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## **M E M O R A N D U M – AGENDA CHANGES/SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET**

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK   
DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2012  
SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

Library Advisory Board, Report from Chair Eileen Faulkner Page 1

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Ordinance 12-47(A)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating Funds for the Calendar Year 2013 for the General Fund, the Water-Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, Debt Funds, and Capital Reserve Funds (Conditional Expenditures). City Manager.

Memorandum 12-189 from Public Works Director, Re: Project Manager Position Hiring Recommendations Page 2

**Ordinance 12-60**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Repealing and Reenacting HCC Chapter 17.04 Regarding Special Assessment Districts. City Manager.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Voice consensus to changes under Agenda Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

## Jo Johnson

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**From:** Renee Krause  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2012 10:51 AM  
**To:** Jo Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: City Council

Here is email from Eileen

Renee Krause, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk I

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**From:** Eileen Faulkner [<mailto:EJF@gci.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2012 10:33 AM  
**To:** Renee Krause  
**Cc:** Ann Dixon; [davidg@acsalaska.net](mailto:davidg@acsalaska.net); [t1mf63@alaska.net](mailto:t1mf63@alaska.net); 'phil gordon'  
**Subject:** City Council

Renee – can you please provide this as a lay down to city council members/Walt at tonight’s council meeting.

I regret I will not be in attendance at tonight’s meetings – something about icy streets. The following is the testimony I would have provided this evening.

1. Did you know that the Homer Library has received a 3 star ranking from the National Library Journal. Our library joined four other libraries in Alaska to receive a star rating. The rating is based on circulation, library visits per capita, program attendance and public internet use per capita. We have a well used library, in fact one day we had 1,000 folks come thru the doors and it was not a special function day. We thank the folks who continue to support our library. The need for the library continues to be validated.
2. Walt – thank you for submitting the library budget as it is. We the LAB members and the community sincerely request that the council members approve the library budget as submitted. Difficult decisions will continue to plague you in this process but the community continues to demonstrate the need for the library and updated collections etc. Thank you for approving the budget that has been submitted.
3. Finally the LAB is in **DIRE** need of more board members. We just had an unforeseen resignation the beginning of this month and are now down to 4 board members. In April as it stands right now 2 more members will be completing their terms and not “renewing”. So if anyone is out there that wants to be part of the process please apply. We work such issues as landscaping/weed control/mowing, people’s garden, energy conservation, facility enhancements, parking lot oceans, policies and procedures, budget, and challenge books to name a few. We try to have fun at the meetings that usually last about one hour. Be part of something big that is needed in this community that continues to grow and expand.

Thank you for your consideration  
V/R Eileen J. Faulkner, Chair Homer Library Advisory Board



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**MEMORANDUM** 12-189

TO: Walt Wrede, City Manager *W. Wrede*  
FROM: Carey Meyer, Public Works Director *CSM*  
DATE: December 5, 2012  
RE: **Project Manager Position  
Hiring Recommendations**

The number of projects that need to be managed by Public Works continues to grow. The Public Works Director needs help to adequately provide oversight of these projects and at the same time complete department administrative tasks associated with operating a water/sewer system, road/drainage network, building maintenance, parks, motor pool, and engineering/inspection divisions.

Attached is a list of projects with grant funding in place that will require a substantial project management effort from the Public Works Department for the next few years. More than \$5,000,000 in design funding for 19 different projects will require at least \$200,000 worth of project management effort.

Public Works had proposed that an individual be hired as independent contractor, with a majority of their time being charged to the projects. This approach was based partly on the belief that the entire cost of the independent contractor would not need to be provided for in the operating budget and that an independent contractor would not create a PERS liability if the position was eliminated in the future.

**An Independent Contractor:**

- Operates under a business name
- Has his/her own employees
- Maintains a separate business checking account
- Advertises his/her business' services
- Invoices for work completed
- Has more than one client
- Has own tools and sets own hours
- Keeps business records

**An Employee:**

- Performs duties dictated or controlled by others
- Is given training for work to be done
- Works for only one employer

12-6-12

To: Homer City Council

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Re

For 12-10-12 Homer City Council Meeting

Re: Natural Gas Assessment

I am a low income senior. I want a deferred assessment for seniors with the assessment ~~paid~~ paid when the property is sold or transferred. Zero interest to be charged on the assessment.

If interest is charged on a deferred assessment the senior will owe an unknown amount and maybe unable to pay the interest at the time of sale or transfer.

Devi Shumaker

Homer, Alaska



PHIL MARDEN

## Senior discounts: popular, but under fire

AGING BABY BOOMERS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO NEED A PRICE CUT.

By Margaret Price / Correspondent

NEW YORK - Everybody likes a discount, especially Christine Pursley. "If they're offered, I want them," says the St. Augustine, Fla., retiree, who capitalizes on deals ranging from early-bird restaurant specials to "senior discount" days at grocery and department stores.

Savings from senior discounts "really add up," says Barbara Rudder, a retiree from New York City, who pays half price for her weekly trips to New Jersey via public transportation and takes advantage of lower prices at many hotels, museums, and movie theaters.

Although cherished, senior discounts are under fire. Some critics wonder why older generations deserve a price break when younger generations are struggling more. There's also the question of affordability: Will businesses keep cutting prices for seniors as hordes of baby boomers push into their 60s?

"This is a huge influx of people," notes Margaret Lynn Duggar, a consultant in Tallahassee, Fla. "It's one thing if [senior discounts] apply to just 5 per-

cent of the population, and another if you're talking about 35 percent."

Could senior-discounting go the way of the blue-plate special or dish night at the movie theater? "I can't imagine that five years from now any senior discounts will still be available," says Ken Dychtwald, founder of Age Wave, an Emeryville, Calif., consulting firm specializing in the mature market. "It's silly to give the most affluent segment of our society [an age-based] discount."

Senior discounts vary widely, with some offered as early as age 50. The size of the discounts also varies, with 10 percent about average. And they apply to a broad array of products and services, from groceries and property taxes to cellphone service and skydiving.

Many ski resorts let people ages 70 and older ski free of charge, says David Smidt, president of SeniorDiscounts.com, an online directory based in Albuquerque, N.M. "I even found a Cadillac dealer in Texas offering senior discounts."

More businesses appear to be offer-

ing them. For instance, SeniorDiscounts.com currently lists some 170,000 business locations with senior discounts, up from about 150,000 two years ago. More seniors are using them. AARP reports that 80 percent of all its members, who are 50 or older, say they have used a discount in the past 12 months.

Many baby boomers might sniff at discounts linked to old age, says David Weigelt, president and cofounder of Immersion Active, a Frederick, Md., firm specializing in Internet marketing to mature adults. But the stigma tends to fade as people get closer to qualifying for Social Security.

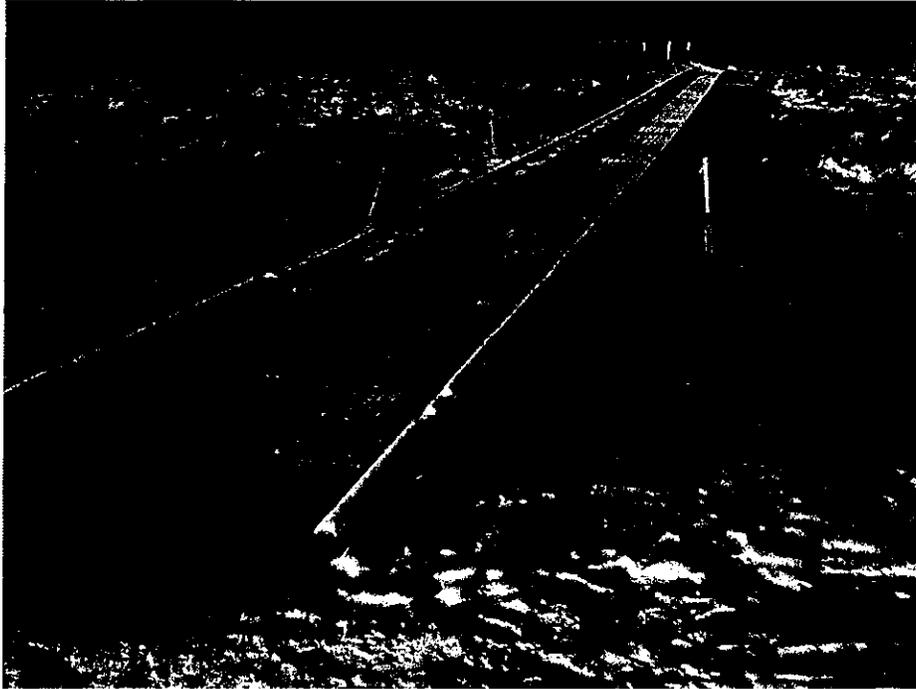
National companies like Southwest Airlines and Amtrak offer them, as do local firms like Dearborn Market, a food market and retail garden center in Holmdel Township, N.J. "We think the senior discount is a great thing to offer," says Nicole Luccarelli of Dearborn Market. "A couple of housing locations in the community provide small buses that take people to our store for the Tuesday discounts."

But criticism is popping up, especially as evidence mounts that younger people need a discount more than many

seniors. In 2009, the median net worth of households headed by people 65 or older was 42 percent higher than the same-aged households in 1984, according to Pew Research, but households headed by those younger than 35 had 68 percent less wealth in 2009 than same-aged households 25 years earlier.

"A lot of people in the 50-to-70 age bracket are among the most affluent in the country," says Don Campbell, a semiretired journalist in Dayton, Ohio, who has written on the topic. "What is the logic in giving them a discount just because they've reached age 50, 55, or 67?"

In the end, the future of senior discounts may depend on the reasons for offering them, says Mark Doherty, vice president at Chadwick Martin Bailey, a Boston-based market research and consulting firm. "If these discounts have been offered as a charity or public service, it's more likely than not they'll go away" as more boomers qualify for the profit-eating discounts. "But if discounting is an investment to attract the boomers and start a relationship with them, I think it will continue or expand."



**Figure 1 - 6' wide trail from gravel section north toward Islands & Ocean Visitors Center**



**Figure 2 - 12' wide gravel portion of trail looking west toward Bunnell Street**

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**Figure 3 - 8' wide trail looking south from gravel portion of trail (Bunnell Street)**



**Figure 4 - 8' wide trail looking south toward Bishop's Beach**

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**Figure 5 - 8' wide trail looking north back toward Bunnell Street**

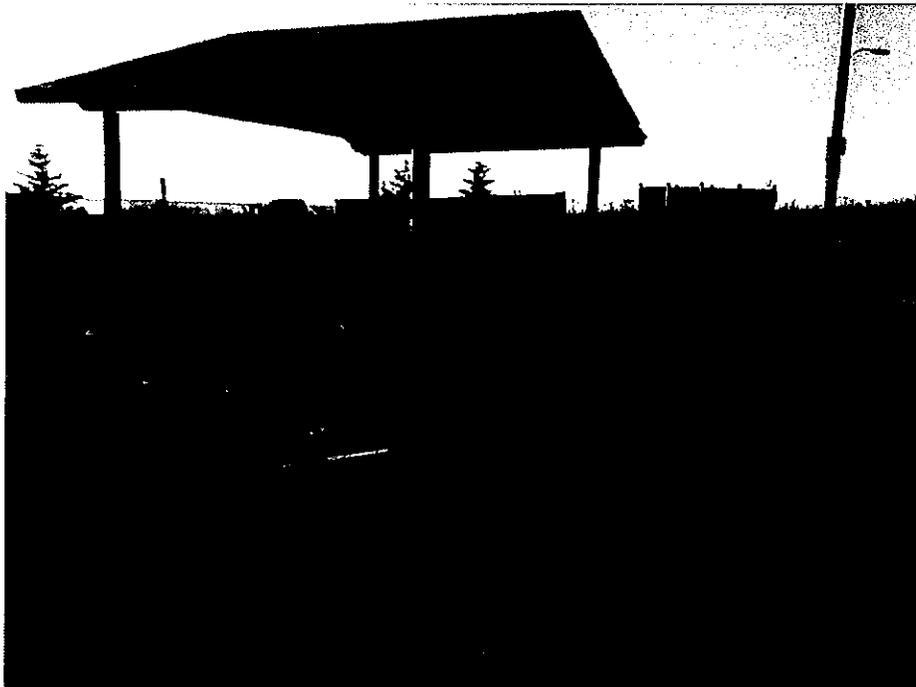


**Figure 6 - 8' wide trail looking north (from Charles Way connection)**

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**Figure 7 - 8' wide trail looking north from Bishop's Beach Park**



**Figure 8 - Trail connection to Bishop's Beach Park picnic area**

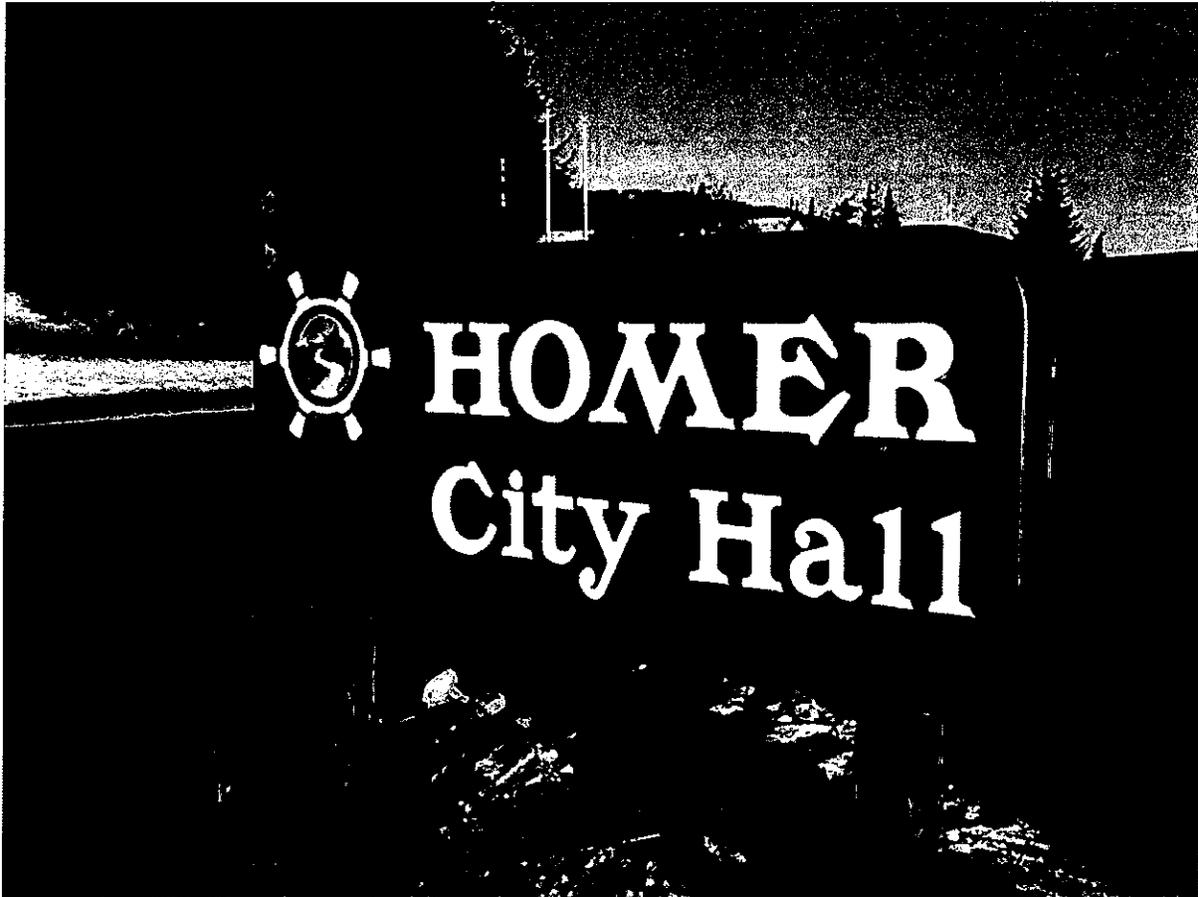
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**Figure 9 - 8' wide trail looking north from Bishop's Beach parking lot**

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**Newly painted sign in front of City Hall (colors compatible with newly renovated building).**