

ACTION AGENDA

**Tuesday, May 27, 2014
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 5:02 p.m.

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

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

3. Ordinance 14-25, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2014 Operating Budget to Reallocate a Water Fund Capital Budget Item Expenditure at the Water Treatment Plant to Evaluate Alternatives to Reduce Disinfection By-Products in the Drinking Water. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum 14-087 from Public Works Director as backup.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

5. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

6. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments of the audience.

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

Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Session 14-16 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on May 27, 2014 at 6:00 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, HOWARD, LEWIS, ROBERTS,

VAN DYKE, ZAK

STAFF:

CITY MANAGER WREDE

CITY CLERK JOHNSON

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.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

There were two 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 Board of Adjustment meeting minutes of April 15, 2014 and Regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2014. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 14-080**, from Mayor, Re: Appointment of Terry Smith to the Library Advisory Board.
- C. **Ordinance 14-23**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Conveyance of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Scenic View Subdivision No. 6 to Kachemak Bay Equestrian Association Inc. for Use as Part of an Equestrian Park, and Waiving the Appraisal of the Property and Sale of the Property for Fair Market Value. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction May 27, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 9, 2014.
- D. **Ordinance 14-24**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 2.68.030 Proceedings of Commission, to Change the Meeting

Schedule of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. City Manager/Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Recommended dates: Introduction May 27, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 9, 2014.

Memorandums 14-081 and 14-083 from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission as backup.

- E. **Ordinance 14-25**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2014 Operating Budget to Reallocate a Water Fund Capital Budget Item Expenditure at the Water Treatment Plant to Evaluate Alternatives to Reduce Disinfection By-Products in the Drinking Water. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction May 27, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 9, 2014.

Memorandum 14-087 from Public Works Director as backup.

- F. **Resolution 14-053**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving and Accepting the Renewal of the Special Services Contract for FY 2015 with the Alaska Department of Public Safety in the Amount of \$36,000.00 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Police Chief. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-082 from Police Chief as backup.

- G. **Resolution 14-054**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Establishing a 2014 Mil Rate of 9.962541 Mills for the Ocean Drive Loop Special Service District. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-085 from City Manager as backup.

- H. **Resolution 14-055**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Establishing the Property Tax Mil Levy Rate at 4.5 for 2014. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

- I. **Resolution 14-056**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Amending the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Bylaws, Regular Meetings, Establishing a Regular Meeting Schedule of February Through June and August Through November; Committees, Requiring City Council Approval to Form a Special Committee; and Special Meetings, to be Scheduled Only When Required to Complete Time Sensitive Business. City Manager/Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Recommend postponement to June 9, 2014 to follow Ordinance 14-24.

Memorandums 14-081 and 14-083 from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission as backup.

- J. **Resolution 14-057**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding the Contract for the Karen Hornaday Park Picnic Shelter Access/Foundation Improvements to the Firm of Gregoire Construction of Homer, Alaska, in the Amount of \$14,800.00 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-086 from Project Manager as backup.

- K. **Memorandum 14-084**, from Community & Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Capital Improvement Plan Schedule for 2015 - 2020 & FY 2016 Legislative Requests.

Moved to New Business.

Memorandum 14-084 was moved to New Business A. (Roberts)

The consent agenda as amended was approved by consensus of the Council.

6. VISITORS

- A. Alaska Trails Conference, Robert Archibald, 10 minutes.

Robert Archibald provided an overview of the Alaska Trails Conference that Dave Brann attended.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORTS REPORT/COMMISSION

- A. Mayor's Proclamation - Mary Epperson Day – June 6

Mayor Wythe read and presented the proclamation to Gail Edgerly.

- B. Mayor's Recognition – Christie Hill for Braving Frigid Alaska Waters to Fight Cancer

Mayor Wythe read and presented the recognition to Christie Hill.

- C. Borough Report
- D. Commissions/Board Reports:
 - 1. Library Advisory Board
 - 2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission
 - 3. Economic Development Advisory Commission
 - 4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Robert Archibald, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner, reported a work party at Coal Point Park last week. Commissioner Dave Brann is working with the Pratt Museum and Janet Klein on researching the history of Coal Point and the railroad for a presentation at Park Day. Merchants are talking about a walk down the new boardwalk. Another work party at Karen Hornaday Park resulted in clearing around the ball park and painting the connex green. Mr. Archibald commended Public Works Director Carey Meyer for the work he has done on drainage and the campgrounds. The road into Karen Hornaday Park is so narrow that two lanes are almost prohibitive. They are requesting no parking signage along both sides of the road to see if it solves any problems for pedestrian/car interface. The commission is reviewing the Woodard Creek trail to come up with something that will work for all involved. New student member Pedro Ochoa has joined the commission.

- 5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. **Ordinance 14-21**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Budget by Appropriating an Additional \$6,000 from the Port and Harbor Fleet Reserves to Acquire a Used, Full Size, Four Wheel Drive Pick-Up Truck for Harbor Operations. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director. Introduction May 12, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 27, 2014.

Memorandum 14-076 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

There was no public testimony.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- B. **Ordinance 14-22**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget to Provide for Natural Gas Conversions to City Buildings by

Appropriating \$99,274 from Various City Reserve Funds. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction May 12, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 27, 2014.

Memorandum 14-077 from Public Works Director as backup.

There was no public testimony.

AMENDED amount to \$83,270.

ADOPTED without discussion.

9. ORDINANCE(S)

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

Council received maps of the proposed Pioneer Avenue rehabilitation project.

At the June 9th meeting Community and Economic Development Coordinator Katie Koester will bring a proposal to Council for a coordinator to conduct a Strategic Planning Worksession for \$5,000 - \$7,000.

A city-wide bed tax will be discussed at the June 23rd meeting. Shanon Hamrick from the Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council will be present. The Borough is considering a revenue sharing tax where the Borough would collect the tax. Only Home Rule cities are allowed to levy bed taxes. The revenues collected in the city would be returned to the City Council. It would be up to the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce of how to split that up. The money could be used for support of any of the infrastructure that tourists benefit from, ie. parks, trails, fire, police. Verbiage is still being worked on for the ballot. It is a good time for the public to get engaged since it will be on the ballot.

City Manager Wrede reported the financial surplus from 2013 was no longer there as the Permanent Fund money wasn't transferred properly at the right time. This was an oversight and was corrected.

The Council asked if double traffic fines were allowed in Old Town. City Manager Wrede will provide an answer at the June 9th meeting.

The Council requested an ordinance to add another employee at the Public Works front desk. This will allow the public to comment.

Construction update on harbor projects: Ramp 3 will be replaced this fall; Ramp 7 will be out of the water while new floats are constructed. Some of those floats will receive electric power and water. The Load and Launch Ramp will be completely rebuilt. The harbormaster building will be going up. They will be reconstructing and repaving the Spit Road. It will take a lot of patience and understanding on the part of the public. Bryan Hawkins is thinking about how to coordinate all activities to cause the least disruption.

Beluga Slough Trail: Fish and Wildlife has money for the one section of the Beluga Slough Trail that was not completed earlier. City Manager Wrede suggests that our contribution be time and effort, with no money involved.

Pioneer Avenue: The State issued a STIP plan Amendment 9 that includes Pioneer Avenue. The project has been moved up on their list. The State fought hard for the money as there is not as much money for community roads. DOT estimated \$10M for a road with bicycle lanes and sidewalks. DOT has reduced the scope of the project to \$3.5M, still incorporating much of what the City originally proposed. They plan to narrow the lanes, including the turning lane in the middle. There are pedestrian improvements and islands at certain intersections. There is a flashing light at Pioneer Avenue and Main Street and other traffic control measures. They request feedback from Council within 30 days.

Council discussed the center lane medians. Snowplows hit the concrete while trying to plow snow. It was suggested a painted crosswalk be used and that a crosswalk with a push button flashing light would be much more visible for pedestrians. Lighting was proposed, but DOT does not have the money. Council could seek funds for lighting. The money they have is for resurfacing. We probably don't want to take the road over until they fix the drainage and subsurface problems. This project might get done before Lake Street. A resolution will be forthcoming at the June 9th meeting.

Deep Water Dock: DOT and the federal government have signed their project development agreement. We will go forward on the Deep Water Dock. Council has \$3M (\$2M in a federal earmark and \$1M from the Legislature) to study the feasibility of expanding the Deep Water Dock. After many years we now have a green light to move forward on the study.

B. Bid Report

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Public Arts Committee

B. Permanent Fund Committee

C. Port and Harbor Improvement Committee

- D. Employee Committee Report
- E. Port and Harbor Building Task Force
- F. Public Safety Building Review Committee

Mayor Wythe reported the GC/CM was here recently and the next meeting is June 17. The committee is working with the GC/CM to involve the community in the plan. The site will be determined in the fall. She encouraged the community to participate in the meetings; there was a nice turnout at the last meeting.

- G. Vessel Haul-Out Task Force

13. PENDING BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Memorandum 14-084**, from Community & Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Capital Improvement Plan Schedule for 2015 - 2020 & FY 2016 Legislative Requests.

ADOPTED with discussion.

The CIP schedule was amended for Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to review the plan on August 21.

15. RESOLUTIONS

16. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were three who commented.

17. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Klinkner was not present.

18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson wished Andrea Petersen well on her new adventures and thanked the emergency personnel and firefighters battling the fires.

19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede thanked Andrea Petersen for her hard work and wished her the best. She has accomplished a lot and has been through a lot. He reminded Council there was a Worksession scheduled for the next meeting to talk about the surplus funds. Since there are no excess funds, the Worksession was cancelled.

20. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Wythe thanked the firefighters and their families for their support. Over the weekend she represented the City for the Coast Guard; she appreciates the auxiliary recognizing the Coast Guard as Alaska is dependent upon them. She also attended the dedication for the horse park. It is a nice facility and they are excited about the property across the road to build additional trails. The Kachemak Bay Water Trail ribbon cutting is coming up on June 6th and Francie will be in attendance. These are all great examples of what the community can accomplish; they are people driven projects with great results.

21. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Roberts thanked Andrea and wished her good luck. Ms. Roberts has walked around the new harbor trail and it is wonderful. She congratulated Nick and Tom for obtaining their ham radio operators license. It will benefit the City. Half of the high school football field is dug up; the new turf field is coming soon.

Councilmember Zak said goodbye to Andrea and wished her good luck in Reno. He is proud of Homer on Memorial Day weekend to remember the fallen soldiers. He caught an 81 lb. halibut over the weekend. Those that avoided Homer missed out.

Councilmember Van Dyke recognizes public safety on the roads and will get behind the idea. He is sure something will be done on Bunnell Street and the entrance to Bishops Beach.

Councilmember Burgess mentioned Andrea, crosswalks, and the firefighters.

Councilmember Lewis told Andrea it has been fun and wished her good luck. He will support a resolution for the horse park and turnout onto the State road, along with the driveway at Karen Hornaday Park. It was a fun weekend. He is glad the firefighters are safe. The boys and girls soccer teams were up at regions. The boys moved to State and the girls had a great victory beating Grace.

Councilmember Howard thanked Andrea for her service and wished her good luck. She has been an inspiration to the City and the hospital. She encouraged the City Manager to use what powers he has for the Karen Hornaday Park traffic issues. She will join with Councilmember Van Dyke for traffic calming, something other than what Denmark does. She also supports the ingress and egress for East End Road horse park.

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m., and Worksession 4:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.