

**ACTION AGENDA  
Committee of the Whole  
Regular Meeting  
October 8, 2018**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

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

Mayor Zak and Councilmember Stroozas were excused, and Councilmember Lord participated telephonically.

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

APPROVED without discussion.

**3. 2019 BUDGET**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**6. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There was one who commented.

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

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Worksession at 4:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole at 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Session 18-25 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on October 8, 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 (telephonic), SMITH, VENUTI

**ABSENT:** MAYOR ZAK, STROOZAS (both excused)

**STAFF:** CITY MANAGER KOESTER  
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

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.)

The following changes were made: **PUBLIC HEARING- Ordinance 18-43**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Prohibiting Sellers from Providing Buyers with Single-Use Disposable Shopping Bags. Venuti. Written public comment. **NEW BUSINESS - Resolution 18-076(S)**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Regular Election Held October 2, 2018 to Elect the Mayor and Two Councilmembers. City Clerk/Canvass Board.

Memorandum 18-108 pulled and moved to October 22, 2018 – Erickson.

APPROVED as amended without discussion.

## **3. MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

A. Mayoral Proclamation – National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, November 2018

Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold read and presented the proclamation to Jessica Golden, Executive Director of Hospice of Homer and Beth Graber, Board President. Ms. Golden thanked Council for the proclamation and commented on upcoming events in November and services that Hospice of Homer provides in Homer and neighboring communities.

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

None

## **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 Special Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2018. City Clerk. Recommend adoption. Page 23
  
- B. **Memorandum 18-107** from City Clerk Re: Travel Authorization for Mayor and two Councilmembers to attend the Alaska Municipal League 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, November 12-16, 2018. Recommend approval. Page 37
  
- C. **Resolution 18-073**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving and Accepting the Donation of Tuggeht Janju Tets (Homer Medicine Stick) by Argent Kvasnikoff of Ninilchik, Alaska, for the Municipal Art Collection to be Displayed at the Homer Public Library. City Clerk/Library Director. Recommend adoption. Page 47  
  
Memorandum 18-110 from Deputy City Clerk as backup Page 49

APPROVED without discussion.

## 7. VISITORS

- A. Opioid Task Force (10 Minutes)

Stephanie Stillwell, Southern Kenai Peninsula Opioid Task Force Facilitator, thanked Council for the opportunity to present tonight.

Dr. Spencer updated the Council on the Exchange, the local syringe exchange program that has been operating for 2.5 years now. She commented about a news story about found syringes at the end of the spit, and said a project the Exchange has been thinking about is working with the city to install syringe disposal systems in place they'd likely be used, like the public bathrooms. They've been taking in a lot of syringes at the Exchange and that could be reduced by having safe places for people to dispose of them in places that can be accessed privately. She explained how the disposal systems work and that it would be a smart way to try to reduce syringes improperly disposed of in public places.

Ms. Stillwell talked about events that were held in September to recognize it as recovery month, which included opportunities to share stories of recovery and the Light the Night candle walk.

Christina McGee shared briefly how recovery has changed her life and what it meant for her. She has been able to turn her life around and make use of her experience in a positive manner,

it's been empowering. If more people were in recovery it would create a stronger community for others. Becoming a member of the task force and having a role in positive changes has been very rewarding. With her background and life experience she has a unique outlook on certain issue in the community, and that's what she feels she brings to the table and why she's excited to be a part of everything.

**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, congratulated the Councilmembers and incoming Mayor. He commented the board met and discussion library fee adjustments, service animals, and the Library Giving Tree. The LAB would like Council to consider the budget request for \$10,000 to purchase new books. He also commented regarding library events.

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

3. Economic Development Advisory Commission

4. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

**9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

A. **2019 Budget**

B. **Ordinance 18-42**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY 2018 Operating and Capital Budgets to Provide for Necessary Mid-Year Adjustment by Appropriating and Transferring Funds from the General and Water Sewer Funds. City Manager/Finance Director. Introduction September 24, 2018, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 8, 2018. Page 71

ADOPTED as amended with discussion.

Amended: Add Development of LED Light Conversion Specifications & Work Plan Project

- C. **Ordinance 18-43**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Prohibiting Sellers from Providing Buyers with Single-Use Disposable Shopping Bags. Venuti. Introduction September 24, 2018, Public Hearing October 8 and 22, 2018 and Second Reading October 22, 2018. Page 85

There were nine who testified.

**10. ORDINANCE(S)**

**11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. City Manager's Report Page 97

**12. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**13. COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee  
B. HERC Task Force

**14. PENDING BUSINESS**

- 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 Referred to PARCAC August 27, 2018, Second Reading October 8, 2018.  
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Memorandum 18-109 from Deputy City Planner as backup Page 115

ADOPTED with discussion.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Memorandum 18-108** from Councilmember Erickson Re: Council Approval of a Letter to the State of Alaska Requesting Disaster Declaration for Salmon Fishery in Upper Cook Inlet. Page 119

Pulled and rescheduled to October 22, 2018 under agenda approval.

- B. **Resolution 18-076**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Regular Election Held October 2, 2018 to Elect the Mayor and Two Councilmembers. City Clerk/Canvass Board. Page 139

ADOPTED Substitute without discussion.

C. **Swearing in Newly Elected Mayor and Councilmembers**

**16. RESOLUTIONS**

**17. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There were four who commented.

**18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

**20. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Koester congratulated Councilmembers Aderhold and Smith on their re-election, she looks forward to continuing working with them. She commended Councilmember Aderhold for her efforts serving as Mayor Pro Tem during Mayor Zak's absences. She welcomed Mayor Castner, she looks forward to working with him as he has a lot to offer the City.

**21. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

**22. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Lord thanked Council for allowing her to participate telephonically. She's in Seward for the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrator's Annual Meeting. She's enjoyed meeting with Harbormasters, Port Staff, and vendors from around the state. She congratulated Councilmembers Aderhold and Smith, and she's looking forward to working with Mayor Castner.

Councilmember Erickson commented the Transportation Fair is coming up on October 13<sup>th</sup> and encouraged the public to attend and comment directly about concerns on our state roads. She appreciated the feedback about the crosswalks. She congratulated Councilmembers Aderhold and Smith on their re-election, and she's looking forward to working with Mayor Castner. She thinks this group is going to do some great things this next couple years. She gave a shout out to Mayor Zak, she really appreciated him and what a cheerleader he is for our city.

Councilmember Smith thanked the voters who came out, it's always great to see that participation, and thanked city staff for their work during the election. It will be great to work with Mayor Castner. He appreciated the recognition of Hospice and the importance of the

service they provide. He thanked Christina McGee for sharing tonight and recognized how sharing her message of recovery and can advocate for people who are trying to become champions in that cause. He'll miss Mayor Zak, he has a golden heart and always tried hard to represent the city in the best way possible. He also has a mischievous mind that brought some good humor to the table.

Councilmember Venuti thanked the public for their comments this evening. She thinks it's time to pull back a little bit, work on education and awareness, and bring it back on the ballot next year. She noted Mayor Zak's letter in the packet and that she was thinking what a nice person he is. She's glad he's taking some time to take care his health. She appreciates his dedication to the city, and his wife Karen for supporting him. Lastly she offered condolences to Jane Swain, she missed seeing Jane who has worked the city elections for many years.

Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold thanked Mayor Zak for his time serving the city. He thanked Argent Kvasnikoff for his artwork donation, she can't wait to see it on display at the library. She congratulated Homer Middle School for being a Blue Ribbon school, and also commented about the Transportation Fair happening this Saturday.

### **23. ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.