

Session 14-20 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tempore Francie Roberts 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
LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON
PORT & HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

The Council met for a Worksession from 4:00 p.m. to 4:51 p.m. to discuss 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan and FY 2016 Legislative Requests. From 5:00 p.m. to 5:38 p.m. the Council met as a Committee of the Whole to discuss Consent and Regular Meeting Agenda items. Mayor Wythe attended the Worksession and then excused herself due to an illness.

Department Heads may be called upon from time to time to participate via teleconference.

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: **PENDING BUSINESS - Resolution 14-008**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a New Intergovernmental Wastewater Agreement Between the City of Homer and Kachemak City. City Manager. Intergovernmental Agreement with Kachemak City.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

ZAK/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Catriona Lowe, city resident, asked for a correction in the minutes of August 11 regarding her testimony about the speed limit on Ocean Drive.

Ginny Espenshade, city resident, commented on the new turf field for the high school.

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 August 11, 2014. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 14-128** from Deputy City Clerk, Re: Liquor License Transfer for Patel's #2.
- C. **Memorandum 14-124**, from Deputy City Clerk, Re: Confirmation of Election Judges for the Regular City of Homer Election October 7, 2014.
- D. **Ordinance 14-45**, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending Homer City Code 21.93.060 Standing – Appeal to Board of Adjustment and 21.93.500 Parties Eligible to Appeal to Board of Adjustment – Notice of Appearance, Providing for the City Planner or Designee to Participate in Appeals to the Board of Adjustment. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction August 25, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading September 8, 2014.

Memorandum 14-123 from City Attorney as backup.

- E. **Resolution 14-087**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Amending the City Council Operating Manual to Include City Code Recodification Revisions. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-126 from City Clerk as backup.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion for the approval of the recommendations of the consent agenda as read.

LEWIS/VAN DYKE – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts acknowledged City Lobbyist Linda Anderson, mayoral candidate Lindianne Sarno, and council member candidate Catriona Lowe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS

- 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

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioner Robert Archibald reported Adele Person made a presentation to the commission on safe routes to school. The commission is forwarding their budget recommendations to add a part time employee to help Community Recreation Coordinator Mike Illg. Commissioner Archibald acknowledged the fine job Mr. Illg is doing in managing his time and to keep the program going. He hopes that we can keep the HERC operating until something happens with the building.

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. **Ordinance 14-40**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$10,000 From the Fire Department Depreciation Reserves for a New Thermal Imaging Camera. City Manager/Fire Chief. Introduction August 11, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 25, 2014.

Memorandum 14-121 from Fire Chief as backup.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 14-40 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

LEWIS/ZAK - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- B. **Ordinance 14-41**, 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 the Provision of Records of Commission Action to the Council. City Manager. Introduction August 11, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 25, 2014.

Memorandum 14-122 from City Manager as backup.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts opened the public hearing.

Ginny Espenshade, city resident, hopes the Council can explore other ways to provide oversight to the Planning Commission with a council member sitting on the Planning Commission, with more training, and a code revision to distinguish a different process when a larger subdivision is involved.

Katherine George, city resident, noted that the Borough Planning Commission will side with the recommendations of the City Planning Commission if there is a difference between the City and Borough designation of plats.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 14-41 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

LEWIS/HOWARD – SO MOVED.

Council discussed the ordinance acknowledging the Planning Commission has the ability to recommend platting decisions to the Borough Planning Commission. There is no allowance in the borough code for the City Council to object to a Planning Commission platting decision. Ordinance 14-45 brings the City of Homer code in compliance with the Kenai Peninsula Borough code and will streamline the process. Council asked the City Attorney to allow more public input and oversight of the Planning Commission and that the City Manager work with Ginny Espenshade to incorporate her ideas.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. **Ordinance 14-42**, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Accepting and Appropriating a Legislative Grant From the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$1,430,000 for Waddell Way Road Improvement, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Introduction August 11, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 25, 2014.

Ordinance 14-42(S), An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Accepting and Appropriating a Legislative Grant From the State of Alaska in the Amount of

\$1,430,000 for Waddell Way Road Improvement, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion to substitute Ordinance 14-42(S) for Ordinance 14-42.

ZAK/BURGESS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts asked if there was objection to the adoption of Ordinance 14-42(S). In the absence of a motion, Council agreed by unanimous consent to adopt Ordinance 14-42(S).

D. **Ordinance 14-43**, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Accepting and Appropriating a Legislative Grant From the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$350,000 for Fire Department Equipment Upgrades, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Introduction August 11, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 25, 2014.

Ordinance 14-43(S), An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Accepting and Appropriating a Legislative Grant From the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$350,000 for Fire Department Equipment Upgrades, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion to substitute Ordinance 14-43(S) for Ordinance 14-43.

LEWIS/BURGESS – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 14-43(S) 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.

E. **Ordinance 14-44**, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Accepting and Appropriating a Legislative Grant From the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$350,000 for the Harbor Sheet Pile Loading Dock, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Introduction August 11, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 25, 2014.

Ordinance 14-44(S), An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Accepting and Appropriating a Legislative Grant From the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$350,000 for the Harbor Sheet Pile Loading Dock, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts opened the public hearing. In the absence of public testimony Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion to substitute Ordinance 14-44(S) for Ordinance 14-44.

BURGESS/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 14-44(S) by reading of title only for second and final reading.

HOWARD/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

Councilmember Zak asked for an explanation on the harbor sheet pile dock.

Port and Harbor Director Hawkins explained the harbor sheet pile dock is located next to the barge ramp between the barge ramp and fuel dock. In the 1990's it was recommended as a project. It will use some space that is underutilized and create more dockage space in the safety of the harbor. For overflow times at the Fish Dock it will be useful. It also creates a dock with no weight limitations. Loading landing crafts and vessels using that side of the harbor is a great way to enhance and grow that side of the business. There is also opportunity for vessels to tie up at the facility and take on a project. It is a good investment for the harbor.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

1. Memorandum 14-129 from Community and Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Strategic Implementation Planning
 2. Memorandum 14-130 from Port Director/Harbormaster, Re: Harbor Improvements Construction Schedule
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1. Ocean Drive Paving and Striping: At the last meeting, Sean Baski, DOT/PF Project Manager, made a presentation on the Ocean Drive repaving job. The emphasis was on proposed improvements targeting pedestrian and biker safety. Sean stayed for the entire

meeting and took notes on the comments provided by the Council and those public members who testified. Several days later, after consulting with his colleagues at DOT/PF, Sean called me to provide answers and responses. Following is a summary of those responses:

- Shoulder Maintenance: Several members of the public who testified said that safety for bikers would be improved if the shoulders were swept and the edges maintained. The response is that DOT/PF maintenance staff is aware of this and they do the best they can. They have other much higher maintenance priorities and like the City, they are faced with staffing and budget constraints.
- Shoulder Extension on Causeway: During the public comments, it was suggested that the shoulder on the North side of the road should be extended across the causeway to make an easy connection with the trail that begins near McDonalds. The response is that expanding the paved footprint is not part of the project and cannot be funded under the repaving program. Sean also noted that doing that would likely require widening the causeway as much as 8 feet into the lake and replacing the outfall pipes. This would be very expensive. If the City wanted to pursue this idea further, it could consider nominating it for a STIP project or making a capital request to the Legislature.
- Sidewalks: Several people inquired about separated sidewalks, perhaps elevated with curbs and gutters. Again, this goes beyond the scope of the project and could not be funded under the current program. The STIP Program, the HSIP Program, and CIP requests to the Legislature are some of the funding possibilities. DOT/PF would also be open to the City funding that improvement itself however, under the current program rules, HART Funds cannot be used on a State Road. Sean cited engineering and design considerations that would have to be addressed including drainage in a very flat area and restricting driveway access for local businesses to defined ingress and egress points. We agreed that some business owners might object to that but it would definitely improve safety overall, for everyone, including motorists.
- Crosswalk: In response to comments by both the Council and the public, the crosswalk has been moved from Lake Street at the curve to Lampert Lane.
- Public Input: Several people commented that it was unfortunate that the public only had the opportunity to comment now, when the project is already underway. Sean said that this project, because it was a simple repaving project, did not follow the normal nomination process. Repaving projects are nominated by DOT/PF maintenance personnel and once the projects are nominated, there is a short window for construction and pressure to get these jobs under contract and out the door quickly. Repaving jobs are basically maintenance and do not have the long lead times for planning, engineering, scoping that other construction projects have. What made this repaving project a little different was the proposed safety improvements. Even though this was a compressed timeframe, DOT/PF had an open house and a comment period, and it worked closely with City staff members. I told Sean that I felt bad that

the City administration did not bring the work on Ocean Drive to the attention of the Council sooner. The proposed changes seemed logical and good to the staff (the shoulders more so than the crosswalk locations) and there appeared to be support from user groups.

- Diagonal Striping / Bold Striping at Outer Edge of Driving Lane: Demarcation of the shoulders was mentioned several times. Diagonal striping in the shoulder area and bolder, wider striping at the outer edge of the drive lane was suggested. Sean referred to the engineering and design manuals and standards that he had to comply with. There are nationwide standards that apply to diagonal striping and 8 inch striping. Those tools are used in specific situations and to use them here would be inappropriate. The driving public benefits from standardization and they should have certain expectations when they see specific things, like diagonal stripes. Diagonal stripes are used to visually separate driving lanes from bike lanes. They are five feet wide. If you did that here, you would be left with only one foot and bike lane.
 - Safety Generally: There was a lot of discussion about the fact that drivers don't respect crosswalks in Homer. The crosswalks on the Sterling Highway received particular attention. Sean pointed out that pedestrian and bike safety at crosswalks is dependent upon three equally important things, engineering, enforcement, and education. DOT/PF is primarily responsible for the engineering component of that formula. Enforcement and education requires a concerted effort and commitment by the community. DOT/PF has an active education campaign via the Alaska Highway Safety Office which targets programs where they get the most "bang for the buck" in saving lives and preventing injuries. Sean noted that the new traffic signal soon to be constructed at the intersection of Main Street and the Sterling Highway should help because it will slow drivers down and provide breaks in the traffic.
 - Flashing Signs / Push Button Signs at Crosswalks: It was suggested that flashing or push button crosswalk signs be installed. Sean's response is the state's regional traffic engineer is currently drafting criteria and guidelines for their use in Alaska. There would have to be certain traffic studies and triggers to be met before they would be used. Sean suggested that after studies are completed, the HSIP program might be a source of construction funds and that if this was a priority for the Council, it should inform the Regional Planner and Regional Traffic Engineer.
2. 2017 Board of Fish meetings: On October 17 and 18, the Board of Fisheries will hold a workshop in Juneau. One of the things on the Board's Agenda is scheduling the 2017 Upper Cook Inlet Board meetings. The Board has a tendency to want to have these meetings in Anchorage. It would not surprise me if Mat-Su representatives push to have the meetings up there. The Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Cities of Kenai, Soldotna, Seward, and Homer have been talking internally about a joint resolution requesting that the meetings be held on the Kenai Peninsula. The City of Kenai attorney is currently working on a resolution. One discussion we are having is whether to offer a specific location possible location in each community or just keep it general, anywhere on the

Peninsula. You can expect to see this resolution on the September 8th agenda. Let me know if you would like to discuss further.

3. Natural Gas Update: At the July 28th meeting I provided the Council with a Gas Distribution System Report. I would like to provide an update on that report. First, the contract. The City signed a “not to exceed” contract with Enstar in the amount of \$12,160,632. The bulk of the distribution system work was essentially complete by the end of July. We recently paid the July invoice and so far, the City has paid a cumulative total of \$11,657,047. Some limited work has continued into August and additional costs to be reimbursed are anticipated. At the end of August we should have a much more definitive picture of where we are. Second, the Report I provided on July 28 contained a section called Next Steps which included tasks and target completion dates. Based upon further consultation with Enstar, City staff, and the City Attorney, I would like to amend the target completion dates. The new target completion dates are:

<u>Task</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Target Completion</u>
Calculate Final Project Costs	September 30, 2014
Reconcile Properties Served	September 30, 2014
Recommendation / Council Action/Condo Assessments	October 13, 2014
Recommendation / Council Action / Free Main Allowance	October 13, 2014
Set Up / Test New SAD Software	October 30, 2014
Final Assessment Roll Introduced (HCC 17.04.070)	January 12, 2015
Assessment Roll Approval Process (HCC 17.04.070-090)	January-March 2015
Assessments Mailed to Property Owners	March-April 2015

4. Strategic Planning: Attached is a memorandum from Katie Koester regarding strategic planning. A consultant has been selected by the review team. Due to timing concerns, we need to notify the consultant as soon as possible in order to make the selected date work. We need to move fast but we have some associated issues we need to discuss including budget/appropriation and contract award, etc.

City Manager Wrede yielded his time to Port and Harbor Director Hawkins to summarize the harbor projects.

Port and Harbor Director Hawkins reported the pile barge is tied to JJ float. The east side of JJ float has been cleared for all the equipment. This afternoon the first load of floats arrived by barge, offloading at the Deep Water Dock. Floats and pilings will be staged on JJ float in a giant block. The piling will be staged on the uplands by the barge ramp. Ramp 2 is the current harbor office. On September 2 the work barge will be moved into that location and will begin to dismantle A Float. Work includes replacing 900 ft. of A Float that will extend up to K Float. Ramp 3 and J Float will be removed in the process. As they are pulling float out they will build float back. By September 22 they will have replaced all the floats. It will have a lot of impact to the vessels in the area. Port staff has been talking to vessel owners and has sent out letters and placed notices. The vessels have to be relocated while the work is being done.

We will be making an island out of F, G, and H Floats while the connecting float is being replaced. If vessel owners need to relocate they should contact the harbor office to work out the details. There is no way around the intrusive project. The contractors are committed to getting in and getting it done and returning service as soon as possible.

After September 22 they will move down to R and S Float for the same process. There is no timeline yet for the System 4 improvement. When we finish with the R and S Float, System 4 is next on the list. By this time next year the harbor will have a whole different look.

Port and Harbor Director Hawkins reported we are just finishing the design for the load and launch ramp. It will likely bid early September, although he is not sure when the construction will take place.

The construction trailer will be located right across from Ramp 3, closing the approach to Ramp 3 and the harbor trail. The approach and connection point at the bank is being rebuilt. It will be a 100 ft. covered ramp instead of a 57 ft. ramp. The lake that forms at the parking lot at Ramp 3 is a bigger problem. The land is flat and when we build up one area it moves the water to another area. A storm water plan is needed.

We have been repowering System 5 and the project will be complete by the end of the week. It has been a major remodel of the system. We had 10 pedestals and have increased to 32 pedestals with a year-round water supply there. The harbormaster's office is progressing with the walls up. They are pushing to get the building closed before winter. Completion may be by the end of February.

Ramp 7 will be taken back out when the JJ and HH Floats in System 4 are done. There will be a short period of time with no access. When the floats are put back in will be sitting on a good landing float.

B. Bid Report

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Wells reported the Federal Maritime Commission issued a decision upholding the administrative law judge's decision. The decision favored the City and dismissed Auction Block vs. City of Homer claims.

The City has been addressing the dual representation process adopted by the Board of Adjustment, the Planning Department, and the Planning Commission. An attorney from the City Attorney's office is appointed to represent the Planning Department and a separate attorney is appointed to represent the Board of Adjustment. The attorneys do not talk or correspond. It allows the City to receive representation in a very cost effective manner. The system has been challenged before the Ethics Committee before the Alaska Bar Association. Attorney Klinkner and she received separate ethics complaints against them. The Alaska Bar Association has chosen not investigate, finding the process put in place to be appropriate.

COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Vice Chair Michele Miller reported there are three pieces of art going into the new port and harbor building. The PAC is now full with the appointments of Lance Petersen and Erin Hollowell. They are working on budget requests. A small project fell through at the last minute so the PAC will decide another community related project and ask for a small amount of money. The Baycrest Overlook improvement project will be funded with minimal expense. There will soon be a catalog database listing all the city art.

B. Permanent Fund Committee

C. Port and Harbor Improvement Committee

D. Employee Committee Report

E. Port and Harbor Building Task Force

Councilmember Howard encouraged everyone to go look at the port building progress. It is coming along quite rapidly.

F. Public Safety Building Review Committee

Public Safety Building Review Committee Chair Ken Castner reported the City Manager allowed the City to enter into a contractual agreement with the architect and members of the GC/CM team. Loren Barry and his dad came to town to do a space needs assessment. Needs for the Police, Fire, and EMS were comprehensively reviewed. They came up with a program in housing and training facilities to keep personnel fit and able to respond. Initially we were

looking at a \$15M project, a number taken out of the air. After the space needs analysis, 50,000 sq. ft. is needed. In comparison, the new harbor building is 4,800 sq. ft. at \$2M. Based on those figures it takes construction costs over \$20M and total project costs over \$25M for the public safety building. All of a sudden it is a different kettle of fish. USKH has helped develop a public outreach program and will encourage public input. Chair Castner asked the Council to make two critical decisions: whether the HERC location is the preferred site, and if we will consider leasing options for the land and/or the building. Asked if the committee had thoughts of a combined community center, Chair Castner answered they have only been looking at the Police, Fire, and EMS. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m. in Cowles Council Chambers.

G. Vessel Haul-Out Task Force

Councilmember Howard reported on Wednesday, August 27 Councilmember Lewis and Port and Harbor Director Hawkins will make a presentation to the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission at 6:00 p.m. They will make a presentation to the City Council on September 22.

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution 14-008**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a New Intergovernmental Wastewater Agreement Between the City of Homer and Kachemak City. City Manager. (Postponed from March 10, 2014.)

Memorandum 14-125 from City Manager as backup.

Motion on the floor from January 13: MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 14-008 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

BURGESS/HOWARD - MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 14-008 TO OUR NEXT MEETING PENDING REVIEW BY THE KACHEMAK CITY COUNCIL.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 14-088**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Sewer Fee Schedule to Provide a Fee Structure for Metered Sewer Only Customers. Mayor/City Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-088 by reading of title only.

LEWIS/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

BURGESS/HOWARD - MOVED TO POSTPONE TO RE-INTRODUCE RESOLUTION 14-088 AND BRING IT BACK WITH RESOLUTION 14-008.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Jim Lavrakas, Homer Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, thanked the Council for the new paved parking lot at the Chamber.

Ken Castner, city resident, commented on Kachemak City residents' offer of a \$500 credit to those that paid gas line assessments early.

Tom Zitzmann, city resident, commented about the partying and trespassing on his private property near Bishop's Beach.

Christine Scozinski, city resident, asked the Council to issue a Request for Proposals to get a second opinion on employee healthcare.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Wells had no further comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Wythe was not present.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Howard asked parties to take down the political signs from the August 19 election. She would like the city to be political sign free by August 31st. She complimented Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts on running an effective, kind, considerate, and efficient meeting.

Councilmember Burgess thanked the City Clerk for her ongoing patience in his desire to speak.

Councilmember Van Dyke commented on the speaker at the Worksession that alluded the Council is trying to throw sand in the charter commission process. The Council didn't do anything but discuss how this current Council can help this new commission. Top CIP priorities should be those projects that will bring revenue back in the city first. When the revenue stream flows we can then explore other problems. He is pleased the crosswalk near Beluga Lodge (on Ocean Drive) has been moved closer to his shop (Scruggs Automotive) so that people can be seen.

Councilmember Zak commented the Council was talking about the CIP list at the Worksession. At the next meeting the public will get a chance to share their thoughts. He is pleased to see Lobbyist Linda Anderson here. The Council heard about harbor projects and discussed future developments of the City. He acknowledged Tom Zitzmann's comments and asked everyone to be considerate of others.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts had no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, September 8, 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: _____