

Session 14-17 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on June 9, 2014 at 6:01 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
CITY ATTORNEY WELLS
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COORDINATOR KOESTER
FINANCE DIRECTOR LI
ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR MOORE
LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON
PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

Council met as a Committee of the Whole from 5:00 p.m. to 5:51 p.m. to hear Michelle Drew, BDO, Auditor's Report, discuss Water and Sewer Rates, the Consent Agenda, and Regular Meeting Agenda items.

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 following changes were made:

CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution 14-064(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Reduction of Employee Health Insurance Premiums by Twenty Percent for the Period July 1, 2014 Through December 31, 2014. City Manager. (Amendment recommended by City Attorney.) **Resolution 14-066**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a New Short Term Lease (Six Months) for Peninsula Scrap and Salvage on a Portion of Lot 12, Homer Spit Subdivision No 5, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. (Amendment recommended by City Attorney.) **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT** - Report for May 2014. **RESOLUTIONS - Resolution 14-060**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Maintaining the Water and Sewer Fees at the 2014 Rate and Updating the Homer Fee Schedule Accordingly. City Manager/Finance Director. Letter from Kachemak City, re: sewer rates. **Resolution 14-067(S)**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding the Contract for the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture (PARC) Needs

Assessment to the Firm of Agnew::Beck Consulting, LLC of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Amount of \$40,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

BURGESS/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Kate Crowley, city resident, commented on Resolution 14-067(S), the selection of Agnew::Beck Consulting, LLC who is a good match for what the Recreate Rec group is looking for.

Keren Kelley, Homer Senior Citizens, Inc., along with other seniors in the audience advocated for Ordinance 14-26. She passed out a letter on behalf of the senior citizens.

Robert Archibald, on behalf of Kachemak Bay Equestrian Association, thanked Council for Resolution 14-061.

Ray Kranich, city resident, expressed opposition to Ordinance 14-26, citing that funding could have been provided as a loan or with the seniors fundraising.

RECONSIDERATION

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 May 27, 2014. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 14-092** from Mayor, Re: Appointment of Lance Petersen to the Public Arts Committee.

- C. **Memorandum 14-093**, from City Clerk, Re: 2015 Proposed Budget Schedule.
- D. **Ordinance 14-26**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$100,000 From the General Fund/Fund Balance to Provide Matching Funds for Natural Gas Conversions at Senior Center Buildings and Facilities. Lewis. Recommended dates: Introduction June 9, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 23, 2014.

Moved to Ordinances.

- E. **Ordinance 14-27**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating Up to \$600,000 From the Port and Harbor Reserves as a Local Match for Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation of Infrastructure and Facilities at the Homer Small Boat Harbor Load and Launch Ramp. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director. Recommended dates: Introduction June 9, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 23, 2014.
- F. **Ordinance 14-28**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$179,892.97 From the Harbor Reserve Fund for the Local Match Associated With Deep Water Dock Feasibility Study and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction June 9, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 23, 2014.
- G. **Ordinance 14-29**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$37,708 From the General Fund/Fund Balance to Fund a Permanent Part Time Administrative Assistant Position at Public Works. Burgess. Recommended dates: Introduction June 9, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 23, 2014.
- H. **Resolution 14-058**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Homer Public Library Circulation Policy. City Manager/Library Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandums 14-088 and 14-098 from Library Advisory Board as backup.

- I. **Resolution 14-059**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Updating the Library Advisory Board By-Laws to Amend Article Four, Meetings, Section Two and

Four and Article Five, Committees, Section One. City Clerk/Library Advisory Board. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-089 from the Library Advisory Board as backup.

- J. **Resolution 14-061**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Requesting that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) Lower the Speed Limit on East End Road in the Vicinity of the Kachemak Bay Equestrian Horse Park, Establish a Cross Walk Across East End Road in that Area for Access to the Bike Trail, and Provide Signage Alerting Drivers to the Presence of the Horse Park. Howard/Lewis. Recommend adoption.

Moved to Resolutions.

- K. **Resolution 14-064**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Reduction of Employee Health Insurance Premiums by Twenty Percent for the Period July 1, 2014 Through December 31, 2014. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Resolution 14-064(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Reduction of Employee Health Insurance Premiums by Twenty Percent for the Period July 1, 2014 Through December 31, 2014. City Manager. Recommend substitution and adoption.

Memorandum 14-091 from City Manager as backup.

Moved to Resolutions.

- L. **Resolution 14-065**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving Regulations Promulgated by the City Manager Which Establish a Speed Limit and Prohibit Parking Along the Roadway at Karen Hornaday Park. Howard/Lewis. Recommend adoption.

- M. **Resolution 14-066**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a New Short Term Lease (Six Months) for Peninsula Scrap and Salvage on a Portion of Lot 12, Homer Spit Subdivision No 5, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Resolution 14-066(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a New Short Term Lease (Six Months) for Peninsula Scrap and Salvage on a Portion of Lot 12, Homer Spit Subdivision No 5, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend substitution and adoption.

- N. **Resolution 14-069**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding a Sole Source Contract to the Firm of Intelligent Design, LLC of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Amount of \$65,835 to Complete the Conversion of the Water Treatment Plant, the Harbor Maintenance Shop, and Four Spit Restrooms to Natural Gas and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-097 from Public Works Director as backup.

Ordinance 14-26 was moved to Ordinances A. (Howard)

Resolution 14-061 was moved to Resolution F. (Howard)

Resolutions 14-064 and 14-064(S) were moved to Resolutions G. (Burgess)

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the approval of the recommendations of the consent agenda as read.

BURGESS/LEWIS – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- A. Michelle Drew, BDO, Auditor's Report

Michelle Drew, Partner at BDO USA, reported on the City's annual financial statement and audits for 2013. Highlights of the audit include:

- Slight reduction of the General Fund at year-end of \$40,000
- Ending fund balance unassigned at \$5.6M (just under six months of normal operating expenditures)
- Water & sewer fund revenues sufficient to cover operating costs
- Sales tax and property tax assessments sufficient for annual debt service
- Water/sewer fund has \$16M in outstanding debt to be paid over a period of time
- Harbor fund rates sufficient to cover day to day hard costs and a portion of depreciation

- In 2013 City issued \$3.7M in general obligation harbor bonds for capital projects
- Harbor fund received number of grants and spent \$3M in capital grants
- Health insurance fund – opened 2013 with \$286,000 deficit; charges and transfers from the general fund removed and cleared the deficit; year ended with \$120,000 positive
- Spent \$500,000 in Federal grants and \$12.8m in State grants

There were no significant deficiencies for grants or their administration. One significant deficiency of financial reporting was specifically the result of turnover and vacancies in personnel, and medical leaves at a critical time period.

Overall the City of Homer had a good year for 2013. Ms. Drew thanked Administration and the employees who were very helpful to complete their work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Mayor's Recognition to HoWL for City Clean-Up Week

Mayor Wythe read and presented the recognition to representatives of HoWL.

B. Mayor's Recognition to Church on the Rock for Clean-Up of Karen Hornaday Park

Mayor Wythe read and presented the recognition to representatives of Church on the Rock.

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, commended HoWL and Church on the Rock for their clean-up work on Karen Hornaday Park. The old pavilion will soon be moved to another area of the park. The commission is planning Park Day for late July. It will include a historical talk on Coal Point and the coal railway that was established in the 1800's.

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Catherine Ulmer, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, reported everyone is working together and getting things done.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. **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. Introduction May 27, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 9, 2014.

Mayor Wythe opened the public hearing.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented the area will be a great addition for a park and will provide a bigger turn area.

Mayor Wythe closed the public hearing.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 14-23 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

LEWIS/ROBERTS - SO MOVED.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- B. **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. 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.

Mayor Wythe opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony, Mayor Wythe

closed the public hearing.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 14-24 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

BURGESS/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- C. **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. Introduction May 27, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 9, 2014.

Memorandum 14-087 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Wythe opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony, Mayor Wythe closed the public hearing.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 14-25 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

LEWIS/ROBERTS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

- A. **Ordinance 14-26**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$100,000 From the General Fund/Fund Balance to Provide Matching Funds for Natural Gas Conversions at Senior Center Buildings and Facilities. Lewis. Recommended dates: Introduction June 9, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 23, 2014.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 14-26 for introduction and first reading by reading of title only.

LEWIS/ZAK – SO MOVED.

Councilmember Zak disclosed a potential conflict as he serves on the Board of Directors for the Homer Senior Citizens, Inc. He does not derive any income from his service.

City Attorney Wells advised there is no financial interest in Councilmember Zak's position as a board member.

Mayor Wythe ruled Councilmember Zak did not have a conflict of interest. There was no objection from the Council.

Councilmembers Lewis and Zak advocated for passage of the ordinance as it will allow the seniors to lower costs, build up their reserve fund, and lower rates. Homer is one of the few cities without a line item for the senior center. The center provides 38 local jobs and provides \$1.7M to the community.

Councilmembers Howard, Burgess, Roberts and Van Dyke expressed opposition as the timing is not right since the City is struggling with its own finances. It may set a precedent for other entities to request city funds. Seniors are not necessarily low income; arriving at a certain age should not be an entitlement. City buildings are not yet converted to natural gas. The City's main concerns are sewer, water, streets, police and fire; we are not able to be lavish. When we run out of money we go to the users and raise rates. The senior citizens estimate for the natural gas conversion included \$100,000 for replacing appliances, an expense that should be in their depreciation fund.

VOTE: YES. LEWIS, ZAK

VOTE: NO. BURGESS, ROBERTS, HOWARD, VAN DYKE

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

1. BlueCrest Energy: We have received copies of the BlueCrest Energy Operating Plan and Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan for members of the public who may want to review these documents. They are located at the Clerk's office and both PDF, disk, and paper format are available. BlueCrest is preparing to conduct operations at the Stiriski site.
2. Pioneer Dock: On Tuesday, June 3, Bryan, Carey, Aaron, and I met with AMHS and R&M Engineering Consultants to discuss proposed improvements at the Pioneer Dock. DOT/PF has obtained funding (1.6 Million) to make improvements that would better accommodate AMHS vessels. The improvements include additional fender panels, a wraparound fender at the end of the dock to accommodate vessel pivoting maneuvers in certain weather conditions, dolphin improvements, and a covered walkway for passengers with associated electrical and lighting work. One of the things we talked about most was the NMFS requirement that the contractors must stop work if Beluga Whales were within 3,000 meters. Monitoring must take place and this may drive the project cost, if it is even achievable. Construction is expected in either the Spring or the fall of 2015.
3. North to the Future Report: Attached please see a report from Katie on progress and plans for the North to the Future Book project.
4. Strategic Planning: Attached please see a follow-up report from Katie on Strategic Planning. Hopefully we can find some time to discuss this during the meeting.
5. Research Reserve: On Wednesday, June 4th, I was invited to meet with the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Board to discuss the future of the Reserve and efforts to find a new State partner. I will be happy to talk about this in detail at the meeting.
6. Old Town: The Tentative Agenda contained an ordinance appropriating funds for additional traffic calming measures in Old Town, sponsored by Councilmember Van Dyke. That ordinance was pulled because all of the cost estimates were not yet obtained by packet time.
 1. Memorandum 14-094 from Community & Economic Development Coordinator,
Re: Strategic Implementation Planning
 2. Memorandum 14-095 from Community & Economic Development Coordinator,
Re: *Alaska: North to the Future* Update

Council provided positive feedback on the material Community and Economic Development Coordinator Koester has compiled for the *Alaska: North to the Future* edition that will showcase Homer.

The Strategic Implementation Planning will be scheduled later in the fall after the October election. Three different organizations are potential facilitators.

City Manager Wrede will bring an ordinance forward at the June 23rd meeting for traffic calming at Old Town. Funds will come from the HART program; cost estimates are not yet complete.

The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve got a reprieve to secure funding. They are working on finding a State partner, possibly the University of Alaska. A resolution will be forthcoming on June 23rd for the Council to ask the Governor and Fish and Game to show more urgency in resolving their funding issues

B. Bid Report

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

A. Report for May 2014

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
- G. Vessel Haul-Out Task Force

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. **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. Postponed to June 9, 2014 to follow Ordinance 14-24.

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

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-056 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/HOWARD – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 14-060**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Maintaining the Water and Sewer Fees at the 2014 Rate and Updating the Homer Fee Schedule Accordingly. City Manager/Finance Director. Recommend postponement to June 23, 2014 for a Public Hearing.

Memorandum 14-090 from City Manager as backup.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-060 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/ROBERTS - SO MOVED.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion to postpone Resolution 14-060 to June 23rd for a Public Hearing.

LEWIS/ROBERTS – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- B. **Resolution 14-063**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Expressing Support for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) Pioneer Avenue Rehabilitation Project Scope of Work and Providing Specific Comments. Mayor.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-063 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/ZAK – SO MOVED.

City Manager Wrede advised Council that the be it further resolved clause was left blank for the Council to offer specific comments to the project.

HOWARD/BURGESS – MOVED THAT THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY ISLANDS BE PAINTED INTO THE ROAD AS OPPOSED TO RAISED PLATFORMS.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

BURGESS/HOWARD - MOVED THAT WE HAVE THE STATE CONSIDER PUTTING IN FLASHING LED WALKWAY SIGNS AND PUSH BUTTON ACTIVATION AT CROSSWALK SIGNS.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Council discussed the line of sight at the Main Street and Pioneer Avenue intersection where the retaining wall is. Public Works Director Meyer advised the right-of-way at that portion of the intersection is right on the property line. It could be moved back but would require acquisition of easements; that complicates things for the State. The location of the median is in a T intersection.

VOTE: (main motion as amended) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. **Resolution 14-067**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding the Contract for the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture (PARC) Needs Assessment to the Firm To Be Announced of City and State in the Amount To Be Disclosed and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Resolution 14-067(S), A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding the Contract for the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture (PARC) Needs Assessment to the Firm of Agnew::Beck Consulting, LLC of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Amount of \$40,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-067 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion to substitute Resolution 14-067(S) for resolution 14-067.

LEWIS/BURGESS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE: (main motion as amended) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- D. **Resolution 14-062**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Opening the Regular City Council Meetings With Prayer. Zak.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-062 by reading of title only.

ZAK/VAN DYKE – SO MOVED.

ROBERTS/ZAK – MOVED TO AMEND TO ADD A SECOND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY WILL PROVIDE RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH PRAYER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL HANDBOOK.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. ROBERTS, ZAK, VAN DYKE

VOTE: NO. HOWARD, LEWIS, BURGESS

Mayor Wythe broke the tie vote with a YES.

Motion carried.

Council discussed implementing prayer and the load it puts on the city clerk with coordinating the opening prayer. There is no plan of how it will be implemented. There are 14 pages of different religious symbols accepted on headstones for a government cemetery. If passed, Council would need to honor all religions. Prayer may make some people feel more comfortable; it may make some people feel less comfortable.

LEWIS/HOWARD - MOVED TO AMEND THAT FOR EVERY PLACE IN THE RESOLUTION THAT WE SEE PRAYER WE SUBSTITUTE THAT WITH "A REFLECTIVE MOMENT OF SILENCE".

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (amendment) YES. HOWARD, LEWIS, BURGESS, ROBERTS

VOTE: NO. VAN DYKE, ZAK

Motion carried.

Councilmember Zak suggested using a pre-canned message to bring Council together in serving the community be used in the event a person was not available to deliver an opening prayer.

It was suggested a moment would be no more than 30 seconds.

LEWIS/BURGESS - MOVED TO AMEND TO REMOVE THE SECOND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.

The resolution is back to the original with prayer replaced with "a moment of silence".

VOTE: (amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE: (main motion as amended) YES. ZAK

VOTE: NO. VAN DYKE, LEWIS, HOWARD, ROBERTS, BURGESS

Motion failed.

- E. **Resolution 14-068**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding a Sole Source Contract for Disinfection Byproducts Reduction Study on the Water Treatment/Distribution System to the Firm of HDR, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska in the Amount of \$18,459 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum 14-096 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-068 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/ROBERTS – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- F. **Resolution 14-061**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Requesting that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) Lower the Speed Limit on East End Road in the Vicinity of the Kachemak Bay Equestrian Horse Park, Establish a Cross Walk Across East End Road in that Area for Access to the Bike Trail, and Provide Signage Alerting Drivers to the Presence of the Horse Park. Howard/Lewis. Recommend adoption.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-061 by reading of title only.

HOWARD/LEWIS – SO MOVED.

HOWARD/LEWIS - MOVED TO POSTPONE ADOPTION AND SEND BACK FOR BETTER CLARIFICATION TO KEEP THE SPEED LIMIT CONSISTENT BEYOND JACK GIST PARK.

Council discussed lowering the speed limit to 35 mph past Jack Gist Park to the vicinity of the American Legion.

City Manager Wrede reminded Council DOT would have input.

City Attorney Wells noted the amendment was not substantial; it is a fact based analysis and will not require another hearing.

VOTE: (postponement) YES. BURGESS

VOTE: NO. ZAK, VAN DYKE, HOWARD, LEWIS, ROBERTS

Motion failed.

Mayor Wythe called for a recess at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

ROBERTS/LEWIS – MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION 14-061 STARTING ON LINE 36 TO READ: THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON EAST END ROAD EASTWARD FROM THE CURRENT 35 MPH SPEED ZONE PAST THE KACHEMAK BAY EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION ROAD AND PAST JACK GIST PARK ROAD (ADAMS) ALL THE WAY TO THE BEAR CREEK INTERSECTION OF EAST END ROAD (AMEND BOTH TITLE AND ENACTING CLAUSE).

BURGESS/LEWIS – MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO SAY THE WESTERN INTERSECTION OF BEAR CREEK ROAD ON EAST END ROAD.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: (secondary amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE: (primary amendment) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VOTE: (main motion as amended) YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

K. **Resolution 14-064**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Reduction of Employee Health Insurance Premiums by Twenty Percent for the Period July 1, 2014 Through December 31, 2014. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Resolution 14-064(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Reduction of Employee Health Insurance Premiums by Twenty Percent for the Period July 1, 2014 Through December 31, 2014. City Manager. Recommend substitution and adoption.

Memorandum 14-091 from City Manager as backup.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-064 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/VAN DYKE - SO MOVED.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion to substitute Resolution 14-064(S) for Resolution 14-064.

ZAK/VAN DYKE – SO MOVED.

Mayor Wythe declared her continued conflict of interest and passed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts.

City Manager Wrede told Council the reduction in employee health insurance premiums versus a flat payment to each employee was recommended by the Employee Committee.

Representatives from Meritain will be visiting Homer next week and will provide a better understanding of how the City stands.

Council discussed the reduction in health insurance premiums for employees noting there is greater compensation to those insuring their spouse and child. In the school district everyone pays the same amount. The insurance broker will be here on August 4th for a Worksession. The benefit to employees' productivity and moral is good use of the taxpayer's money.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts passed the gavel back to Mayor Wythe who returned to the dais.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Jim Lavrakas, Homer Chamber of Commerce, commented on the Chamber's working relationship with Old Town on signage.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Wells reported their firm joined AML on the City's behalf. It is a great organization and they are getting a lot of useful resources.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Wythe had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Lewis thanked Bryan for bringing up the resolution on prayer, even though he didn't support it. At the last meeting he talked about the success of the soccer teams, but

forgot to mention that the track teams took first at State. Unfortunately the boys' soccer team lost due to one goal, but tied for third place. They made a great showing against the much larger Anchorage schools. He congratulated the softball team for taking third at State.

Councilmember Burgess thanked Bryan for the resolution on prayer. He appreciates the intention; we should always operate to serve the greater good. He mentioned the Kachemak Shellfish Growers Co-op on the Spit and offered kudos to them. They taught themselves to grow oysters in a pH environment with a very little budget. They can turn out enough oysters to service the state, creating more jobs. Not only are the oysters good tasting, it is good economic development.

Councilmember Roberts echoed Dave and Beau on the prayer resolution and thanked Dave for bringing the senior citizen ordinance forward. We have a lot of other nonprofits asking for funding. She attended the dedication of the water trail. It is a great addition to the community. The website includes a map of all the areas to recreate: www.kachemakbaywatertrail.org

Councilmember Zak thanked Council for considering the request for prayer before each meeting. He suggested a moment of silence for the senior center as they move forward with this natural gas conversion.

Councilmembers Howard and Van Dyke had no comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, June 23, 2014 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.

JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

Approved: _____