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## New Easier Reading Format

*An Old Dog Learns a New Trick*

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*City Clerk's Office*

In this day in time of changes even the tried and true can be improved upon. While most everyone uses and accesses things such as books, magazines and newsletters electronically, in the City Clerk's Office we want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to be informed on what is happening at City Council meetings. We hope that this new format is easier on the eyes for our loyal readers. ☺

### **CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER**

#### **ORDINANCES APPROVED FOR JULY 2014**

**Ordinance 14-20(S)** Amended Homer City Code 21.26.020 Permitted Uses and Structures, to Add Open Air Business as a Permitted Use in the General Commercial 2 Zoning District.

**Ordinance 14-30**, Accepted and Appropriated a Grant from the US Fish & Wildlife Service in the Amount of \$110,000 for Reconstruction of a Section

of the Beluga Slough Trail and Provided an In-Kind Match in the Form of Design, Permitting and Project Management Services, Having a Total Value of **\$25,000**

**Ordinance 14-31**, Amended FY 2014 Budget by Appropriating \$84,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails Fund (HART) for a Traffic Calming Pilot Project in Old Town.

#### **RESOLUTIONS APPROVED FOR JULY 2014**

**Reso. 14-079**, Submitted the Question of the Election of a Charter Commission to the Qualified Voters of the City at the October 7, 2014 Regular City Election.

**Reso. 14-080**, Awarded the Art Work Contract for the New Harbormaster Office Complex on the Homer Spit to Joshua Nordstrom of Homer, Alaska, in the Amount of \$5,200.00; Adrien Segal of Oakland, California, in the Amount of \$10,500.00; and Julianne Tomich of Homer, Alaska, in the Amount of \$3,500.00.

**Reso. 14-081**, Approved a Memorandum of Agreement between the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) and the City of Homer Regarding Homer Ferry Terminal Improvements at the Pioneer Dock.

**Reso. 14-082**, Amended Chapters Two and Six of the Property Management Policies and Procedures (Lease Policies) to Provide for Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Review of Lease Committee Recommendations on the Lease Policies and on Lease Proposals and Successful Bidders before those Recommendations are Submitted to City Council.

**Reso. 14-083** Authorized the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Purchase Property for a New Water Tank (Lot A2, Barnett Subdivision, Quiet Creek Addition 2014.)

#### **MEMORANDUMS APPROVED FOR JULY 2014**

**Memo. 14-108**, Appointment of Savanna Bradley to the Advisory Planning Commission, Patrick Brown to the Economic Development Advisory Commission, and Erin Hollowell to the Public Arts Committee.

**Memo. 14-109**, Liquor License Restaurant Designation Permit for Happy Face Restaurant.

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**ORDINANCES APPROVED FOR AUGUST 2014**

**Ord. 14-33**, Accepted and Appropriated a State of Alaska Public Library Assistance Grant for FY 2015 in the Amount of \$6,650 for Books and Library Materials.

**Ord. 14-34**, Amended Table 3 Permitted Sign Characteristics by Zoning District, Following Homer City Code 21.60.060, Signs on Private Property, to Permit Changeable Copy Signs and Illumination Internal in the Gateway Business District.

**Ord. 14-35**, Amended Homer City Code 5.05.010, 5.05.020, and 5.05.030 to Prohibit the Use of E-Cigarettes in City Structures, Vehicles, and Watercraft.

**Ord. 14-36(A)**, Amended the FY2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$25,000 from the General Fund/Fund Balance for Clearing Trees and Underbrush on City Owned Property in the Town Center and the Trail from Poopdeck to the Library in Order to Enhance Public Health and Safety.

**Ord. 14-37**, Amended the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating Up to \$19,000 from the Leased Property Depreciation Account for Improvements at the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC) Gym to Bring the Building into Compliance with the Fire Code.

**Ord. 14-38(A)**, Amended the FY2014 Port and Harbor Enterprise Fund Operating Budget by Making Necessary Mid-Year Adjustments to Certain Expenditure Line Items and Transfers to the Depreciation Account.

**Ord. 14-39**, Amended the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$80,000 from the Homer Accelerated Water/Sewer Program (HAWSP) for the Purchase of Property for a New Water Storage Tank (Lot A2, Barnett Subdivision, Quiet Creek Addition 2014) and Closing Costs Associated with the Purchase.

**Ord. 14-40**, Amended the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$10,000 from the Fire Department Depreciation Reserves for a New Thermal Imaging Camera.

**Ord. 14-41**, Amended Homer City Code 2.72.030(B) Regarding the Duties and Powers of the Homer Advisory Planning Commission Related to Subdivisions, and Amended Homer City Code 2.72.060 Regarding the Commission's Meeting Schedule and the Provision of Records of Commission Action to the Council.

**Ord. 14-42(S)**, Accepted and Appropriated a Legislative Grant from the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$1,430,000 for Waddell Way Road Improvement.

**Ord. 14-43(S)**, Accepted and Appropriated a Legislative Grant from the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$350,000 for Fire Department Equipment Upgrades.

**Ord. 14-44(S)**, Accepted and Appropriated a Legislative Grant from the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$350,000 for the Harbor Sheet Pile Loading Dock.

**RESOLUTIONS APPROVED FOR AUGUST 2014**

**Reso. 14-084**, Identified the Homer FAA Site Sub Tract 38A in the Town Center as a Viable Location for a Community Center.

**Reso. 14-086**, Scheduled a Joint Worksession with the Advisory Planning Commission to Discuss Tower Regulation and Permit Requirements and Other Planning Matters.

**Reso. 14-087** Amended the City Council Operating Manual to Include City Code Recodification Revisions.

**MEMORANDUMS APPROVED AUGUST 2014**

**Memo. 14-124**, Confirmed Election Judges for the Regular City of Homer Election October 7, 2014

**Memo. 14-128**, Liquor License Transfer for Patel's #2.

**Memo. 14-138**, Liquor License Transfer of Stock Ownership for Oaken Keg.

**ORDINANCES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Ord. 14-45**, Amended Homer City Code 21.93.060 Standing – Appeal to Board of Adjustment and 21.93.500 Parties Eligible to Appeal to Board of Adjustment – Notice of Appearance, Providing for the City Planner or Designee to Participate in Appeals to the Board of Adjustment.

**RESOLUTIONS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Reso. 14-075**, Approved and Accepted the donation from the Bunnell Street Arts Center of a Fanciful Loon Windsock Sculpture by Alaskan Artist Rachelle Dowdy to be Placed at Bishop's Beach Park.

**Reso. 14-089** Awarded the Contract for Tree Clearing on the Town Center Site Project to the Firm of Gregoire Construction of Homer, Alaska, in the Amount of \$7,250.

**Reso. 14-090**, Awarded the Contract for Tree Clearing on the Library Site Project to the Firm of Gregoire Construction of Homer, Alaska in the Amount of \$2,450.

**Reso. 14-091**, Awarded the Contract for Strategic Implementation Planning for the Homer City Council to the University of Alaska, Center for Economic Development, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,000.

**Reso. 14-092**, Amended the Preliminary Assessment Roll for the Homer Natural Gas Special Assessment District by Exempting Certain Properties and Making Amendments for Recorded Property Plat Actions through July 28, 2014.

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 July & December  
there is no meeting 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.

**Library Advisory Board** - Regular Meetings are the first Tuesday  
of every month, except January, April, 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.

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

**Reso. 14-094**, Disbanded the Port and Harbor Improvement Committee.

**Reso. 14-095**, Requested that the Alaska Board of Fisheries hold its 2017  
Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting on the Kenai Peninsula and Approved joint  
Resolution 2014-01.

**Reso. 14-096(S)**, Awarded the Karen Hornaday Park Campground/Trail  
Improvement Project to Arno Construction, LLC of Homer, Alaska, in the  
Amount of \$70,438.00.

**Reso. 14-097**, Called for an Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
States to Abolish Corporate Personhood.

**Reso. 14-098**, Expressed Support for the Pratt Museum’s Grant request in the  
Amount of \$1.65 Million for its New Facility.

**Reso. 14-099**, Authorized the City Manager to Apply for a Safe Routes to  
Schools Planning Grant in the Amount of \$15,000 and Expressed  
Commitment to Provide In-Kind Staff Time as a Contribution.

**Reso. 14-100**, Declared and Stated for the Record That It Finds it to be in the  
Public Interest for the City to Own the Proposed New Public Safety Building  
and It Is Not Interested in Leasing the Building From a Third Party.

**Reso. 14-101**, Approved a New Five Year Sublease at the Homer Airport  
Terminal for Hertz/Pioneer Car Rental, Inc., and Approved a New Owner.

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS**

**September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup> 2014** is Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.

**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PAYMENTS FOR**

**THE FOURTH QUARTER 2014**

**Due on October 1<sup>st</sup>** – East End Portion Sewer, Hillside Acres Water and  
Sewer; Thompson Drive Sewer; East End Water and Sewer

**Due on October 15<sup>th</sup>** – Forest Glen Water & Sewer

**Due on November 1<sup>st</sup>** – Kachemak Drive Phase I Water & Sewer

**Due on November 15<sup>th</sup>** – Harrington Heights Water & Sewer

The Clerk’s Homepage contains a myriad of information. If you would like  
to be on our regular email list for Agendas, Minutes, Ordinances,  
Resolutions, Memorandums, etcetera, all you need to do is visit the City  
Website and click on Eservices and go to email notifications to sign up.

The City of Homer kiosks are located at the City Clerk’s Office, Captain’s  
Coffee Roasting Co., the Harbormaster’s Office, and Redden Marine Supply  
of Homer. There is an array of information available including agendas,  
meeting minutes, council packets, public hearing notices, calendars,  
directories, fee schedules and newsletters. The kiosks are updated weekly.

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.

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

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

Recorder's Office 235-8136

**-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 Lowe** Term Expires 10/17 -

**=City Manager=**

Walt Wrede 235-8121 ext 2222

**=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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