

**Action Agenda**  
Worksession  
Committee of the Whole  
Regular Meeting  
September 11, 2017

**WORKSESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, 4:00 P.M.**

Mayor Zak called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Reynolds is excused (timely notice of absence)

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL** (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 5)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

**3. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

**Homer 2016 Assessment**

**5. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There was one who commented.

**6. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.**

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Mayor Zak adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Zak called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Reynolds is excused (timely notice of absence)

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL** (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 6)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

**3. REVENUE SOURCES FOR GENERAL FUND**

**Memorandum 17-119 From City Manager Re: 2017 Budget Status**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**6. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

**7. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.**

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Mayor Zak adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Worksession 4:00 p.m. and Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m. in Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.**

Session 17-21 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Zak at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** COUNCILMEMBERS: ADERHOLD, ERICKSON, LEWIS, SMITH, STROOZAS

ABSENT: REYNOLDS (excused)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER  
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON

Department Heads may be called upon from time to time to participate via teleconference.

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

(Addition of items to or removing items from the agenda will be by unanimous consent of the Council. HCC 2.08.040.)

The following changes were made: **CONSENT AGENDA Ordinance 17-33**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Title 9, Taxation, by Adding a New Section 9.04.049 to Exempt Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses from Real Property Taxes. Kenai Peninsula Borough Code 5.12.105 as backup **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** Councilmember Smith's AML Summer Conference Report

The agenda was approved as amended by consensus of the Council

### **3. MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Mayoral Proclamation Elk's Patriotism Week, September 11-17, 2017

Councilmember Smith read and presented the Proclamation to Tom Stroozas, Exalted Ruler of the Homer Elks.

- B. Mayoral Proclamation National Estuaries Week September 16-23, 2017

Councilmember Aderhold read and presented the Proclamation to Coowe Walker, Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Program Watershed Ecologist, and her daughter Daisy Walker.

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

There were 8 who commented.

### **5. RECONSIDERATION**

- A. **Memorandum 17-114** from Councilmembers Aderhold and Smith Re: Approval to Submit a Resolution Regarding Standards for Recalling Municipal Officers to the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Winter Conference.

FAILED with discussion.

- B. **Resolution 17-078**, A Resolution of the City of Homer Requesting that the Legislature Revisit the Standards for Recalling Municipal Officials to Determent the Sufficiency of the Definitions There-In. Aderhold/Smith.

FAILED without discussion.

### **6. 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 August 28, 2017 City Clerk. Recommend adoption. Page 103
  
- B. **Memorandum 17-116** from Mayor Re: Appointments of Mandy Bernard to the Homer Advisory Planning Commission and Ethen Groves to the Economic Development Advisory Commission as Student Representative. Recommend approval. Page 111
  
- C. **Ordinance 17-33**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Title 9, Taxation, by Adding a New Section 9.04.049 to Exempt Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses from Real Property Taxes. Stroozas. Recommended dates: Introduction September 11, 2017, Public Hearing and Second Reading September 25, 2017. Page 119

The consent agenda was adopted by consensus of the Council.

## 7. VISITORS

- A. Keren Kelly, Homer Senior Citizens (10 minutes)

Keren Kelley, Executive Director of Homer Senior Citizens, Inc., commented that Homer Senior Citizens was incorporated in 1973 and is the third largest non-profit in Homer. She explained their mission is to offer seniors essential services (assisted and unassisted housing, nutrition, education and transportation) and reviewed the current programs offered including the Senior Meal Program, Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Friendship Center – Adult Day Services, Assisted Living, Housing, Exercise Programs, Support Groups – Parkinson's, Family Caregiver, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Daily Social and Educational Activities, Evening Activities, and Intergenerational Program. She was happy to report they were one of the winners of Fifty Cars for Fifty States from Meals on Wheels of America and Subaru. Two vehicles were awarded in Alaska, the other to Kenai, because they did such a good job explaining the difficult road conditions and the distances within the community. Last year 76 people received home delivered meals and the new vehicle will make the program available to more people in our community who need it. She challenged the Council to sign up to go with a driver and meet the people in the community who take advantage of this very important program. She also reviewed and emphasized the Intergenerational Programs geared at integrating seniors with youth and middle age again. It's an evidence based program, they are tracking data, showing the process, and will be presenting it in the next American Society on Aging meeting.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS (10 minute limit per report)

- A. Borough Report

B. Commissions/Board Reports:

1. Library Advisory Board
2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission
3. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Rachel Lord, Economic Development Advisory Commissioner, reminded and encouraged people to participate in the Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) survey. They have had about 90 people respond so far and commissioners have been working to follow up with folks who have requested it. She thanked Council for appointing the student representative.

4. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Ingrid Harrald, Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner, invited Mayor, Council, and the community to attend the Karen Hornaday Park Trail Grand Opening on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> at the new pavilion. There will be a tour of the area along Fairview Avenue, and hot dogs, chips and cake will be provided at the pavilion by the City of Homer Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission to celebrate the hard work, time and efforts of the volunteers who worked to complete the project. Ms. Harrald also commented about the Burning Basket, an event that mixes art and culture.

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission
6. Cannabis Advisory Commission
  - a. Memorandum from Cannabis Advisory Commission Re: Recommendation to Oppose Onsite Consumption of Marijuana by Smoking.
  - b. Memorandum from Cannabis Advisory Commission Re: Recommendation to Amend Zoning on the Homer Spit to Allow Cannabis.

Councilmember Lewis commented regarding the Commissions discussion opposing onsite consumption by smoking, but approving consumption by other means.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**10. ORDINANCE(S)**

**11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. City Manager's Report

City Manager Koester announced the 2019 AML Summer Conference will be held in Homer.

There was brief discussion about the community jail contract information. There has been communication regarding the contract, but we aren't in a place to decide which way to go on the jail. Commissioner Williams was brainstorming an expanded role for a jail in Homer and that's something Council would need to spend a lot of time thinking about. City Manager Koester encouraged councilmembers to give her any direction for adding that potential variable in October.

**12. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**13. COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Employee Committee Report
- B. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee
- C. Police Station Building Task Force

**14. PENDING BUSINESS**

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Memorandum 17-117** from Councilmember Erickson Re: Approving an Invitation to AKDOT, Enstar, and Kenai Peninsula Borough to have a Conversation Regarding Drainage Issues On and Around Judy Rebecca Court and Potential Solutions.

POSTPONED to September 25<sup>th</sup> with discussion.

**16. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **Resolution 17-079**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Adopting the 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Plan and Establishing Capital Project Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2019. Mayor/City Council. Recommend Public Hearing and Adoption September 25, 2017.

Memorandum 17-118 from Special Projects & Communication Coordinator as backup.

POSTPONED as amended to Public Hearing September 25<sup>th</sup>:

Amended:

- Add the Port and Harbor Wood Grid Project
- Add Ice Plant Upgrade Phase I
- Add South Peninsula Hospital Hillside Stability Study
- Add South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services Annex Upgrade
- Combine Barge Mooring Facility and Large Vessel Haul Out Repair Facility

- Move Ramp 2 Public Restroom Upgrade to Mid-Range Project Section
- Amend the Public Safety Building Phase 1 project to the New Homer Police Station
- Amend Public Safety Building, Phase 1 project description to reflect the current project's focus on a new stand-alone Police Station
- Remove the East West Transportation Corridor
- Remove Land Acquisition for New Roads
- Remove Heath Street Pioneer to Anderson Project

**17. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There was one who commented.

**18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Wells was not present.

**19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Jacobsen commented that Absentee in Person voting opens September 18<sup>th</sup> at the City Clerk's Office.

**20. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Koester had no comment.

**21. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Zak commented he was just in Nashville and wore his Homer, Alaska t-shirt. At the Grand Ole Opry they recognized that the Mayor of Homer, Alaska was there in front of about 4,000 people, and the crowd went wild.

**22. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Lewis commented he was listing to Fresh Air on KBBI today and the discussion was about the first responders of 9/11 and how there was a time limit of 96 hour for first responders who receive benefits for any injuries incurred, short or long term. It took an individual who had an 8,000 lb. piece of steel fall on his foot just after the 96 hour timeline, 9 years before the house and senate voted to extend the time limit of first responders who could receive benefits, and more people to get it lengthened more. Those things might be coming up after the hurricanes and dealing especially with effects of chemical waste. We should work with State and Federal Legislators to support those things no matter the cost.

Councilmember Smith commented that in remembering 9/11, he doesn't think anyone that was paying attention to those events was left unchanged. He hopes we don't ever lose sight of what it means to come together as a community and a nation. He thinks we're seeing that in what's happening in Florida, Houston, Texas, and the earthquake in Mexico with amount of

goodwill and compassion seen in the relief efforts. It's good to see the heart of the people and their willingness to do good in light of very horrific circumstances. He appreciates people who step up and serve within our community in whatever capacity they can. He spent Saturday afternoon in Seward, it was a beautiful day and he watched our Mariner Football team beat the Seahawks. He congratulated them on a fourth consecutive win.

Councilmember Aderhold attended the Cook Inlet RCAC board meeting in Homer. She thanked them for being here, it was good to see several members of the public taking part. She was able to present about the program she works on and appreciated the dedication of the board with their questions and good discussion. She spent a couple hours working on the last part of the Karen Hornaday Park Trail, she appreciates all the people's efforts who worked on the trail and looks forward to the grand opening, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. We were lucky to have Louise Erdrich here for a reading at the college last week, it was a wonderful experience. She hopes everyone knows past writer laureate Nancy Lord is having a book launch at the library for her new novel pH. Today was the first Lunch with a Councilmember for the season. She had good discussion with folks and many thanks to those who came out. It's once a month through the winter, Councilmember Erickson is next month, and Councilmember Stroozas in November. Lastly she commented about a hit and run accident this morning at Heath Street and the bypass involving a vehicle and bicyclist. She doesn't know any details about the accident but as a bicyclist, pedestrian and driver in our community she encouraged everyone to remember we all need to share the road, obey the rules that apply to us, and please pay attention to others on the road.

Councilmember Erickson commented regarding the worksession discussion on the Emergency Operations Plan. Her takeaway is that if we have a natural disaster, we will all be doing something to help respond to the people around us. She challenged everyone to take advantage of classes that come up in person or on line that would be helpful in looking at a bigger incident so we are prepared, even in our own homes, like finding exits, identifying who we need to call and who's living alone.

Councilmember Stroozas commented there is always a lot going on in Homer. Saturday from 5 to 9 pm the Homer Elks Lodge is hosting the AK Kids to DC annual fundraiser for Homer students who will be going to Washington DC next spring. It will include music, dinner, and a silent auction. Also, the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Borough Mayoral Candidate Forum at the Elks Lodge on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### **23. ADJOURNMENT**

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