

**ACTION AGENDA  
Worksession  
Committee of the Whole  
Regular Meeting  
August 27, 2018**

**WORKSESSION AGENDA**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Zak was excused, timely notice was given.

**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. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019-2024**

**Memorandum 18-093** from Special Projects and Communication Coordinator Re: 2019-2024 CIP Recommendations and Establishing FY2020 Legislative Priorities

**4. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

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

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Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Zak was excused, timely notice was given.

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

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**5. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

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

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Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Session 18-21 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on August 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tempore Donna Aderhold 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, LORD, SMITH, STROOZAS, VENUTI

**ABSENT:** MAYOR ZAK (excused)

**STAFF:** CITY MANAGER KOESTER  
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN  
CITY PLANNER ABBODD  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON

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

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.)

APPROVED without discussion.

**3. MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

A. Mayoral Proclamation of Beluga's Count! Day, September 15, 2018

Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold read and presented the proclamation to Debbie Tobin, Biology Professor at Kachemak Bay Campus and Belugas Count! Committee member, and Kris Holderied, Director, NOAA Kasitsna Bay Laboratory.

Mrs. Tobin commented about Belugas Count! Day noting locations of viewing stations on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and encouraging participation of watching for and reporting beluga sightings throughout the year.

Ms. Holderied briefly shared about her first experience with the event last year and some learning experiences to look forward to at the viewing station.

B. Mayoral Proclamation of September as National Recovery Month

Councilmember Venuti read and presented the proclamation to Hannah Heimbuch and Stephanie Stillwell, Facilitator for the Southern Kenai Peninsula Opioid Task Force.

Ms. Heimbuch thanked the City leaders for this proclamation and shared information about the Bearded Sister Group whose mission is to support addiction recovery. Part of that mission is reducing shame and stigma around the disease of addiction which often create barriers to care and change, and one of their guiding beliefs that we cannot let stigma silence hope.

Ms. Stillwell thanked Council for their continued support and efforts of the Opioid Task Force. She shared that there are many ways for the community to become involved and she can be contacted at [skpopioidtaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:skpopioidtaskforce@gmail.com) for more information. There will be a lot of events coming up in September and the next task force meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the South Peninsula Hospital training room.

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

There was one who commented.

**5. RECONSIDERATION**

**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 13, 2018. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 18-094** from Mayor Pro Tem Re: Appointment of Gregory (Scott) Smith to the Advisory Planning Commission. Recommend approval.
- C. **Ordinance 18-39**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending HCC 21.18.040 to Reduce the Setback Requiring a Conditional Use Permit from Twenty Feet to Ten Feet in the Central Business District. Aderhold. Recommended Dates Introduction and Refer to Planning Commission August 27, 2018, Public Hearing and Second Reading September 24, 2018.

Memorandum 18-095 from Councilmember as backup

- D. **Resolution 18-068**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Expressing Support for Federal Bill S.2271 Museum and Library Services Act of 2017 and Supporting Bills H.R.6470 and S.3158 that Allocate Funding Crucial to Alaska's Libraries and Museums, and Urging Alaska's Congressional Representatives to Co-Sponsor all three Federal Bills. Aderhold/Smith. Recommend adoption.
- E. **Resolution 18-069**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust to Apply for a State of Alaska Recreational Trail Project Grant for the Construction of a Trail Across City Property, Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Trail Construction and Maintenance, Providing a Match of up to \$6,000 or 10%, Whichever is Less, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. Mayor. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 18-096 from Deputy City Planner as backup

ADOPTED without discussion.

## 7. VISITORS

- A. Tim Dillon, Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (10 minutes)

Tim Dillon, Executive Director of the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District (KPEDD), provided Council with the 2018 KPEDD update. KPEDD is a 501C(4) funded by the Kenai Peninsula Borough, US Department of Commerce, and the Business Incubation Center. Their overall budget is approximately \$300,000. There is a sister company, Kenai Peninsula Opportunities, that is a 501(C)(3) that provides grant support and runs a variety of community events, such as the Industry Appreciation Day. KPEDD's six goals include regional partnerships, infrastructure and technology, workforce and human capital, business climate and

entrepreneurship, quality of place, and knowledge creation and dissemination. He reviewed their projects, programs, and partnerships and highlighted the reports they produce. Those reports are downloadable at [www.kpedd.org](http://www.kpedd.org)

Mr. Dillon touched on the Kenai Peninsula 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report and information included and reviewed the 2018 Homer Report that includes 2013-2017 comparisons of City of Homer populations, occupations, income, housing, business sales, and tax information.

In response to questions Mr. Dillon commented briefly on the PRL Logistics Blimp Program status, which is still working through the permitting process but hopes to be underway by 2022. He also explained KPEDD hasn't been funded by the State in the last three years, but he's been working with the Governor and staff and hopes they'll see funding in the future.

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

A. Borough Report

B. Commissions/Board Reports:

1. Library Advisory Board

Mark Massion, Library Advisory Boardmember thanked the Council for passing the resolution supporting the Museum and Library Services Act of 2017. He reported the Board meets September 4<sup>th</sup> for final review of three library policies and hope to have them to Council for approval in September. Library Director Dixon is circulating a short survey supported by a grant from the State Library to find out what the library can do for small businesses. Lastly he reviewed this summer activities and statistics.

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

3. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Karin Marks & Nicole Arevalo, Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair and Commissioner, reported on the Commissions work developing a proposal having to do with wayfinding and streetscape. They are also identifying next areas of the Business Retention and Expansion survey to work on, including zoning, permitting and signage. There are two open seats for city residents on the Commission and they encourage anyone who's interested to apply at the City Clerk's office.

4. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Jon Sharp, Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner, reported on the Commission's recent presentation from the Pratt Museum, museum staff have been working with them to help them figure out what to do with the Sister City Art Collection, and ways to make it accessible to the public; and a presentation from Joel Cooper on the KHLT Trail. The Commission discussed their quarterly Letter to the Editor, and great staff reports from Deputy City Planner Engebretsen and Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy on sidewalk prioritization and parks maintenance updates.

#### 5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Mark Zeiset, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, thanked Council for their support to the port and harbor. He reported it's been a busy summer at the harbor and there is still a lot of activity going on around the harbor, and he noted there are over 200 people on the stall waitlist. The Commission has been talking about a sling lift to haul out larger vessels that have a deep V hull. He's excited about the days ahead for the Homer Harbor.

Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold thanked the Commission members who report to Council. She hopes they understand how helpful it is for these reports because it gives them a small window into what they are working on, what their challenges may be, and what might be coming forward to Council in the future.

### 9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. **Ordinance 18-37**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2018 Capital Budget by Appropriating up to \$48,590 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails Program (HART) for Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements on Karen Hornaday Park Road. Stroozas. Introduction August 13, 2018, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 27, 2018.

Memorandum 18-097 from City Manager as backup

There were three who testified.

POSTPONED and Referred to Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission with discussion.

- B. **Ordinance 18-38**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Title 2 to Repeal Homer City Code 2.32.020, and Enact Chapter 2.58 Entitled "Commissions and Boards" to Consolidate all General Provisions Regarding Boards and Commissions and to Provide for General Policies and Procedures for Boards and Commissions. City Clerk. Introduction August 13, 2018, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 27, 2018.

Memorandum 18-091 from City Clerk as backup

POSTPONED to September 10<sup>th</sup> without discussion.

**10. ORDINANCE(S)**

**11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. City Manager's Report

Councilmember Lord commented about the Green Infrastructure Training that is happening on September 11<sup>th</sup>. She is unable to attend but encouraged others to go if they are able.

City Manager Koester and Councilmember Stroozas commented briefly about the AML Summer Conference and will have written reports for the next packet.

Councilmember Venuti asked City Manager Koester to address junk vehicles and cleanup of two areas down by Bishop's Beach in her next report.

Brief discussion ensued on the Senior Exemption information and request was made to have information on how it's relative to the rest of the population, for example if the younger population is increase along with the senior population.

B. Bid Report

**12. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**13. COMMITTEE REPORT**

A. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

B. HERC Task Force

Task Force Member Karin Marks reported at the request of the Chair that the group is gaining momentum. She believes they will have a good feel for demolition costs soon and they are working on defining the needs of remodeling or having a new facility. They are using the City's 2015 Needs Assessment and are working at contacting a variety of groups including businesses and non-profits, to determine the interest and intent. They are much closer to answering the question about using the upstairs without any improvements or what improvements might be needed. Their next meeting is tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. At the meeting the Principal from Fireweed will be giving a presentation and they will be discussing financial aspects. They are trying to put a lot of pieces together and they may be able to get this done by November.

**14. PENDING BUSINESS**

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**16. RESOLUTIONS**

**17. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There was one who commented.

**18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Wells was not in attendance.

**19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Jacobsen had no comment.

**20. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Koester thanked the Peony Growing Association for making city hall the seat of the City of Peonies, they have done a wonderful job over the summer of supplying us with peonies.

**21. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Zak was absent.

**22. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Stroozas commented he's glad to be back in some dry weather and hopes everyone enjoys the sunshine this week.

Councilmember Erickson commented about the results of the Primary Election coming soon. Labor Day is this weekend and encouraged everyone to be safe and have fun. The leaves are starting to turn and there's a little bite in the wind.

Councilmember Lord commented it's a great time of year, maybe a little challenging balance summer and the transition to fall. This is a great time to get and enjoy local food, there are a lot of fresh vegetables at the Farmer's Market and through the Food Hub. In early September the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters is going to be hosted by the Homer Harbor and



held here in Homer. It's been three years since they last met in Alaska and she's excited to have them here.

Councilmember Smith commented the men's team won the State Softball Tournament this weekend for the first time in 11 years. They beat teams from Kotzebue, Valdez, the Valley, Anchorage, and played in the finals against Kenai. He noted the flags are currently flying at half-staff in memory of Senator John McCain and read Senator McCain's parting statement:

*"My fellow Americans, whom I have gratefully served for sixty years, and especially my fellow Arizonans, Thank you for the privilege of serving you and for the rewarding life that service in uniform and in public office has allowed me to lead. I have tried to serve our country honorably. I have made mistakes, but I hope my love for America will be weighed favorably against them."*

*"I have often observed that I am the luckiest person on earth. I feel that way even now as I prepare for the end of my life. I have loved my life, all of it. I have had experiences, adventures and friendships enough for ten satisfying lives, and I am so thankful. Like most people, I have regrets. But I would not trade a day of my life, in good or bad times, for the best day of anyone else's.*

*"I owe that satisfaction to the love of my family. No man ever had a more loving wife or children he was prouder of than I am of mine. And I owe it to America. To be connected to America's causes—liberty, equal justice, respect for the dignity of all people—brings happiness more sublime than life's fleeting pleasures. Our identities and sense of worth are not circumscribed but enlarged by serving good causes bigger than ourselves.*

*Fellow Americans'—that association has meant more to me than any other. I lived and died a proud American. We are citizens of the world's greatest republic, a nation of ideals, not blood and soil. We are blessed and are a blessing to humanity when we uphold and advance those ideals at home and in the world. We have helped liberate more people from tyranny and poverty than ever before in history. We have acquired great wealth and power in the process.*

*"We weaken our greatness when we confuse our patriotism with tribal rivalries that have sown resentment and hatred and violence in all the corners of the globe. We weaken it when we hide behind walls, rather than tear them down, when we doubt the power of our ideals, rather than trust them to be the great force for change they have always been.*

*"We are three-hundred-and-twenty-five million opinionated, vociferous individuals. We argue and compete and sometimes even vilify each other in our raucous public debates. But we have always had so much more in common with each other than in disagreement. If only we remember that and give each other the benefit of the presumption that we all love our country we will get through these challenging times. We will come through them stronger than before. We always do.*

*"Ten years ago, I had the privilege to concede defeat in the election for president. I want to end my farewell to you with the heartfelt faith in Americans that I felt so powerfully that evening.*

*"I feel it powerfully still.*

*"Do not despair of our present difficulties but believe always in the promise and greatness of America, because nothing is inevitable here. Americans never quit. We never surrender. We never hide from history. We make history.*

*"Farewell, fellow Americans. God bless you, and God bless America."*

Councilmember Venuti commented that she likes our proclamations and visitors. She was proud to read the recovery month proclamation tonight and has enjoyed the times the Boy Scouts have been here and receive recognition. Every time they have a visitor she learns something new about our community. College classes started today and 1/3 of the Kenai Peninsula College attend here at the Kachemak Bay Campus. She wished everyone a happy Labor Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold commented about the NOAA notification reminder she received in her email that yesterday, August 26<sup>th</sup> was Women's Equality Day. It is celebrated each year to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to vote. It was the culmination of a massive and peaceful civil rights movement by women that formally began in 1848 at the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, NY. In reflecting on this she realized that without this amendment she wouldn't be sitting at this table and wouldn't get to vote. It was very touching for her. She closed with a quote from Alice Walker, "The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."

### **23. ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.