounts and Superseded Previous Resolution So Designating.

Reso. 15-024, Awarded the Contract for the production of a Marine Trades Promotional Video to the Firm of Brinster & Company, Homer, Alaska or Dickerson Stills & Motion of Homer, Alaska in an Amount Not to Exceed \$9,000.

Reso. 15-025 Adopted a Social Media Policy.

Reso. 15-026, Adopted City of Homer Website Terms and Conditions

Reso. 15-027, Adopted Website Links Policy.

Reso. 15-028, Approved a Letter of Understanding Between City and

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL,
COMMISSION, COMMITTEES AND BOARD**

The following meetings are held in the City Hall Council
Chambers or Upstairs Conference Room:

City Council – Regular Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of every month, and begin at 6:00 p.m. Prior to each Regular Meeting is a Committee of the Whole Meeting from 5:00 to 5:50 p.m. Special Meetings and Worksessions are held from 4:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. or earlier if needed.

Advisory Planning Commission - Regular Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of month, begin at 6:30 p.m. Terms are for 3 years and expire on 07/01 of the designated year.

Parks/Recreation Advisory Commission - Regular Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month except January, July & December there is no meetings, and begin at 5:30 p.m. Terms are for 3 years and expire on 10/31 of the designated year.

Port/Harbor Advisory Commission - Regular Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month, begin at 5:00 p.m. October through April and 6:00 p.m. May through September. Terms are for 3 years and expire on 02/01 of the designated year.

Economic Development Advisory Commission - Regular Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month, begin at 6:00 p.m. Appointments expire on 4/15 of the designated year.

Cannabis Advisory Commission – Regular Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Terms are for 3 years and expire May of designated year.

Library Advisory Board - Regular Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month, except January, April, August and November and begin at 5:00 p.m. Terms are for 3 years and expire April of the designated year.

Public Arts Committee Regular Meetings are quarterly on the second Thursday of February, May, August and November at 5:00 p.m. the Upstairs Conference Room. A Worksession is held prior to the regular meetings at 4:00 p.m.

Permanent Fund Committee Regular Meetings are held quarterly, on the second Thursday of February, May, August and November at 5:15 p.m.

We currently have openings on the following:

Economic Development Advisory Commission, Library Advisory Board and the Permanent Fund Committee.

Pratt Museum for Design and Fabrication of Interpretive Signage for the Homer Spit Trails Projects.

Reso. 15-029, Awarded Contract for the Old Harbormaster’s Building Hazardous Materials Survey to the Firm of Satori group, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska, in an Amount of \$3,400.

Reso. 15-030, Approved the City of Homer 2015 Land Allocation Plan.

Reso. 15-031, Approved an Agreement for Professional Mentorship Services Between the City of Homer and MY:T Solutions, LLC.

Reso. 15-032, Partially released the development Covenant of the Lillian Walli Estates Subdivision Requiring Every Lot or Tract within the Property be Served by Roads, Water, Sewer, Drainage and Other Utilities before a Request for a Building Permit or Additional Utility Connection may be made.

Reso. 15-033, Extended the City of Homer Prisoner Meal Service Contract for One Year to the Firm of Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. of Homer, Alaska.

Reso. 15-034, Requested the the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Take Action to reduce the Quantity of Halibut Bycatch in the Bering Sea Aleutian Island Fisheries by Setting New Bycatch Limits which Lower Halibut Prohibited Species Catch Caps by 50% of the Current Limits.

Reso. 15-038, Elected to Participate in the AMLJIA Loss Control Incentive Program for the City of Homer for the 2014-2015 Policy Year.

Reso. 15-039, Established a 2015 Mill Rate of 9.962541 Mills for the Ocean Drive Loop Special Service District.

Reso. 15-040, Established Property Tax Mill Levy Rate at 4.5 for 2015.

Reso. 15-041, Approved a Five Year General Concession Lease at the Homer Airport Terminal for Daniel Lush dba Flying Whale Coffee.

Reso. 15-042, Supported Salmon Habitat Buffers on Lakes and Streams in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Reso. 15-044, Disbanded the Port & Harbor Building Task Force.

Reso. 15-045, Directed Administration to Issue RFP for Ambulance and Emergency Medical Billing Services.

Reso. 15-046, Accepted the 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial report with Audit and Financial Statements and Acknowledged the Management Letter Submitted by the City’s Independent Auditor BDO, USA, LLP.

Reso. 15-047(S), Changed Dates for Payment of Assessments for the Homer Natural Gas Special Assessment District.

Reso. 15-048, Noted the Sufficiency of the Petition for the Lillian Walli Fairview Avenue Road Reconstruction, Paving and Sewer Improvements Special Assessment District.

Reso. 15-049, Awarded a New Twenty year Lease with two Five Year Options, on a Portion of Lot 11, Homer Spit Subdivision No. 5 to

SPITwSPOTS (SWS), Inc., of Homer, Alaska.

Reso. 15-050(S), Provided for the Reassessment of Condominium Units in the Homer Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment District.

Reso. 15-051, Approved and Accepted a Regional and Community Jails Services Contract for FY2016 with the Alaska Department of Corrections in the Amount of \$424,080.

Reso. 15-052, Approved and Accepted the Renewal of the Special Services Contract for FY2016 with the Alaska department of Public Safety in the Amount of \$36,000.00.

Reso. 15-053, Awarded the Contract for the refurbishment of Homer Fire Department Apparatus Tanker 2 to U.S. Fire Equipment, LLC., of Sumner, Washington, in the Amount of \$154,375.01

Reso. 15-054, Authorized lease Negotiations for Lot 19 on the Homer Spit between the City and Jose Ramos dba Harbor Grill and Found that Awarding a New Lease to the Current Lessee without a Competitive Bidding process was in the Public's Best Interest.

Reso. 15-055, Directed the Administration to Issue a request for Proposals for Janitorial Services.

MEMORANDUMS APPROVED FOR JANUARY – JUNE 2015

Memo. 15-00, Approved a Request for Executive Session Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (a-c)(1&5) matters, the Immediate Knowledge of Which Would Clearly Have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the Government Unit, and Matters that are Attorney-Client Privilege(Natural Gas Assessments for Condominiums)

Memo. 15-002, Appointed Therese Smith to the Library Advisory Board, Karin marks to the Economic Development Advisory Commission, Reappointed Daniel Donich to the Port & harbor Advisory Commission.

Memo. 15-003, Authorized Council Member Zak to Serve on the Alaska Municipal League legislative Position Committee and Travel to the Legislative Meeting and Conferences as Required.

Memo. 15-004, Approved Amendment to Resolution 14-120(A), Correction to 2015 Meeting Schedule for Council and Advisory Bodies

Memo. 15-008, Appointed Daniel Stanislaw and David Friedlander to the Economic Development Advisory Commission, and Re-Appointed Glen Carroll to the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission.

Memo. 15-009, Approved New Liquor License for La Baleine Café

Memo. 15-012, Approved a request to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (a-c)(1 & 5) Matters the Immediate

Knowledge of Which Would Clearly Have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the Government Unit and Matters that are Attorney – Client Privilege (Pending Litigation).

Memo. 15-017, Reappointed Carla Stanley to CIRCAC, Reappointed James Hornaday as Alternate Board Member to CIRCAC and Appointed Robert Archibald to PWSRCAC

Memo. 15-018, Approved Transfer of Liquor License to Land's End and New License to Cannery Bay Restaurant.

Memo. 15-020, Approved Request for Executive Session Regarding Haunschild/Duggan vs City of Homer

Memo. 15-021, Approved Selection of City Manager Candidates for Face to Face Interviews.

Memo. 15-022(A), Approved Recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to Donate Fitness Course Equipment to West Homer Elementary.

Memo. 15-023, Approved Liquor License Renewal for Alice's Champagne Palace, The Grog Shop, Land's End, Best Western Bidarka Inn, Don Jose's, American Legion Post #16, Homer Liquor & Wine Co., Patel's, Patel's #2Fat olives, Rum Locker, Boardwalk Fish & Chips, Mermaid Café, Beluga Lake Lodge, Fresh Catch Café and Two Sisters Bakery.

Memo. 5-025, Approved Request for Executive Session regarding Castner vs. City of Homer.

Memo. 15-038, Appointed Patrick Brown to the Library Advisory Board, Reappointed Therese Smith to the Library Advisory Board and Appointed Councilmember Reynolds to the All Hazard Mitigation Plan Group.

Memo. 15-042, Approved List of Homer Plans for Strategic Doing

Memo. 15-044, Approved as Amended the Fireweed Avenue/Cottonwood Road Repair Recommendation to Use HART Funds and 50/50 Match for Repairs.

Memo. 15-050, Approved Request for Executive Session regarding Castner Vs. City of Homer, Extension of Time for Condo Owners to Appeal Assessments after Supreme Court Decision.

Memo. 15-051, Reappointed Amy Alderfer to the Library Advisory Board.

Memo. 15-060 Approved Capital Improvement Plan Schedule for 2016-2021 & FY2017 Legislative Requests.

Memo. 15-066, Appointed Chad Jones, Carrie Harris, David Etwiler, Shane Monroe, Aryn Young, Councilmembers Beau Burgess, David Lewis, Police Chief Mark Robl, and Planning Commissioner Don Stead to the Cannabis Advisory Commission.

Memo. 15-070, Authorized Travel for Mayor Wythe to Attend the Building a Sustainable Future: Conversation with Alaskans, June 5-7 2015 at UAF.

Memo. 15-078, Approved a request for Executive Session Regarding City of Homer vs. Castner Supreme Court No. 5-15890 Order.

Memo. 15-080, Approved Request for Executive Session to Discuss City Finances and Budget Shortfalls for 2015/2016.

Memo. 15-081, Appointed Anna Rodriguez Sansom to the EDC and Reappointed Don Stead and Roberta Highland to the Planning Commission.

Memo. 15-082, Approved Transfer of Liquor License for Beluga Lake Lodge and Best Western Bidarka Inn/Otter Room.

Memo. 15-087, Approved the Proposed 2016 Budget Schedule.

Memo. 15-101, Approved Liquor License Transfer and Application for Best Western Bidarka Inn/Otter Room.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2015

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week February 7-14, 2015
Brother Asaiah Bates day, February 14, 2015
Day of National Service, April 7, 2015
National Library Week April 12-18, 2015
Week of the Young Child, April 19-25, 2015
Public Service Recognition Week, May 3-9, 2015
Municipal Clerks Week, May 3-9, 2015
Bike Month May 2015
National Public Works Week, May 17-23, 2015
National Police Week, May 10-16, 2015 and Memorial Day May 15, 2015
National Hospital Week, May 10-16, 2015
National Nursing Home Week, May 10-16, 2015
July 2015 is Parks & Recreation Month

MAYORAL RECOGNITIONS

April is Safe Digging Month
Earth Day, April 22, 2015

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PAYMENTS DUE FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS 2015

August 1st

South Douglas Reconstruction and Paving

September 1st

West Lakeshore Drive Water
West Lakeshore Drive Sewer
Ocean Drive Loop Bluff Erosion
Ocean Drive Loop Sewer
Ocean Drive Loop Petersen Addn Sewer

October 1st

East End Portion Sewer
Hillside Acres Water
Hillside Acres Sewer
Thompson Drive Sewer
East End Water
East End Sewer

October 15th

Forest Glen Water
Forest Glen Sewer

November 1st

Kachemak Drive Phase I Sewer
Kachemak Drive Phase I Water

November 15th

Harrington Heights Water
Harrington Heights Sewer

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There is an array of information available including agendas, meeting minutes, public hearing notices, calendars, directories, fee schedules and newsletters located in the kiosks on the wall just outside the City Clerk's office downstairs at City Hall. All agendas, packets and minutes for upcoming or recent meetings of City Commissions, Board and Committees are also available at the Homer Public Library.

If you want to know the City events of the week, for the most updated information listen to KBBI – AM 890 on Mondays. The Clerk's report is aired at approximately 7:25 a.m. and 5:40 p.m. weekly

Main phone number for City Offices: Dial the main number first 235-8121

General Information, Finance and Reception Ext. 2221

Animal Control	235-3141
City Manager	235-8121 ext 2222
Assist. City Manager	235-8121 ext 2222
City Clerk	235-3130
Finance Ambulance,	235-8121 ext 2228
Water/Sewer Billings	
Assessments	235-8121 ext 2240
Personnel	235-8121 ext 2225
Fire Department	235-3155
Library	235-3180
Planning & Zoning	235-3106
Police Department	235-3150
Public Works	235-3170
Port/Harbor	235-3160
Court Clerk	235-8171

-Legislative Body-

Mayor Beth Wythe - Term expires 10/16 - 235-3919

-Councilmembers-

Francie Roberts Term Expires 10/15 - 235-1068
Gus Van Dyke Term Expires 10/16 - 235-6517
Bryan Zak Term Expires 10/16 - 235-6089
David Lewis Term Expires 10/17 - 235-2245
Beauregard Burgess Term Expires 10/15 - 235-2352
Catriona Reynolds Term Expires 10/17 - 299-3410

≈City Manager≈

Katie Koester

≈Assistant City Manager≈

Patrick Lawrence

≈Departments Heads/Managers/Directors≈

Finance Dept. - Zhiyong (John) Li
Planning & Zoning Dept. - Rick Abboud
Public Works Dept. - Carey Meyer
IT Dept. - Nick Poolos
Personnel - Andrea Browning
City Clerk - Jo Johnson
Port & Harbor - Bryan Hawkins
Public Library - Ann Dixon

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