

ACTION AGENDA

Monday, February 25, 2013
Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

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

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

Councilmember Howard has requested excusal.

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

APPROVED without discussion.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

4. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

4. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was one who commented.

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

Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Session 13-06 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on February 25, 2013 at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Mary E. Wythe 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: BURGESS, DOLMA, HOWARD (telephonic),
LEWIS, ROBERTS, ZAK

STAFF: CITY MANAGER WREDE
CITY CLERK JOHNSON
CITY ATTORNEY KLINKNER
FINANCE DIRECTOR MAURAS
LIBRARY DIRECTOR HILL
PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

Councilmember Howard has requested telephonic participation.

APPROVED telephonic participation for Councilmember Howard with no discussion.

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 1.24.040.)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council with the following changes:

PUBLIC HEARINGS - **Ordinance 13-03(S)(2)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City to Issue a Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$12,700,000 to Finance the Design and Construction of Natural Gas Distribution Improvements in the City, Fixing Certain Details of Such Bond and Authorizing Its Sale; and Repealing HCC Chapter 17.08. City Manager; Loan Agreement; **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** - Thank you from the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District for sponsoring the 2013 Industry Outlook Forum; and Homer Volunteer Fire Department Letter of Commendation to Firefighters. Housekeeping issues to agenda: change the order of Ordinance 13-03 and substitute & Resolution 13-017 and substitute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

There were three who commented.

4. RECONSIDERATION

5. 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 and Regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2013. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 13-029**, from Mayor, Re: Appointment of Merry Maxwell to the Economic Development Advisory Commission.
- C. **Memorandum 13-032**, from City Manager Wrede, Re: Tract 1-A, Fishing Hole Subdivision #2.

- D. **Resolution 13-021**, A Resolution of the City of Homer, Alaska, Approving Seasonal Day Use Parking at the Homer Education and Recreation Center Parking Lot and Authorizing the City Manager to Work with the State for Signage as Needed. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 13-031 from Community and Economic Development Coordinator and Planning Technician as backup.

- E. **Resolution 13-022**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Seek Proposals for Analysis of the Economic Impacts of the Drill Rig. Mayor/Burgess. Recommend adoption.

APPROVED/ADOPTED without discussion.

6. VISITORS

- A. **Esther Hammerschlag**, Homer Prevention Project, 10 minutes.

Esther Hammerschlag, Project Director for Homer Prevention Project, provided an overview of the project designed to reduce underage drinking and adult binge drinking.

7. 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 computer program at the library is progressing with the program to start March 28th. March 4th – 7th the trainer will be at the library. The library will be closed to the public on Monday and Tuesday, March 4th and 5th, for staff training. The outreach partnership program with Best Beginnings is going well. As part of a grant Claudia travels to McNeil Canyon School weekly and Razdolna every other week for story hour. The final week of Big Read is this week. Tim O'Brien, author of *The Things They Carried* will give a presentation on March 1st at the Mariner Theatre. Board members are needed to fill vacancies. Interested persons are encouraged to apply.

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

3. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Josh Ross, Economic Development Advisory Commissioner, reported on the commission's work. They have been discussing marketing Homer for high tech businesses, revitalizing

downtown Homer, and promoting Homer as an agricultural center. They have heard a lot of presentations from business owners on their ideas and concerns. A small group was formed to explore downtown revitalization. They came up with ideas for RV parking as outlined in Resolution 13-021.

4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Tricia Lillibridge, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner, reported on the commission's work. They have been working on the Karen Hornaday Park playground and park projects, and the Diamond Creek recreation area. Council will be getting reports on the Diamond Creek area to approve. It is hoped a new pavilion can be constructed this summer at Karen Hornaday Park. A subcommittee was formed and has a pavilion design. The plan is the old pavilion will be taken down to be reused near the T-ball fields. The design was passed by the commission and forwarded to Public Works. There is a wonderful outdoor fire pit design, safe against the weather and winds, and has separate departments for multi users. Grass and walking trails will be used. The project will take a week to complete. Reservations will be handled through parks and recreation department. HoPP has another piece of playground equipment to install. The commission reviewed the Land Allocation Plan and forwarded their recommendations. The Kachemak Drive Path Committee is still in effect; it has not been disbanded. There is a lot of work to do on the trail.

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Mayor Wythe recused herself due to her ongoing conflict of interest on the gas line. She passed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts.

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. **Ordinance 13-03**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City to Issue a Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$12,700,000 to Finance the Design and Construction of Natural Gas Distribution Improvements in the City, Fixing Certain Details of Such Bond and Authorizing Its Sale; and Repealing HCC Chapter 17.08. City Manager. Introduction January 28, 2013, Public Hearings February 11 and 25, 2013, and Second Reading February 25, 2013.

Ordinance 13-03(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City to Issue a Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond in the Principal Amount of not to Exceed \$12,700,000 to Finance the Design and Construction of Natural Gas Distribution Improvements in the City, Fixing Certain Details of Such Bond and Authorizing its Sale; and Repealing HCC Chapter 17.08. City Manager. Introduction January 28, 2013, Public Hearings February 11 and 25, 2013, and Second Reading February 25, 2013.

Memorandum 13-030 from City Manager as backup.

Ordinance 13-03(S)(2), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City to Issue a Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment Bond in the Principal Amount of not to Exceed \$12,700,000 to Finance the Design and Construction of Natural Gas Distribution Improvements in the City, Fixing Certain Details of Such Bond and Authorizing its Sale; and Repealing HCC Chapter 17.08. City Manager.

There was no public testimony.

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 13-03(S)(2) ADOPTED with discussion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts passed the gavel back to Mayor Wythe.

- B. **Ordinance 13-04**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant from the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Amount of \$5,000 for an Update to the Emergency Operations Plan and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Fire Chief. Introduction February 11, 2013, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 25, 2013.

There was no public testimony.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- C. **Ordinance 13-05**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2013 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$10,500 from the General Fund for Emergency Relief to Pay Immediate Dislocation Expenses Incurred by the Tenants of Three Structures Affected by Sewer System Surcharges Caused by Extreme Weather on January 12 Through 14, 2013. City Manager. Introduction February 11, 2013, Public Hearing and Second Reading February 25, 2013.

Memorandum 13-019 from City Manager as backup.

There was one who testified.

ADOPTED with discussion.

9. **ORDINANCE(S)**

10. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wrede reported the deadline for the re-appropriation of the \$2M is March 7th for the capital budget. Both Senator Micciche and Representative Seaton are on board. The Mayor will be talking to them on her upcoming Juneau trip. Council requested re-appropriation of the \$2M to the Skyline Fire Station with remaining funds going towards the Harbormaster's office. The estimate for the Harbormaster's office without the bathrooms is \$2M. After the Skyline Fire Station is built there should be \$1.3M or \$1.4M to put towards the Harbormaster's office.

Discussion on Waddell Way, the proposed east/west corridor from Lake Street to Heath Street ensued. The corridor is a long term goal of the Transportation Plan. The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended the road be placed through the HEA property. A request to purchase the land is before HEA for consideration. There is a potential buyer for the Waddell property. A Worksession will be scheduled when more information is available.

City Manager Wrede reported Council appropriated \$20,000 for survey and engineering work on the Kachemak Drive trail. Public Works Director Carey Meyer has been looking at it closely. The original vision was to angle up the bluff; it is extremely steep in some places. To get a 10-ft. wide pathway bridges and retaining walls would be needed. Carey outlined a different plan for the trail, an extension of the existing trail that goes to the airport. The trail would stay at the toe of the bluff, similar to the Spit trail. His idea was it didn't make sense to spend a lot of money surveying a trail that would be too expensive to build. It received mixed results at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting. The resolution approving the survey was not specific about a route; the money was to be used on a survey.

- B. Bid Report
- C. Games Report
- D. Records Inventory Report
- E. Other

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Klinkner answered questions on assessment methodology on the natural gas line.

12. COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Public Arts Committee
- B. Transportation Advisory Committee

Councilmember Roberts reported the TAC met last week and talked about the Waddell Way connection between Heath Street and Lake Street. The matter will be on Council's agenda in the near future.

- C. Permanent Fund Committee
- D. Lease Committee
- E. Port and Harbor Improvement Committee
- F. Employee Committee Report

13. PENDING BUSINESS

Mayor Wythe recused herself due to her ongoing conflict of interest on the gas line and passed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts.

- A. **Resolution 13-017**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Contribution in Aid of Construction Agreement (CIAC) Between the City of Homer and Enstar Natural Gas Company for Construction of Improvements Within the Homer Natural Gas Distribution System Special Assessment District, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12.7 Million. City Manager. (Postponed from February 11, 2013)

Resolution 13-017(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Contribution in Aid of Construction Agreement (CIAC) Between the City of Homer and Enstar Natural Gas Company for Construction of Improvements Within the Homer Natural Gas Distribution System Special Assessment District, in an Amount Not to Exceed ~~\$12.7 Million~~ **\$12,160,632**. City Manager. (Postponed from February 11, 2013)

SUBSTITUTE 13-017(S) ADOPTED and POSTPONED to March 11, 2013 with discussion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts passed the gavel back to Mayor Wythe.

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. RESOLUTIONS

16. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments of the audience.

17. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Klinkner had no comment.

18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson had no comment.

19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede said goodbye to Regina and wished her well. She is moving on to another job in the state of Washington. He will miss her husband, his water delivery guy.

20. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Wythe wished Regina well.

21. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Howard's comments were inaudible.

Councilmember Lewis echoed Walt and Beth's remarks about Regina and wished her the best of luck.

Councilmember Burgess dittoed the comments and thanked everybody.

Councilmember Roberts said goodbye to Regina. She will really miss her, especially during budget time. She does a great job during budget time, having everything organized and on the internet so the community can see it. In the laydown packet there is a commendation from the Fire Chief about three young firemen. Their quick thinking saved a structure from burning. She thanked all the firemen in the community.

Councilmember Dolma and Zak had no comments.

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.