

Session 11-07 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on February 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor James C. Hornaday 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: HOGAN (telephonic), HOWARD, LEWIS,
ROBERTS, WYTHE

ABSENT: ZAK (excused)

STAFF: CITY CLERK JOHNSON
CITY MANAGER WREDE
CITY ATTORNEY KLINKNER
CITY PLANNER ABBOD
FIRE CHIEF PAINTER
POLICE CHIEF ROBL
PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

Councilmember Zak has requested excusal.

Mayor Hornaday declared Councilmember Zak's absence as excused. There was no objection from the Council.

Councilmember Hogan has requested telephonic participation, or excused absence if telephonic is not possible.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion to approve telephonic participation for Councilmember Hogan.

WYTHE/LEWIS – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

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

Council met for a Special Meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 4:56 p.m. to hear from Lobbyists of the Anderson Group. Council met as a Committee of the Whole from 5:02 p.m. to 5:37 p.m. to discuss Regular Meeting Agenda items.

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 agenda was amended to add: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - Memorandum from Public Works Director, re: Projects at Public Works; RESOLUTIONS - Item G. Title amended: Resolution 11-021, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, in Support of the Homer Coordinated Transportation Program. Roberts. VISITORS - Lobbyists – Legislative Bill Report; ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS - Mayor Hornaday's Report of AML Winter Legislative Session; RESOLUTIONS - Resolution 11-017, Main Street Intersection Improvements, public comments; Resolution 11-020, Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Project Legislative Priorities Amendments 02/10/11; and Resolution 11-021, Homer Coordinated Transportation Program, public comments.

The agenda as amended was approved by the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Micheal Neece, Homer resident and EDC member, voiced support for Resolution 11-021 as it will provide a transportation program for Homer. In the future it will service Anchor Point and McNeil Canyon.

Kim Burrows, city resident, supports Resolution 11-021. The transportation program will incorporate two taxi companies for the rides. Busses are not warranted at this time. More information on the transportation program can be viewed at: <http://lscs.com/projects/kenai/centralfinal.htm>

Chris Fischer, city resident and owner of Kachecab Taxi Service, commented people can ride anywhere on the map for \$3 and the Feds will pay the rest. A grant is in the works to provide wheelchair accessible vans, as there are currently none on weekends or evenings.

Josh Cooper, Homer resident and owner of Kostas Taxi, ask for Council support to make transportation available to the public.

Laurie Deakins, Homer resident, supports Resolution 11-021. People that are wheelchair bound can be served on weekends and evenings.

RECONSIDERATION

None.

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 Special Meeting minutes of January 4, 2011 and Regular Meeting minutes of January 24, 2011. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the approval of the recommendations of the consent agenda as read.

LEWIS/ROBERTS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- A. **Linda Anderson & Yuri Morgan, Anderson Group, LLC** – Lobbyists

Linda Anderson and Yuri Morgan, lobbyists for the City, toured the harbor while in Homer and met with Council at the preceding special meeting. They are looking forward to strategies for the City. Allocation of the City of Homer's revenue sharing from the \$60M pot is derived from a tax on oil and gas production. It is a hot topic in Juneau with lots of discussion of what is the correct severance tax rate. Reducing it could reduce monies to municipalities. As to the retirement system, there is reference to a termination study. In 2008 the retirement system changed. The State recognized State and member employers were operating as a consolidated cost sharing system. The accounting and the way the funds were managed was operated by the State. Each employer had their own silo with employees contributing and the State or municipality matching. The money got mixed up, and was settled a few years ago with the exception that has to do with the termination tax. If a position were terminated it would trigger a termination study from the State and could create a liability for the retirement benefit for that position. The Alaska Municipal League has prioritized it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS

- A. Borough Report
- B. Commissions/Board Reports:
 - 1. Library Advisory Board

Eileen Faulkner, Chair of the Library Advisory Board, reported the Board would like to change their meeting times to 5:00 p.m. They have completed review of their policies and procedures in the library. The review was done due to exhaustive changes with outdated technology. The LAB wishes to thank the City IT staff and library staff for the major outage in January. IT staff did a great job, and learned a few things. Ms. Faulkner thanked the public for supporting the library

and understanding it was not our fault.

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission
3. Economic Development Advisory Commission
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

C. International Pacific Halibut Commission Report (Councilmember Hogan)

Councilmember Hogan reported on the IPHC conference he attended in Victoria, B.C. Homer's bid for the 2012 meeting was rejected and Anchorage was chosen instead. Significant cuts in the fish quota are expected and a job tag program for non-commercial fish. The job tags will require removal before the fish go into the grinders.

D. Alaska Scenic Byways

City Clerk Johnson stated Peggy asked for a resolution of support and it was determined Council should see the information. Through the Chamber of Commerce citizens of Seldovia were working on the designation that would benefit both Seldovia and Homer.

E. Mayor Hornaday's Report of AML Winter Legislative Session

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A **Ordinance 11-01**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Enacting Homer City Code Chapter 8.02, Business Licenses, Regarding the Requirement of a License to Engage in Business in the City; and Enacting Homer Code 9.16.015, Determining when a Sale, Rental or Service Occurs in the City. Hogan. Introduction January 10, 2011, Public Hearings January 24 and February 15, 2011 and Second Reading February 15, 2011.

Ordinance 11-01(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Enacting Homer City Code Chapter 8.02, Business Licenses, Regarding the Requirement of a License to Engage in Business in the City; and Enacting Homer Code 9.16.015, Determining when a Sale, Rental or Service Occurs in the City. Hogan.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion to substitute Ordinance 11-01(S) for Ordinance 11-01.

WYTHE/ROBERTS - SO MOVED.

Mayor Hornaday opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony, Mayor Hornaday closed the public hearing.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-01(S) by reading of title only for second and final reading.

HOGAN - SO MOVED.

Motion died for lack of a second.

ORDINANCE(S)

- A. **Ordinance 11-03**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 21.03.040, Definitions Used in Zoning Code; Homer City Code 21.12.020, Rural Residential (RR), Permitted Uses and Structures; Homer City Code 21.14.020, Urban Residential (UR), Permitted Uses and Structures; and Homer City Code 21.16.020, Residential Office (RO), Permitted Uses and Structures; and Homer City Code 21.61.060, Termination of Nonconforming Use or Structure; Regarding the Accessory Use of Storage in Residential Zoning Districts. Planning. Recommended dates: Introduction February 15, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 28, 2011.

Memorandum 11-017 from City Planner as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-03 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

ROBERTS/WYTHE - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- B. **Ordinance 11-04**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a State of Alaska Legislative Grant in the Amount of \$1,457,758.20 for the Purpose of Expanding and Renovating City Hall. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction February 15, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 28, 2011.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-04 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

WYTHE/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- C. **Ordinance 11-05**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a State of Alaska Legislative Grant in the Amount of \$1,000,000 for the Purpose of Conducting Preliminary Work on Phase I of the Deep Water Dock Expansion Project to Include Scoping, Feasibility Studies, Environmental Work, and Engineering and Design. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction February 15, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 28, 2011.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-05 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

WYTHE/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

City Clerk Johnson noted a typographical correction of the dollar amount to \$1M.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- D. **Ordinance 11-06**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a State of Alaska Legislative Grant in the Amount of \$250,000 for the Purpose of Constructing Park Improvements Contained in Phase I of the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction February 15, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 28, 2011.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-06 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

WYTHE/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- E. **Ordinance 11-07**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2011 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$17,000 from the Fire Department Depreciation Reserves for the Purchase and Installation of New Data Collection and Management Software. City Manager/Fire Chief. Recommended dates: Introduction February 15, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 28, 2011.

Memorandum 11-018 from Fire Chief as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-07 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

WYTHE/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- F. **Ordinance 11-08**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing an Expenditure of \$359,800 (\$67,860 from the Water/Sewer Reserve and \$291,940 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails Program (HART) for the Purpose of Completing the Design and Construction of Soundview Avenue / Woodard Creek Crossing Improvement. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction February 15, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 28, 2011.

Memorandum 11-022 and 10-36 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 11-08 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

WYTHE/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. City Manager's Report
1. Memorandum 11-025 from Community Recreation Coordinator, Re: Old Intermediate School.
 2. Memorandum from Public Works Director, re: Projects at Public Works
- B. Bid Report
- C. Games Report
1. Kachemak Bay Equestrian Association, Inc.

City Manager Wrede announced the dedication ceremony as Thursday, February 17th at 5:00 p.m. for the new display at the airport. The display is collaboration between the City, State Parks, Fish and Wildlife Serve, and the National Parks. It was spearheaded by the Public Arts

Committee. The first discussion on water/sewer rates will be held at Council's first meeting in April. Reference was made to Community Recreation Coordinator Mike Illg's memorandum on the Community Recreation program's interest in utilizing Old Intermediate School. An RFP, as recommended by the EDC, will be issued soon. Attorney Klinkner has offered suggestions on the City's role as a landlord. We are waiting for an appraisal to get the fair commercial rental rates. We are starting to feel a squeeze from the school district. The new contract does not allow for new programs giving reason to believe it will be difficult for a new 2-year agreement. Proposals for the Boys and Girls Club and Community Recreation within the building would be good.

Public Works Director Carey Meyer's list of projects was questioned and discussed. The Seawall appeared on the list and Mr. Meyer was asked to explain why. Mr. Meyer stated although there is not active Seawall project, the permit that allows the wall to be there is in the City's name. Property owners are working with the Legislature and he expects the City will be asked to facilitate discussion with Legislators. The City is still the owner of the Seawall from a Corps permit with responsibility to keep an eye on it. The solution to the Seawall project is \$2M to provide riprap protection. There is no funding available and no permit to do it. Property owners, regulatory agencies, and legislative representatives have looked at it in the next step of solving the Seawall. Mr. Meyer realizes the City Council has directed that Public Works not be involved. The City is still the environmental permit holder of the wall.

Councilmember Wythe requested the Seawall be stricken to never be seen again unless Council requests. Having it on the list implies something much more substantial.

Councilmember Lewis questioned if the community schools were to be there for the youths of the community. City Manager Wrede stated the KPBSD who has their own budget issues. Last budget we were asked to pay \$6,000 per year for use of the facilities and it may be more this year. Councilmember Wythe added at the cost of the maintaining the West Campus for Community Schools we could afford to use the KPBSD for a longer time. The objective of looking for a lease of the Old Intermediate School is to encourage economic development and offset the costs the city is paying for maintenance of building. Councilmember Roberts commented Mr. Illg's memo had pertinent points such as expanding community recreation into daytime hours. It would be optimal if we could find all three components; we need to think about how to incorporate some of the ideas. City Manager Wrede added if Community Schools could manage the building and manage the leases, could they raise enough money to pay the utilities and maintenance? If Council does not find an option in the RFP, as a fall back position it may work for Community Schools to take the whole building over and lease it out. At this point it is not clear who the possible lessees might be, some non profits expressed interest in renting small pieces of space in the building.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Klinkner noted his report was in the supplemental packet.

COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Public Arts Committee

- B. Transportation Advisory Committee
- C. Permanent Fund Committee
- D. Lease Committee
- E. City Hall Renovation and Expansion Task Force
- F. Natural Gas Distribution Task Force

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance 11-02(S)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2011 Operating Budget by Authorizing the Transfer of \$184,700 **\$131,335** from the Harbor Reserve and ~~\$173,000~~ **\$172,932** from the Water/Sewer Reserve to the Energy Revolving Loan Fund and Establishing a Budget for the Implementation of Energy Conservation Measures in the Amount of ~~\$900,500~~ **\$847,067**. (Postponed from January 24, 2011.)

Memorandums 11-021 and 11-007(S) from Public Works Director as backup.

Motion on the floor from January 24, 2011: MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 11-02(S) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

WYTHE/ROBERTS – MOVED TO AMEND THE TITLE AND CARRY OVER TO THE THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED SECTION NUMBER ONE AND THAT WOULD BE TO AMEND TO READ: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2011 OPERATING BUDGET BY ALLOCATING FUNDS OF \$131,335 FROM THE HARBOR RESERVE AND \$172,932 FROM THE WATER/SEWER RESERVE TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES IN THE RESPECTIVE LOCATIONS AND REQUIRE THAT THE SAVINGS FROM THESE LOCATION IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE RESERVE FUNDS.

Councilmember Wythe explained the difference between transferring the money into the Energy Revolving Fund and allocating funds to pay for the improvements is that if you move the money to the revolving fund the energy savings are going back into the revolving fund. Reserve funds for the two enterprises are not going to be reimbursed. The funds can be used for improvements within the departments and let the savings flow back to them instead of enhancing the Energy Revolving Fund.

Attorney Klinkner advised the word “allocate” may not be sufficient to authorize expenditure to the fund. The word “appropriate” was suggested.

WYTHE/ROBERTS – MOVED FOR A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO CHANGE
“ALLOCATE” TO “APPROPRIATE.”

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (friendly amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Asked by Councilmember Hogan if the list was reduced would the AEA grant be less, City Manager Wrede answered it is a flat grant for a certain amount of money. There is no guarantee the improvements will perform as advertised.

VOTE: (main motion as amended) YES. ROBERTS, WYTHE, HOWARD, LEWIS

VOTE: NO. HOGAN.

Motion carried.

- B. **Resolution 11-009**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for the Implementation of Energy Conservation Measures in the Amount of \$795,191 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents to Complete Recommended Improvements. City Manager/Public Works Director. (Postponed from January 24, 2011.)

Motion on the floor from January 24, 2011: MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 11-009 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Public Works Director Meyer reported part of the difference between the budget and the contract is a contingency amount and \$26,000 that we have contracted with Siemens to complete the energy audit report. Energy costs are based on last year's costs.

VOTE: YES. LEWIS, ROBERTS, WYTHE, HOWARD

VOTE: NO. HOGAN

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Memorandum 11-019**, from City Clerk, Re: Travel Authorization for Councilmember Hogan to Travel to Washington, D.C. on a Lobbying Trip for the City of Homer February 16 – 18, 2011.

Councilmember Hogan pulled the memorandum.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 11-015**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a New Ten Year Lease with Two Five Year Options for Homer Spit Campground, Finding that it is in the Public Interest to do so Without a Competitive Bidding Process, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Lease. City Manager.

Memorandum 11-024 from Lease Committee as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-015 by reading of title only.

ROBERTS/WYTHE - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- B. **Resolution 11-016**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving City Participation in the Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management Computer Aided Dispatch Project to Step Six as Described in the White Paper Distributed by the Borough and in its January 24, 2011 Presentation to the City Council. City Manager/Police Chief

Memorandum 11-013 from Police Chief as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-016 by reading of title only.

WYTHE/ROBERTS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- C. **Resolution 11-017**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Requesting that the State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Add the Proposed Main Street / Sterling Highway Intersection Improvements Project to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Expand the Project to Include Bringing Main Street Up to Urban Road Standards and Adding Traffic Control

Improvements at Main Street and Pioneer Avenue, and Stipulating that in Return, the City Will Commit \$2 Million it Received from a Legislative Grant for the Project as a Match and Assume Responsibility for Ownership and Maintenance of Main Street. City Manager.

Memorandum 11-023 from City Manager as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-017 by reading of title only.

Resolution failed for lack of a motion.

- D. **Resolution 11-018**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Resolution 10-57(A) Creating the City Hall Renovation and Expansion Task Force by Extending the Life of the Task Force to the Point that Construction Begins. City Manager/City Hall Renovation & Expansion Task Force.

Memorandum 11-020 from City Hall Renovation and Expansion Task Force as backup.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-018 by reading of title only.

WYTHE/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- E. **Resolution 11-019**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Expressing Support for the Pratt Museum's Senate Appropriation Request in the Amount of \$1,500,000 for Construction of its New Facility and Site Redesign Project. Wythe.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-019 by reading of title only.

WYTHE/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- F. **Resolution 11-020**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending

Resolution 10-78(A) Adopting the 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Plan and Establishing Capital Project Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2012 by Deleting Kachemak Bay Tidal Power Feasibility and Conceptual Design from the “Top 15” Priorities List for 2012 and Replacing Deep Water Dock Uplands Improvements on the “Top 15” List with a New Project Entitled Deep Water/Cruise Ship Dock; Docking and Upland Passenger Facility Improvements. City Manager.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-020 by reading of title only.

WYTHE/ROBERTS - SO MOVED.

ROBERTS/LEWIS – MOVED TO AMEND THE LIST OF OUR “TOP 15” LEGISLATIVE PROJECTS AND TO MOVE ITEM #6 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE TO #2 AND MOVE EVERYTHING DOWN.

Councilmember Wythe commented the project could be transferred to a borough project since they have placed it higher on their priority list. The gas line will be good service for Homer, but more for the extended areas. She would hate to see us place it higher than things the City of Homer needs more.

Councilmember Roberts looks at the economic development in the area that would benefit from the gas line. Schools, businesses, and federal buildings are along the main trunk line. It is an important project for Homer and the surrounding areas and should be moved higher on the legislative list to indicate to the Legislature that we value the project.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. HOGAN, LEWIS, ROBERTS, WYTHE, HOWARD

Motion carried.

Councilmember Hogan expressed concern turning the Deep Water Dock into a cruise ship facility, even though there are funds available.

VOTE; (main motion as amended) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

G. **Resolution 11-021**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, in Support of the Homer Coordinated Transportation Program. Roberts.

Mayor Hornaday called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 11-019 by reading of title

only.

ROBERTS/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

John Chapple, city resident, commented the Chapple family is looking forward to working with the City of Homer for another 20 years.

Ginger Tornes, city resident, supports Resolution 11-017 and a roundabout for the Main Street/Bypass intersection. A roundabout is less maintenance and less accidents. In Sitka the public was first opposed and then totally accepted their roundabout.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Klinkner had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Hornaday had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Wythe commented on a roundabout versus a lighted signal at the Main Street/Sterling Highway intersection. The cost estimate for a roundabout and improvements on Main Street is about \$5M and a lighted signal is less than \$2M. For a roundabout it would be 2018 or 2019 before DOT could take action. We cannot wait 20 years to make it a safer intersection.

Councilmember Hogan thanked the people involving CARTS as they are moving forward with a good transportation plan. They have been doing a lot of good work and we will reap the benefits.

Councilmember Howard commented on the change in the Monday schedule. Folks have asked why the meeting is not on the radio and they didn't know we changed the schedule. The Borough pays for radio time and we were pre-empted for them to take precedence. She asked that the Council meeting not be rescheduled from Valentine's Day again. The City Manager did a fine job today at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon explaining capital improvement projects. It is complex, complicated, discouraging, and exciting. As to telephonic attendance, she misses Kevin and hopes he is not on the telephone too many more times. Mrs. Howard commented on the generosity of employees to share their leave time with those in need as an outstanding statement of the family unit that runs this City in fine shape. She asked if the scenic bypass matter will come back to Council.

Councilmembers Lewis and Roberts had no comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The next Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. A Worksession is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

Approved: _____