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MEMORANDUM – AGENDA CHANGES/SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK
DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2010
SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 10-51(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating Funds for the Calendar Year 2011 for the General Fund, the Water-Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, Debt Funds, and Capital Reserve Funds (Conditional Expenditures). City Manager.

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RESOLUTIONS

Substitute Resolution 10-92(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Purchase of a 2-Stage Snow Blower Attachment, Utilizing General Fund Monies Previously Appropriated in the Amount of \$124,105. City Manager/Public Works Director. Page 7

Resolution 10-97, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Establishing the 2011 Regular Meeting Schedule for the City Council, Economic Development Advisory Commission, Library Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Advisory Planning Commission, Port and Harbor Advisory Commission, Lease Committee, Permanent Fund Committee, Public Arts Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee. City Clerk.

Memorandum 10-165 from Library Advisory Board as backup. Page 11

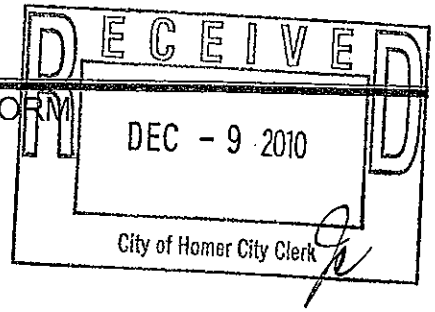
RECOMMENDATION:

Voice consensus to changes under Agenda Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

CITY OF HOMER

AMENDED 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM
 FROM ORIGINAL SUBMITTED

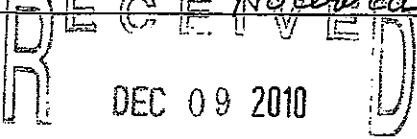


Date Submitted: 12-09-2010
 Date Received: _____

Fund #	Dept #	Acct #	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
100	City Council	5236	TRANSPORTATION		2500-
		5101	Salaries		9000-
		5603	Training		1200-
	General	5229	Periodicals		3000-
112	Eco. Dev	5210	Chamber of Commerce		5000-
145	Library	city mgr. determine best areas to reduce			10,000-
160	Police	5105	Overtime		6000-
	City Mgr.	budget adjustment			57,000-
160	Police	5101	FTE - OFFICER	93,000	
Total (Must Be Balanced)					

Requested by: Howard

Prepared By _____



Jo Johnson

From: Nina Faust [fausbail@horizonsatellite.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 4:50 PM
To: Barbara Howard; David Lewis; Francie Roberts; Bryan Zak; Kevin Hogan; Mary Wythe; Jo Johnson
Subject: Pratt Museum Budget

Dear City Council Members,

We understand that times are tight and that budget restraint is necessary. However, some non-profits are more than just another non-profit. The Pratt Museum is the community's steward of its history and its historical treasures. When the Museum was set up, I believe it was with the understanding that the City would stand behind the Museum to make sure our historical records were preserved for posterity and to educate the public.

The Pratt Museum is also an integral part of the network of agencies that provide special services to our tourist visitors. Without these special groups there would be less for visitors to come to Homer for. Most residents are very proud of our incredible little museum that has won national honors. We cannot afford to let this deteriorate. The Museum also provides much needed natural history education to our local schools.

I encourage the City Council to start thinking in creative ways to find funding for many of the services and organizations that make Homer so special, including the Pratt Museum. Increase alcohol and tobacco taxes by a few pennies. Put a tax on soda pop--it just might reduce the diabetes rate among folks in Homer. These are not exactly creative but they would bring in some extra money to finance some of the services that should be maintained like our Museum. Cutting is not the only answer to budget woes.

I strongly urge you to find the funding and not cut the Pratt Museum budget by a drastic amount as suggested. A fair and reasonable cut is not beyond reason, but let's not really hurt the organization responsible for caretaking our heritage of history!

Sincerely,

Nina Faust

Jo Johnson

From: Sue Mauger [s_mauger@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 10:21 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: please forward to Mayor and City Council Members

Dear Mayor Hornaday and City Council Members,

Thank you for your efforts to develop a responsible City budget. I appreciate the challenge and time required to do this.

I would like to address some of the amendments you will be considering at Monday's meeting concerning the library. Soon after the new library opened, the Friends of the Homer Library helped create a survey to gather some feedback on Homer's satisfaction with its library and resources. The overwhelming feedback was that Homer wants more, better, and newer books in the the library collection. With more than 1/2 million books published each year in the U.S., the Homer book budget allows us to add a modest 1,000 new titles annually. The City's \$20,000 is also extremely valuable as match for Rasmuson Foundation and State Library grants. Neither will fund a collection grant for the library if the City zeroes out the library's book budget.

Beyond the book budget, the library staff needs to stay one step ahead of the public if they are to be the invaluable resource we need them to be. Professional training on new and evolving technologies, reading trends and database resources is critical for the staff to stay knowledgeable and relevant in our changing times. The library staff already takes advantage of webinars and free courses, but in-person training and attending conferences provides the networking required to accomplish the kinds of partnerships and sharing of resources needed in Alaska's libraries.

At a time when more and more people are using the library to develop new marketable skills, and borrowing books rather than buying them due to tight family finances, I believe the City does its residents more harm than good by not investing in the library collection and its staff.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,
Sue Mauger

Jo Johnson

From: Richard and Marylou Burton [burtons@mosquitonet.com]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 9:52 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: The library needs books!

To the Homer City Council:

Once again you are faced with difficult budget decisions. I don't envy you your job and thank you for your service.

One of the proposed reductions of the budget, however, seems to me to be particularly ill-advised and counter-productive – namely, the proposal to delete the library's \$20,000 budget for new books.

That \$20,000 (which, incidentally, is considerably less than the new book budget of other Kenai Peninsula libraries) allows the library to add a modest 1,000 new titles annually. That may seem like a lot of books, but it's a drop in the bucket compared to the approximately half million new titles that are published each year in the U.S. Moreover, while we have a lovely new facility, the book collection is very modest indeed. If you browse the New Book shelves, you will note that many the books are "new", but not "newly published". We have a lot of catch up to do.

The library's new book budget is also used as match for collection grants from the Rasmuson Foundation and the Alaska State Library. Zero out the new book budget, you also zero out these grants. What sense does that make?

Zeroing out the library's new book budget to fund other vital services in neither sustainable nor in the best interests of the community. Please don't do this.

Respectfully,

Marylou Burton
A VERY Good Friend of the Library

Jo Johnson

From: Johnandcleo [johnandcleo@cosmichamlet.net]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 1:20 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Library Funding

I am writing to lend support for the library funding to keep our new beautiful library and the staff up-to-date. The public deserves to be able to come to our library to check out, not only the older books, but the new books that are coming out each year. If the city were to zero out the funding for new books, the grants that we get from Rasmusson and the State Library would also be cut out. The staff needs to keep up with the new technology and rescouces so they can better serve the public. I hope the council will take this into consideration when they draft the final budget. Just as we needed the city and the public behind us to build the library, now we need you behind us to keep our library the great resource it is.

Thank you-----Cleo Webb

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

City Manager/
Public Works Director

RESOLUTION 10-92(S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2-STAGE SNOW BLOWER ATTACHMENT, UTILIZING GENERAL FUND MONIES PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,105.

WHEREAS, In 2009, \$125,000 was approved for the purchase of a replacement 2-stage snow blower attachment to replace one of the City's 25+ year old units (Ord. 09-16); and

WHEREAS, Due to 2009 General Fund cash flow concerns, this equipment purchase was put on hold last year; and

WHEREAS, The ability to dependably provide for snow removal is jeopardized by continued deterioration of the City's existing old snow blowers; and

WHEREAS, ~~Public Works has secured competitive quotes from three manufacturers for the replacement equipment~~ **The Public Works Director determined that there are only three vendors in the state that sell and service this equipment, and solicited and received a quote from each of these vendors;** and

WHEREAS, Public Works has reviewed these bids and determined that the lowest quote provides a blower best suited for the City's needs; **and**

WHEREAS, The Council finds that the procurement procedure described above was an appropriate sole source procurement procedure under HCC 3.16.060(I), that sought competition to the maximum degree possible as required by HCC 3.16.060.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, authorizes the purchase of a new 2-stage snow blower attachment in the amount of \$124,105, and authorizes the City Manager to execute all appropriate documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 22th day of November, 2010.

CITY OF HOMER

JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: 156-395; \$124,105

Jo Johnson

From: Thomas Klinkner [tklinkner@BHB.com]
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 9:28 AM
To: Walt Wrede
Cc: Jo Johnson
Subject: Snow Blower Purchase

Walt,

In Resolution 10-92, I recommend the following changes.

Replace the fourth Whereas clause with the following:

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director determined that there are only three vendors in the state that sell and service this equipment, and solicited and received a quote from each of these vendors; and

Insert the following after the fifth Whereas clause:

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the procurement procedure described above was an appropriate sole source procurement procedure under HCC 3.16.060(l), that sought competition to the maximum degree possible as required by HCC 3.16.060.

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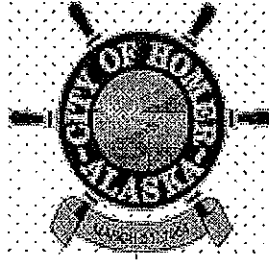
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MEMORANDUM 10-165

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2010

SUBJ: 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Library Advisory Board discussed and approved the 2011 Meeting Schedule at the December 9, 2010 special meeting as presented. The excerpt from those minutes follows:

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2011 Meeting Schedule

There was a brief discussion related to changing the time of the regular meeting. It was clarified by the Clerk that the Board could change one meeting time, but to establish a new regular meeting time would have to be on the agenda as new business, then it would go before the Board the following meeting to approve and submit the recommendation to Council.

Chair Faulkner inquired if this was agreeable to everyone and it was determined that if the meetings are changed to 5:00 p.m. it would be a preferred time for all Board members and that it would benefit the staff by being able to go home earlier too. Changing the regular meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. was requested to be on the January agenda.

Chair Faulkner requested a motion to approve the 2011 meeting schedule.

LARSON/WAGNER - MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.

There was a brief discussion regarding each member's ability to attend these scheduled meetings. Board member Wagner commented they all looked good to her. Board member Seaman inquired if everyone will be here for the July 5th meeting. The Board was not sure. Chair Faulkner noted that Boardmember Wagner's last meeting would be in April and encouraged everyone to find new members.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

