

ACTION AGENDA
Monday, July 28, 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 5:00 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. *Alaska North to the Future* Publication Update – Community & Economic Development Coordinator Koester (10 minutes)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

5. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

6. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were three who commented.

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

Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Session 14-18 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on July 28, 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
CITY ATTORNEY KLINKNER
CITY PLANNER ABOUD
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COORDINATOR KOESTER
FINANCE DIRECTOR LI
LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON
PORT & HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

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 following changes were made: **CONSENT AGENDA - Ordinance 14-33**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a State of Alaska Public Library Assistance Grant for FY 2015 in the Amount of \$6,650 for Books and Library Materials, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Library Director. Notice of FY 2015 Public Library Assistance Grant. Alaska Public Library Assistance Grant Agreement FY2015. **Ordinance 14-36**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$35,000 From the General Fund / Fund Balance for Clearing Trees and Underbrush on City Owned Property in the Town Center and the Trail From Poopdeck to the Library in Order to Enhance Public Health and Safety. Mayor & City Council. Re-envisioning the Homer Public Library's Western Lot. **Ordinance 14-37**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating Up to \$19,000 From the Leased Property Depreciation Account for Improvements at the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC) Gym to Bring the Building Into Compliance With the Fire Code. Mayor. Written public comments. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS** - AMLJIA Board of Trustees Summer Meeting, Tuesday, July 29 at Land's End. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – Gas Distribution System Report, written public comments. Summer 2014 Projects Update. Memorandum 14-120 from Community & Economic Development Coordinator, Re: *Alaska North to the Future, Volume V*.

The agenda as amended 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 Regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2014. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 14-108**, from Mayor, Re: Appointment of Savanna Bradley to the Planning Commission, Patrick Brown to the Economic Development Advisory Commission, and Erin Hollowell to the Public Arts Committee.
- C. **Memorandum 14-109**, from Deputy City Clerk Re: Liquor License Restaurant Designation Permit for Happy Face Restaurant.
- D. **Ordinance 14-32**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 2.72.030(b) Regarding the Duties and Powers of the Homer Advisory Planning Commission Related to Subdivisions, and Amending Homer City Code 2.72.060 Regarding the Commission's Meeting Schedule and Deleting the Requirement to Provide Records of Commission Action to the Council. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Moved to Ordinances.

- E. **Ordinance 14-33**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a State of Alaska Public Library Assistance Grant for FY 2015 in the Amount of \$6,650 for Books and Library Materials, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Library Director. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Memorandum 14-110 from Library Director as backup.

- F. **Ordinance 14-34**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Table 3 Permitted Sign Characteristics by Zoning District, Following Homer City Code 21.60.060, Signs on Private Property, to Permit Changeable Copy Signs and Illumination Internal in the Gateway Business District. Planning. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Memorandum 14-119 from City Planner as backup.

- G. **Ordinance 14-35**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 5.05.010, 5.05.020, and 5.05.030 to Prohibit the Use of E-Cigarettes in City Structures, Vehicles, and Watercraft. Lewis. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Moved to Ordinances.

- H. **Ordinance 14-36**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$35,000 From the General Fund / Fund Balance for Clearing Trees and Underbrush on City Owned Property in the Town Center and the Trail From Poopdeck to the Library in Order to Enhance Public Health and Safety. Mayor & City Council. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Memorandum 14-111 from City Manager and Police Chief as backup.

Moved to Ordinances.

- I. **Ordinance 14-37**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating Up to \$19,000 From the Leased Property Depreciation Account for Improvements at the Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC) Gym to Bring the Building Into Compliance With the Fire Code. Mayor. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Memorandum 14-113 from City Manager as backup.

- J. **Ordinance 14-38**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Port and Harbor Enterprise Fund Operating Budget by Making Necessary Mid-Year Adjustments to Certain Expenditure Line Items and Transfers to the Depreciation Account. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Memorandum 14-114 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

Moved to Ordinances.

- K. **Ordinance 14-39**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$80,000 From the Homer Accelerated Water/Sewer Program (HAWSP) for the Purchase of Property for a New Water Storage

Tank (Lot A2, Barnett Subdivision, Quiet Creek Addition 2014) and Closing Costs Associated With the Purchase. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Memorandum 14-115 from Public Works Director as backup.

Moved to Ordinances.

- L. **Resolution 14-079**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Submitting the Question of the Election of a Charter Commission to the Qualified Voters of the City at the October 7, 2014 Regular City Election. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

- M. **Resolution 14-080**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding the Art Work Contract for the New Harbormaster Office Complex on the Homer Spit to Joshua Nordstrom of Homer, Alaska, in the Amount of \$5,200.00, Adrien Segal of Oakland, California, in the Amount of \$10,500.00, and Julianne Tomich of Homer, Alaska, in the Amount of \$3,500.00, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-112 from Art Selection Committee as backup.

- N. **Resolution 14-081**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) and the City of Homer Regarding Homer Ferry Terminal Improvements at the Pioneer Dock. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

- O. **Resolution 14-082**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Chapters Two and Six of the Property Management Policies and Procedures (Lease Policies) to Provide for Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Review of Lease Committee Recommendations on the Lease Policies and on Lease Proposals and Successful Bidders Before Those Recommendations are Submitted to the City Council. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Moved to Resolutions.

- P. **Resolution 14-083**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Purchase Property for a New Water Tank (Lot A2, Barnett Subdivision, Quiet Creek Addition 2014). City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-115 from Public Works Director as backup.

Moved to Resolutions.

Ordinances 14-32, 14-35, and 14-36 were moved to Ordinances A and B. (Burgess)

Ordinances 14-38 and 14-39 were moved to Ordinances C and D. (Roberts)

Resolutions 14-083 and 14-082 were moved to Resolutions A and B. (Roberts)

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

6. VISITORS

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORTS REPORT/COMMISSION

A. Borough Report

B Commissions/Board Reports:

1. Library Advisory Board
2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission
3. Economic Development Advisory Commission
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Peter Roedl, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner, reported the commission discussed the HERC building at their last meeting and requested the HERC gym be maintained until there is a facility to take its place. He referenced the usage of the HERC gym in a document prepared by Community Recreation Coordinator Mike Illg. Best Beginnings has adopted Bayview Park and has hired a landscaper to do design work. They should be breaking ground and doing improvements soon. Park Day was Saturday at Coal Point Park and was successful with the Pratt Museum staff there and Dave Brann making a presentation.

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Glen Carroll, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, presented a visual demonstration of large vessels hauled out using airbags. The advantage to using air bags is that you can haul out significantly larger vessels at minimal cost. It affords us the opportunity of moving into large

vessel haul outs gradually with minimal expense. In contrast, a travel lift costs between \$6M and \$10M. Mr. Carroll presented a shallow draft vessel that hauls out easily on the air bags, but a deeper draft vessel falls over on the air bags. The solution is a cradle to keep the deeper draft boats upright. The air bags and cradle afford the opportunity of handling two styles of boats. The visual picture Mr. Carroll presented was meant to help the Council understand the final report of the Vessel Haul-Out Task Force to be presented soon by Councilmembers Howard and Lewis.

C. AMLJIA Board of Trustees Summer Meeting, Tuesday, July 29 at Land's End

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. **Ordinance 14-20(S)**, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending Homer City Code 21.26.020, Permitted Uses and Structures, to Add Open Air Business as a Permitted Use in the General Commercial 2 Zoning District. Roberts. Introduction May 12, 2014 and Referred to the Planning Commission, Substitute adopted June 23, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 28, 2014.

Memorandum 14-105 from City Planner as backup.

ADOPTED with discussion.

B. **Ordinance 14-30**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a Grant From the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service In the Amount of \$110,000 for Reconstruction of a Section of the Beluga Slough Trail, and Providing an In-Kind Match in the Form of Design, Permitting, and Project Management Services, Having a Total Value of \$25,000. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction June 23, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 28, 2014.

ADOPTED without discussion.

C. **Ordinance 14-31**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Budget by Appropriating \$84,000 From the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails Fund (HART) for a Traffic Calming Pilot Project in Old Town. Van Dyke/Howard. Introduction June 23, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 28, 2014.

ADOPTED without discussion.

9. **ORDINANCE(S)**

- A. **Ordinance 14-32**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 2.72.030(b) Regarding the Duties and Powers of the Homer Advisory Planning Commission Related to Subdivisions, and Amending Homer City Code 2.72.060 Regarding the Commission's Meeting Schedule and Deleting the Requirement to Provide Records of Commission Action to the Council. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

FAILED with discussion.

- B. **Ordinance 14-35**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 5.05.010, 5.05.020, and 5.05.030 to Prohibit the Use of E-Cigarettes in City Structures, Vehicles, and Watercraft. Lewis. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

ADOPTED with discussion.

- C. **Ordinance 14-36**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$35,000 From the General Fund / Fund Balance for Clearing Trees and Underbrush on City Owned Property in the Town Center and the Trail From Poopdeck to the Library in Order to Enhance Public Health and Safety. Mayor & City Council. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Memorandum 14-111 from City Manager and Police Chief as backup.

AMENDED the appropriation to \$25,000 and encouraged Public Works to bid the two projects separately.

ADOPTED with discussion.

- D. **Ordinance 14-39**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$80,000 From the Homer Accelerated Water/Sewer Program (HAWSP) for the Purchase of Property for a New Water Storage Tank (Lot A2, Barnett Subdivision, Quiet Creek Addition 2014) and Closing Costs Associated With the Purchase. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Memorandum 14-115 from Public Works Director as backup.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- E. **Ordinance 14-38**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Port and Harbor Enterprise Fund Operating Budget by Making Necessary Mid-Year Adjustments to Certain Expenditure Line Items and Transfers to the Depreciation Account. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction July 28, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 11, 2014.

Memorandum 14-114 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

AMENDED: Line 35 corrected to \$22,500.

ADOPTED with discussion.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

1. Memorandum 14-116 from City Planner, Re: Proposal for Joint Work Session Between City Council and Homer Advisory Planning Commission.
2. Memorandum 14-117 from City Planner, Re: Update on Review of Comprehensive Plan Recommendation on East End Road Zoning.
3. Memorandum 14-118 from Community and Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Green Dot Training for City Employees.
4. Memorandum 14-120 from Community and Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Alaska North to the Future, Volume V

City Manager Wrede reported he attended two meetings last week with groups talking about trails and restoration projects. The Woodard Creek Coalition and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission are talking about restoring and daylighting Woodard Creek. Homer Council on the Arts is about to build a new building as the old one had water damage. Pratt Museum is interested in Woodard Creek too. The City replaced two culverts with bridges. Mr. Wrede wrote a letter of support to the National Park Service to say the City is interested in broad planning for the entire watershed. Upper parts of the watershed are in Karen Hornaday Park.

He met with the Friends of the Library and Kachemak Heritage Land Trust. They are working with the Forestry Service on trails and signage on their land, to do something in conjunction with the Friends.

The DOT plans for specifics on a pedestrian/bike lane and crosswalks on Ocean Drive was presented for Council review.

Mayor Wythe called for a recess at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Council recommended one pedestrian/bike lane instead of one on each side of Ocean Drive and that the crosswalks remain where they are.

A Worksession with the Planning Commission will be scheduled between October 21 and 31. The Clerk will send out a poll to provide the best date. A resolution will be forthcoming at the August 11th meeting for the Worksession.

City Manager Wrede hopes Ordinance 14-32 might be reconsidered. The Planning Commission is advisory to the Council and many things the Planning Commission does may be appealed to the Board of Adjustment. Platting authority still rests with the Borough. The focus of Ordinance 14-32 was to eliminate the inconsistency with the Borough code that the City Council would have the ability to reject plats.

Council discussed the Kachemak City sewer rates and Mayor Morris' suggestion of meters for Kachemak City sewer customers. Residents would buy a meter if they wished and pay rates based on usage, or pay the flat 3,500 gallon fee. It was suggested the City's sewer-only customers be provided with the same option of individual meters. City Manager Wrede will bring forth a resolution amending the fee schedule by the August 25th council meeting. The sewer contract with Kachemak City will be forthcoming at the August 11th meeting.

Mayor Wythe passed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts during the gas distribution system discussion.

City Manager Wrede reported the construction crews are ahead of schedule; they only have 4 miles left of distributions to install out of 74 miles. Most of it is on Kachemak Drive. Crews are working there now. They were delayed due to obtaining necessary easements from 18 property owners. The DOT has no right-of-way for parts of the road. It will take three to four more weeks to finish installation, then cleanups and restoration work are needed. The two construction companies, UTI and Clark Management did a tremendous job. We anticipated the worst going in, but very little of that happened. It was a major project that took a lot of cooperation. City Manager Wrede is cautiously optimistic we may come in at budget or under. The total project was not to exceed \$12,160,000. At the end of June costs are at \$10.6M. Costs will come in through the end of August. Once all project costs are in we will calculate final costs and will make sure who was served and who was not. The number of lots served is still a moving target, with Council exempting some. For a variety of reasons 17,000 ft. of line was not built. The contractors found a better way to service customers. This means there are less properties being assessed, but we spent less money in construction.

City Manager Wrede advised the free main allowance will come back to the City as soon as the final assessment roll is completed. The City will get rebates from Enstar for all those that hook up. The Council has talked about a number of ways to use the money, including reducing assessments further. By September we should have final project costs and recognize which

properties are served. The Council will need to make a decision on condominium assessments by August 25. We will make it very public and let people know if they object to assessments the time to file an objection is when the final assessment roll is out there. The final assessment roll will be introduced in January. There will be an objection period and final assessments will be mailed in March. There is enough work to do in that period to make sure the software runs properly. Deputy City Planner Julie Engebretsen said for subdivisions we may not have the final approval from the Borough until the end of December. We will still get the assessments out in the first quarter of 2015.

Council commented on the condo owners' assessments as a complex issue that requires legal counsel. The Castner vs. City of Homer ruling may not be definitive for all condo owners. Council will need to make a decision on the method of assessments to direct city staff on how to proceed.

City Attorney Klinkner advised the Enstar tariff under which free main allowance is paid goes back to the developer. The City is the administrator of the gas improvement. As free main allowance payments come in they may be held in a separate fund to pay the City's obligation for construction costs. It is up to the Council to determine what the money is to be used for. City Manager Wrede was asked to prepare a memo to list the pros and cons of each method.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts returned the gavel to Mayor Wythe.

B. Records Inventory Report

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

A. June 2014 Report

City Attorney Klinkner reported he had expected the Federal Maritime Commission decision in the Auction Block to be issued today. Instead they are allowed until August 15, a routine extension to perfect their decision.

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 announced Chair Castner was going to be here to make a report but had other obligations. She announced the committee's meeting on Thursday, July 31st at 5:30 p.m.

G. Vessel Haul-Out Task Force

13. PENDING BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 14-083**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Purchase Property for a New Water Tank (Lot A2, Barnett Subdivision, Quiet Creek Addition 2014). City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-115 from Public Works Director as backup.

ADOPTED with discussion.

- B. **Resolution 14-082**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Chapters Two and Six of the Property Management Policies and Procedures (Lease Policies) to Provide for Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Review of Lease Committee Recommendations on the Lease Policies and on Lease Proposals and Successful Bidders Before Those Recommendations are Submitted to the City Council. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

AMENDED: Lines 38 and 74 to leased property on land surrounding the Port and Harbor area.

ADOPTED with discussion.

16. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were three who commented.

17. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Klinkner had no comment.

18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson announced the candidacy filing opening on Friday, August 1st for the mayor and two councilmember seats. Absentee voting for the State Primary Election will begin on Monday, August 4th, hours 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede reminded the City Council of a special meeting on August 11 at 6:00 p.m. to talk about employee health insurance.

20. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Wythe announced her absence until August 11. In working through the public safety building location, the Council proposed the best location as the HERC site. The continuing conversation is the need to maintain public access to the HERC building for different purposes. Council has allocated money to provide minimal fire code requirements, but not for public health and safety. For the August 11th meeting she will sponsor a resolution identifying an alternate location for a community center in the Town Center where we had proposed building City Hall. This will be pending the PARC Needs Assessment and the community voting for financial support. She is asking for a good faith gesture from the City Council to say they are in support of doing something if the community is supportive of providing and finding finances to make it happen.

The public safety building has the community's awareness and Mayor Wythe is providing legislative outreach to the Governor and representatives on the Kenai Peninsula Borough. She is updating them on the progress, including the 35% plan that will be presented later in September. The public safety building has been the #1 item on the CIP and the City has followed through on its commitment. She encouraged Council to come to the meeting on Thursday to listen in. The GC/CM will be telephonic and has a person specifically dedicated to public outreach.

21. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers Howard and Lewis had no comment.

Councilmember Van Dyke congratulated the Library on serving the one millionth visitor.

Councilmember Roberts congratulated the people appointed to commissions. She is glad to appoint Savannah Bradley, a young person in the community. She is glad to see young people serving. A lot of people didn't hear about North to the Future, but the eight pages are very impressive. She thanked Taz Tally and Jim Lavrakas for their work on the project.

Councilmember Zak dittoed Councilmember Roberts' remarks on North to the Future. While reading it he sees the wonderful things that make Homer what it is, the marine trades, tourism,

and quality of life. There are lots of people here in the summer. North to the Future will be a good way to communicate to our Legislators. Homer's future is bright and we are all optimistic. There has been an increase in tourism to Alaska overall. He thanked the Council for supporting the Fishing Hole with the dredging and stocking. The word is out the silvers are back in the lagoon; that has a great impact on the economy. There are many good things happening on the City Council.

Councilmember Burgess commented there is a real legitimate need to update the public safety infrastructure and now is the time to move on it. One concern he has heard is, "Why are we going to spend \$15M to \$17M on a new building?" The more proactive we are the less municipal money we have to spend as we anticipate leveraging State or Federal funds. It is a good summer and someone wrote us a letter to tell us we did something well.¹

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, August 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m., and a Worksession 4:00 p.m. A Worksession is scheduled for Monday, August 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

¹ Reference made to the email received from Kathy Smith thanking Council for excavating and stocking the Fishing Hole.