

Session 14-26 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on October 13, 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 DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACOBSEN DEPUTY HARBORMASTER CLARKE FINANCE DIRECTOR LI IT MANAGER POOLOS LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON POLICE CHIEF ROBL PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

The Council met as a Committee of the Whole from 5:02 p.m. to 5:44 p.m. to hear about ALICE Training from Police Chief Robl, discuss the 2015 Budget, and Consent and Regular Agenda meeting items.

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: **CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution 14-106**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Requesting That the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Construct a Bridge and “Daylight” Woodard Creek as Part of the Pioneer Avenue Rehabilitation Project. City Manager. Written public comments. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT** - 2015 Budget Message, Medical/Vision/Dental Plan, Proposed Health Insurance Premium Schedules, and Meritain Medical & Vision Plans. Written public comments on Public Safety Building Site Evaluation (HERC Site). **RESOLUTIONS - Resolution 14-109(S)**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Regular

Election Held October 7, 2014 to Decide Ballot Proposition #1 “Shall a Charter Commission be Elected to Prepare a Proposed Charter?” and to Elect the Mayor and Two Council Members. City Clerk/Canvass Board.

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

LEWIS/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Ted Otis, Homer resident and President of Homer Hockey Association, spoke on Resolution 14-093, thanking the Council for adding the Kevin Bell Arena to the CIP list.

Jim Preston, Homer resident, supports Resolution 14-106 to daylight Woodard Creek.

Matt Alward, Homer resident and Vice President Homer Marine Trades, supports Resolution 14-103, the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan.

Adele Person, Homer resident, thanked the Council for supporting Resolution 14-102 to fix the culverts on the East End Bike Path.

Matt Steffy, Anchor Point resident, spoke in support of Resolutions 14-102, 14-105, and 14-106.

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 September 22 and Special meeting minutes of September 29, 2014. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 14-149**, from Deputy City Clerk, Re: Liquor License Transfer for Alice's Champagne Palace.
- C. **Memorandum 14-154**, from City Clerk, Re: Travel Authorization for Mayor Wythe, Councilmember Zak, and Newly Elected Councilmember Catriona Reynolds to Attend the Alaska Municipal League 64th Annual Local Government Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, November 17 – 21, 2014.
- D. **Ordinance 14-48**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a Grant from the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$36,691.21 for Homer Police Department Project Drive and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Police Chief. Recommended dates: Introduction October 13, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 27, 2014.

Memorandum 14-150 from Police Chief as backup.

- E. **Ordinance 14-49**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 21.03.040, Definitions; Homer City Code 21.12.030, 21.14.030, 21.16.030, 21.18.030, 21.24.030, 21.26.020, 21.26.030, 21.28.030, 21.30.030, and 21.32.030, Conditional Uses and Structures; and Homer City Code and Permitted Uses and Structures, to Define the Terms Helipad and Hospital, to Delete Heliport as a Conditional Use in the Rural Residential, Urban Residential, Central Business District, General Commercial 1, Marine Commercial and Open Space – Recreation Zoning Districts; to Delete Heliport as a Permitted Use in the General Commercial 2 District, to Add Helipad as a Conditional Use Accessory to a Hospital in the Residential Office Zoning District and as a Conditional Use in the General Commercial 2 and Marine Industrial Zoning Districts, and to Add Heliport as a Conditional Use in the General Commercial 2 District. Planning. Recommended dates: Introduction October 13, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 27, 2014.

Memorandum 14-155 from City Planner as backup.

Moved to Ordinances.

- F. **Ordinance 14-50**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Transferring \$67,500 From the Information System Budget to a Designated Project Expense Account Within the Information System Depreciation Reserve Fund. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction October 13, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 27, 2014.

Memorandum 13-130 from IT Manager as backup.

- G. **Resolution 14-102**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Encouraging the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to Fix the Bumps on the East End Bike Path. Roberts. Recommend adoption.

- H. **Resolution 14-103**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council in Support of the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan. Mayor. Recommend adoption.

- I. **Resolution 14-104**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a New Five Year Lease on One Fourth of Lot 12 (Chip Pad) for Alaska Scrap and Recycling, and Authorizing the City Manager to Begin Lease Negotiations. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-151 from Lease Committee as backup.

Memorandum 14- 152 from Port and Harbor Advisory Commission as backup.

- J. **Resolution 14-105**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Expressing Its Support for Kachemak Nordic Ski Club Application to the Recreational Trail Grant Program of the State of Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to Complete the Maintenance Building at the Lookout Mountain Ski Area in the Amount of \$50,000. Mayor/City Council. Recommend adoption.

- K. **Resolution 14-106**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Requesting That the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Construct a Bridge and “Daylight” Woodard Creek as Part of the Pioneer Avenue Rehabilitation Project. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

- L. **Resolution 14-107**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Extending the Vessel Haul-Out Task Force and Amending the Make-Up of the Task Force to Allow Barbara Howard to Continue Serving as the Chair. Mayor/Council. Recommend adoption.

- M. **Resolution 14-108**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding the Contract for the Refurbishment of Homer Fire Department Apparatus Engine 4 to the Firm of U.S. Fire Equipment LLC of Sumner, Washington, in the Amount of \$148,998.18 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 14-153 from Fire Chief as backup.

Ordinance 14-49 was moved to Ordinances A. (Burgess)

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

LEWIS/HOWARD – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- A. Municipal Election Report, Deputy City Clerk Jacobsen

Deputy City Clerk Jacobsen provided an overview of the October 7th election. There were 145 early in-person voters; 30 requests for ballots by mail; and 12 requests for electronic ballots. On Election Day there were 11 voters at South Peninsula Hospital Long Term Care. The optical scan unit at Homer No. 2 Precinct stopped counting ballots at 5:00 p.m. At the close of the polls the ballots from Homer No. 2 Precinct were transported to City Hall and all ballots were run through a functioning unit. Election night results were 1,061 voters, a 28% turnout.

- B. Tom Stroozas, Homer Chamber of Commerce, Annual Report

Tom Stroozas, Homer Chamber of Commerce, Vice President Board of Directors, and retiring Executive Director Jim Lavrakas appeared before the Council.

Tom Stroozas reported in 2014 the City and Chamber entered into a 3-year marketing agreement to market Homer as a desirable destination. The City contributed \$51,000 to reach out to travel writers and professionals, working with the Chamber's partners to leverage advertising dollars with theirs. They hosted Doug Kelly to write about bear viewing. They eliminated many printed ads, sticking with Alaska Milepost and Alaska Magazine. They used advertising dollars around premiere events by targeting the Anchorage audience with strip ads in the Anchorage Daily News. In an agreement with GCI the Chamber paid \$12,000 and received more than \$75,000 in television advertising. Those ads promoted the Winter King Festival, Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival, and the Jackpot Halibut Derby. We have a strong presence in Anchorage at Salmon Berry Tours on 4th Avenue.

The Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon spotlighted fishing opportunities. A webcam was installed in the harbor. The Chamber began working with the City's Economic Development Advisory Commission to update relocation information on the website. It will target businesses, families, seniors, and artists to entice them to Homer. This year they have received more than 250 requests for relocation information. They would like to produce a professional Welcome Home packet to replace the old. They will use the 2013 Google eCity award and promote to online businesses where they can conduct business and raise a family in a healthy environment.

The Chamber spent \$55,950 in advertisements. GCI will continue sponsorship in the coming year. Business members reported a successful season; many said it was the best summer in five years. The Kenai Peninsula Borough sales tax figures show an increase. Net gain to the City can be projected at more than \$1M. The Chamber's marketing efforts had a positive return. For 2015 the Chamber is requesting \$65,000 to work on new features. They plan to finish the design of the Welcome Home website and produce a printed publication. They want to do more outreach at travel and outdoors trade shows, and advertise more in the Anchorage market. They have worked smarter and harder in promoting the community and have achieved multiple successes. Homer is open for business!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS

- A. **Mayor's Proclamation** – Extra Mile Day – November 1, 2014
- B. Borough Report
- C. Commissions/Board Reports:
 - 1. Library Advisory Board

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission
 - a. Minutes of September 17, 2014
3. Economic Development Advisory Commission
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Chair Matt Steffy reported the loon sculpture has been accepted and is now in place. Old Town community members have united to display their pride of the area. At the Commission's October 16th meeting there is a 4:45 p.m. Worksession to work on beach access. They will explore means for access with surrounding property owners without negatively impacting recreational opportunities. The PARC Needs Assessment is now on the City's website. The group's first meeting with Agnew::Beck is scheduled for November 13th at Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. Due to inclement weather the Karen Hornaday Park clean-up was rescheduled. The Woodard Creek Coalition has received notification from the Recreational Trails Program of approval for grant assistance and administrative direction. The Coalition will meet with parks and recreation at the Pratt Museum next week. In 2015 the Alaska Recreation and Parks Association will hold their 40th anniversary convention in Homer.

Asked about the PARC Needs Assessment surveys, Commissioner Steffy reported the online survey is now available for everyone in the community. The survey is general, but more focused surveys are coming. One is a survey for providers of recreational activities and will look at what resources are short and what are in excess. There will also be a statistically balanced survey by phone to ask what type of activities people participate in, the value of parks and recreation in their lives, and how often they participate. The survey will ask what you are willing to do to make sure those needs are met.

The survey will include people within the MAPP database. Megan Murphy has been part of this, and there is a phenomenal amount of statistical outreach and data. Surveys are based on IP addresses and the information that is entered. Agnew::Beck has answers to specific questions on technology.

Asked by the Council what is taking so long to provide results of the survey, Commissioner Steffy explained the project had to go out to bid. The money was issued last April and a RFP had to be put together. The bid had to be negotiated to remove some components to stay within the budget. The contract was then finalized with Agnew::Beck. The plan was for the survey process to start in September to grab a broader spectrum of the Homer area. The most important component in the survey is the gap analysis which Agnew::Beck will invest

the most time in. Agnew::Beck will make a formal presentation to the City Council next spring when the project is complete.

The Council expressed concerns that the survey didn't ask how to pay for things, data is being taken in the winter season, and one individual could take multiple surveys.

Commissioner Steffy explained how to pay for a recreation center will come up later in the conversation. If people are asked how much they want to spend it will affect how they answer the questions. The early stages are not focusing so much on how much it will cost as to how much you want to do. Starting the survey in September through the winter will represent the year-round residents.

The Council expressed the need to represent the property tax payers; some that leave in the winter pay property taxes year-round. The Council is looking for a return on the investment and funding prospects should not be underestimated.

5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

D. Letter of Thanks from the Homer Hockey Association

E. Hospice of Homer Open House Invitation

Mayor Wythe called for a recess at 7:04 and reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. **Budget 2015**

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

B. **Ordinance 14-19**, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Homer City Zoning Map to Rezone Portions of the Rural Residential (RR), Urban Residential (UR) and Residential Office (RO) Zoning Districts to East End Mixed Use (E-MU). Van Dyke. Introduction May 12, 2014, Referred to the Planning Department, Public Hearing October 13, 2014.

Memorandum 14-139 from City Planner 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 14-19 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

ZAK/VAN DYKE - SO MOVED.

Councilmember Van Dyke brought the ordinance forward a while ago, but it is not what he asked for so he will be voting against it. Councilmember Roberts concurred.

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

Motion failed.

C. **Ordinance 14-46**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 8.12.200(d) "Chauffeur's License – Required", to Remove the Enumerated Chauffer Application Fee and Instead Identify Chauffer License Fees in the City of Homer Fee Schedule Determined by City Council Resolution. City Manager/City Clerk. Introduction September 22, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 13, 2014.

Memorandum 14-145 from City Clerk 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 14-46 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

LEWIS/HOWARD - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- D. **Ordinance 14-47(A)**, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending the FY 2014 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$105,000 from the Port and Harbor Depreciation Reserve for Barge Mooring Facility Phase 2 – Uplands Improvements. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director. Introduction September 22, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 13, 2014.

Memorandum 14-146 from Vessel Haul-Out Task Force 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 14-47(A) by reading of title only for second and final reading.

HOWARD/LEWIS - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

- A. **Ordinance 14-49**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 21.03.040, Definitions; Homer City Code 21.12.030, 21.14.030, 21.16.030, 21.18.030, 21.24.030, 21.26.020, 21.26.030, 21.28.030, 21.30.030, and 21.32.030, Conditional Uses and Structures; and Homer City Code and Permitted Uses and Structures, to Define the Terms Helipad and Hospital, to Delete Heliport as a Conditional Use in the Rural Residential, Urban Residential, Central Business District, General Commercial 1, Marine Commercial and Open Space – Recreation Zoning Districts; to Delete Heliport as a Permitted Use in the General Commercial 2 District, to Add Helipad as a Conditional Use Accessory to a Hospital in the Residential Office Zoning District and as a Conditional Use in the General Commercial 2 and Marine Industrial Zoning Districts, and to Add Heliport as a Conditional Use in the General Commercial 2 District. Planning. Recommended dates: Introduction October 13, 2014, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 27, 2014.

Memorandum 14-155 from City Planner as backup.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the introduction of Ordinance 14-47(A) by reading of title only.

LEWIS/ROBERTS – SO MOVED.

Asked the difference between a helipad or heliport, City Planner Abboud answered a heliport is a place to land and take off, work on aircraft, and fuel. Helipads are used for pick up and drop off; there are no fuels stored at their location.

Council requested very succinct locations where heliports will be permitted. Additionally, the Council would like colored maps depicting areas where heliports and helipads are allowed.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

1. Memorandum 14-156 from Public Works Director, Re: 2015 Budget Adjustments.
 2. Memorandum 14-158 from Community & Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Strategic Implementation Planning.
 3. Memorandum 14-159 from City Manager, Re: Special Report on Employee Health Insurance.
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1. HERC Building Property / Deed Restrictions: The Borough Assembly will be introducing an ordinance to remove the deed restrictions as requested by the Council at its regular meeting on October 14th. The Borough Administration asked if I could attend the committee meeting and the regular meeting, to answer any questions that might come up. I will plan to do so.
 2. PARC Needs Assessment Update: The Needs Assessment project is up and running. It is live. The community survey is open and everyone is encouraged to participate. Results from the community survey's completed in October will be used to shape the community

meeting in November. The survey will run until December 1st, but people are encouraged to participate early. The community meeting will be Thursday, November 13th, in the evening at Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. You can find the survey and more information on the City of Homer website under Parks and Recreation. Attached is a flyer that will be in Thursday's newspaper. The PARC Committee strategy for getting the word out includes:

- 3000 newspaper inserts
- Newspaper article in Homer News this week
- Advertising and article in next week's Tribune.
- Radio advertising
- Mass e-mails inviting people to participate in the survey

This is a general survey for all residents. In a later phase, provider surveys will be sent out to parks and recreation providers that are more specific to them and their services.

The link to the survey is <http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/park-art-recreation-and-culture-needs-assessment-parc>

3. Jeff Paxton / Mercer: The Council has become familiar with Jeff Paxton because he has submitted reports and made presentations to it regarding employee health insurance. Jeff has played a crucial role in helping us get the City's health insurance costs under control and is assisting us with adapting to the requirements of the ACA. Some have commented to the Council that the City pays Mercer too much for what it receives in services. Some have asked if the City still needs Mercer if it chooses to drop self- insurance and go with a private insurance firm. It has occurred to me that the Council may not have a full and complete picture of the range of services Jeff is providing under the contract. I have probably been doing him a disservice myself by consistently referring to him as our insurance broker. I think this might leave people with the impression that all he does is solicit bids for insurance services. In reality, he does much more than that. He is really a benefits consultant and he assists HR on a full range of benefits from life insurance to flexible spending accounts. In some ways, it is appropriate to think of Mercer as an extension of the HR department responsible for benefits. In a way, we are outsourcing this HR function. Attached is a copy of the scope of work included in Mercer's current contract. Also attached is a copy of Mercer's on-line newsletter. I hope this will provide you with a better understanding of Mercer's value and how we use them.
4. Budget Memorandums: We are now officially in the budget season. A draft of the budget will be provided to the Council at the Committee of the Whole on October 13th. The budget is scheduled to be introduced by ordinance on October 27. Attached are two budget related memorandums for your information and discussion. One memorandum describes how labor costs were reallocated between the Public Works General Fund Budget and the Water and Sewer Special Revenue Fund Budget. The other addresses Employee Health

Care. A broader budget message will be distributed along with the draft budget on the 13th.

Councilmember Howard commented on the language in Resolution 13-096 pertaining to the Council's request to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly that the deed restriction and agreement be amended on the Old Middle School Property (HERC site). She is hearing words within Resolution 13-096 are not acceptable, mainly the "sell" word. The Council's intention is to release the deed restriction so we may do what is necessary for the betterment of the use of that property, whether it be for recreation or a public safety center. Councilmember Howard asked if a resolution with different language to reflect the real intent or a letter from the City Manager to explain the Council's intent was the best solution.

City Manager Wrede noted an ordinance was on the Assembly's agenda tomorrow night for introduction. He is prepared to tell them the Council's concerns and will provide a letter clarifying the Council's intent. The letter will be delivered to the Borough Clerk and provided as a laydown at the meeting.

Councilmember Burgess asked City Manager Wrede to draft a resolution to issue a RFP for a healthcare advisor. Since the City may go with a private sector he feels a strong need to issue a RFP and explore the options available. He hopes this can be completed before January 1st.

City Manager Wrede reported he asked Jeff Paxton to provide a proposal of how his services would change if the City does go with the private sector. The decision to go with the private sector should be made sooner than later since there is a lot of paperwork to do. It would allow more time for the HR Department and open enrollment for the employees.

Councilmember Roberts expressed approval of Public Works Director Meyer's report on capital projects.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

A. City Attorney's Report – September 2014

City Attorney Klinkner commented on the prospect of hiring a hearing officer for appeals to the Board of Adjustment. Communities handle appeals in different ways. The City Council can act as the Board of Adjustment, the Council can designate a hearing officer to hear and decide appeals, or appellants can go directly to Superior Court to contest a Planning Commission decision. Attorney Klinkner advised the Council many cases can be resolved within the community. He advised the Council to consider a hearing officer or continue as they have. A hearing officer is not always an attorney; they could have a planning or real estate background.

The Council asked for more literature outlining the pros and cons.

COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Public Arts Committee

Adele Person, Public Arts Committee Member, reported the fanciful loon sculpture has been installed. She invited everyone to a reception tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at Bishop's Beach at the pavilion to meet with artist Rachelle Dowdy.

B. Permanent Fund Committee

Councilmember Howard announced a vacancy on the committee as of tomorrow.

C. Employee Committee Report

D. Port and Harbor Building Task Force

Councilmember Howard announced a vacancy on the task force as of tomorrow.

E. Public Safety Building Review Committee

Mayor Wythe reported a recommendation memorandum about site selection will come to the Council at the next meeting.

F. Vessel Haul-Out Task Force

PENDING BUSINESS

A. **Resolution 14-093**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Adopting the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan and Establishing Capital Project Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2016. Mayor/City Council. (Postponed from September 8, 2014.)

Memorandums 14-134, 14-144, and 14-157 from Community and Economic Development Coordinator as backup.

Motion on the floor from September 8th: MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 14-093 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

A. **Resolution 14-109**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Regular Election Held October 7, 2014 to Decide Ballot Proposition #1 “Shall a Charter Commission be Elected to Prepare a Proposed Charter?” and to Elect the Mayor and Two Council Members. City Clerk/Canvass Board.

Resolution 14-109(S), A Resolution of the Homer City Council Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Regular Election Held October 7, 2014 to Decide Ballot Proposition #1 “Shall a Charter Commission be Elected to Prepare a Proposed Charter?” and to Elect the Mayor and Two Council Members. City Clerk/Canvass Board.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 14-109 by reading of title.

LEWIS/ROBERTS – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Wythe called for a motion to substitute Resolution 14-109(S) for Resolution 14-109.

LEWIS/ROBERTS – SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: YES. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Kelly Cooper, Homer resident, thanked Councilmember Howard for her service. She credited her for her sound public policy, stewardship, responsibility, and consensus building. She called Councilmember Howard a true stateswoman and told her she had made a difference.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Klinkner had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson commented she enjoyed working with Barbara for the last six years and wished her the best.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede said goodbye and thanked Barbara. He has appreciated her wisdom, humor, guidance, and good old common sense. She has kept us grounded and on the right path. What Kelly said about being a stateswoman describes her. He thanked Councilmember Howard for her dedication to public service and support for the city employees.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Wythe thanked Barb for all her time. She is stepping away from the table but is not done. We will be calling on her regularly as she is a great person to manage projects. She and Councilmember Howard spent a lot of time together and she will be calling Barb on a regular basis. Barb has more authority than the Mayor since the Mayor said there will be a party and Barb requested there not be a party. Jo was afraid to have a party since she didn't want to deal with Barb. Her response is she will still be at the table and Barb is stepping down. We will miss her.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Lewis will miss Councilmember Howard. He wished her smooth sailing on the cruises and thanked her for being a great mentor.

Councilmember Burgess indicated Councilmember Howard left him a one-minute hour glass timer. He will sincerely miss Barb's clear sightedness and her low tolerance for B.S. She is a straight shooter, does an immense amount of work behind the scenes, and has been a joy to work with. He welcomed Catriona and expressed appreciation to her for showing up at all council meetings.

Councilmember Van Dyke commented Councilmember Howard is an extremely intelligent person with great ideas and she will be missed. He is disappointed in voter turnout at 24% to 28%. To have a good council to run the city and do the things the people want there has to be a better turnout. He urged people to register and get out and vote. If you did vote, thanks. Councilmember Zak echoed the importance of getting out to vote. He thanked the candidates that didn't win for having ran. He welcomed Catriona and David back. He told Councilmember Howard we won't let you get done; you are a great asset to our community and thank you for serving for the last few years.

Councilmember Roberts will miss Barb. She has been on the Permanent Fund Committee and Port and Harbor Improvement Committee and is a driving force on all projects in the harbor. She serves on the Vessel Haul-Out Committee, instigated the volunteer appreciation dinner, and the Citizens Academy. She has been a wonderful member. Councilmember Roberts sees her as a mother figure; she provided dinner for the Council and the staff. It was lovely food. She thanked Barb for everything. Tonight we approved the Alaska Municipal League visit to send three people to AML. The City of Homer is paying for them to attend. She would like to hear a small report of what you learned while you were there. Bill Smith was the Borough Assemblyman for six years and his last night is tonight. She thanked him for the wonderful job as a Borough Assemblyman. Tonight Mr. Steffy talked about the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. She appreciated him answering questions and taking heat and concerns about the PARC survey. She congratulated Catriona and Beth and the people that ran for office.

Councilmember Howard addressed Mayor Wythe, the Council, staff, and the Citizens. She is humbled by the accolades; the words reflect the progress made over the six or more years. It illustrates the projects, the policies, and the procedures this Council has worked for because we believe in quality public policy and sound financial standing. She is only one member of this group and feels honored to have worked with each of them. The words are a reflection of the forward motion of a group when there is trust and like values and beliefs. She urged the Council to keep up the good leadership role, always striving to do what is best for the citizens of Homer. Family and friends' support is so important when we choose to become community leaders. She has six children (part of why she doesn't tolerate too much) to thank and her beloved husband Bob who serves in the community as well. She thanked everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. and Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m. A Special Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Worksessions are scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 25, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 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: _____