# **ACTION AGENDA**

Monday, June 29, 2015
Worksession
Committee of the Whole
Special Meeting

## **WORKSESSION AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER, 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Wythe called the meeting to order at 4:00 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. BEACH POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS - PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Memorandum 15-102 from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission as backup.

4. **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** 

There were four who commented.

5. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.

Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

## **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. 6)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

3. Ordinance 15-08, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending Subsection (C) of Homer City Code 21.50.020, Site Development Standards – Level One, and Subsection (A) of Homer City Code 21.50.030, Site Development Standards – Level Two, to Require Revegetation of Exposed, Cleared, Filled and Disturbed Soils Within 9 Months. Planning.

Memorandums 15-048 and 15-098 from City Planner as backup.

Ordinance 15-08(S), An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending Subsection (C) of Homer City Code 21.50.020, Site Development Standards – Level One, and Subsection (A) of Homer City Code 21.50.030, Site Development Standards – Level Two, to Require Revegetation of Exposed, Cleared, Filled and Disturbed Soils <u>by August 31st or</u> Within 9 Months, <u>Whichever Comes First</u>. City Manager/Planning.

**4. Ordinance 15-23,** An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending Homer City Code 21.40.070, Requirements, Regarding Standards for Impervious Coverage in the Bridge Creek Watershed Protection District. Planning.

Memorandum 15-100 from City Planner as backup.

- 5. CONSENT AGENDA
- 6. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
- 7. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no public comments.

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

Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Session 15-24 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on June 29, 2015 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: LEWIS, REYNOLDS, ROBERTS, VAN DYKE, ZAK

ABSENT: BURGESS (excused

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER

CITY CLERK JOHNSON CITY ATTORNEY WELLS

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER LAWRENCE

CITY PLANNER ABBOUD FINANCE DIRECTOR LI FIRE CHIEF PAINTER

LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON

POLICE CHIEF ROBL

PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

Councilmember Burgess has requested excusal.

Mayor Wythe ruled Councilmember Burgess' absence as excused. There was no objection from the Council.

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** - **Resolution 15-052**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving and Accepting the Renewal of the Special Services Contract for FY 2016 with the Alaska Department of Public Safety in the Amount of \$36,000.00 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Police Chief. Contract for Special Services as backup. **Resolution 15-054**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing Lease Negotiations for Lot 19 on the Homer Spit Between the City and Jose Ramos, dba Harbor Grill, and Finding That Awarding a New Lease to the Current Lessee Without a Competitive Bidding Process is in the Public Interest. City Manager. Memorandum 15-095 from Deputy City Clerk/Port and Harbor Advisory Commission as backup. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - **Ordinance 15-18(S)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2015 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$621,500 From the General Fund Fund Balance to the Public Safety Building Project Account to Fund the New Public Safety Building to 35% Design. Mayor. Written public comments. **PENDING BUSINESS** - **Resolution 15-043**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer,

Alaska, Urging the U.S. Navy to Change Training Exercises in the Gulf of Alaska. Zak/Roberts. Written public comments. **Resolution 15-048,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Noting the Sufficiency of the Petition for the Lillian Walli Fairview Avenue Road Reconstruction and Paving and Sewer Improvements Special Assessment District and Setting the Public Hearing Date for September 14, 2015. Written public comments. **RESOLUTIONS** - **Resolution 15-049,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding a New Twenty-Year Lease, With Two Five-Year Options, on a Portion of Lot 11, Homer Spit Subdivision, No. 5 to SPITwSPOTS (SWS), Inc. of Homer, Alaska, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk. Memorandum 15-088 from Deputy City Clerk/Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. **Resolution 15-050(S),** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Providing for the Reassessment of Condominium Units in the Homer Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment District. City Manager.

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

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

There were 13 who commented.

## 4. **RECONSIDERATION**

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.)

- A. Homer City Council unapproved Special meeting minutes of June 15, 2015. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 15-101,** from Deputy City Clerk, Re: Liquor License Transfer and Application for Best Western Bidarka Inn/Otter Room.
- C. **Ordinance 15-20,** An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating an Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Matching Grant in the Amount of \$1,922,577 and Authorizing a 30% Matching Requirement From the Homer Accelerated Water And Sewer Fund (HAWSP) in the Amount of \$576,773.10 for the Purpose of Completing the Water Distribution/Storage Improvement Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction

June 29, 2015, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2015. (Postponed from June 15, 2015.)

D. **Ordinance 15-23,** An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending Homer City Code 21.40.070, Requirements, Regarding Standards for Impervious Coverage in the Bridge Creek Watershed Protection District. Planning. Recommended dates: Introduction June 29, 2015, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2015.

Memorandum 15-100 from City Planner as backup.

E. **Ordinance 15-24,** An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Enacting HCC 2.52.080, Correctional Officer Qualifications, Regarding the Qualification and Certification of City Correctional Officers. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction June 29, 2015, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2015.

Memorandum 15-090 from Police Chief as backup.

F. **Ordinance 15-25,** An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Re-Appropriating the 2003 Allocation From the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development as Fisheries Revitalization Aid for the Purpose of Refurbishing a Fish Dock Crane. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director. Recommended dates: Introduction June 29, 2015, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2015.

Memorandum 15-089 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

Moved to Ordinances.

G. **Resolution 15-052,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving and Accepting the Renewal of the Special Services Contract for FY 2016 with the Alaska Department of Public Safety in the Amount of \$36,000.00 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Police Chief. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 15-093 from Police Chief as backup.

H. **Resolution 15-053,** A Resolution of the Homer City Council Awarding the Contract for the Refurbishment of Homer Fire Department Apparatus Tanker 2 to U.S. Fire Equipment LLC of Sumner, Washington, in the Amount of \$154,375.01 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Fire Chief. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 15-094 from Fire Chief as backup.

I. **Resolution 15-054,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing Lease Negotiations for Lot 19 on the Homer Spit Between the City and Jose Ramos, dba Harbor Grill, and Finding That Awarding a New Lease to the Current Lessee Without a Competitive Bidding Process is in the Public Interest. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 15-096 from Lease Committee as backup.

Memorandum 15-095 from Deputy City Clerk/Port and Harbor Advisory Commission as backup.

J. **Resolution 15-055,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Directing the Administration to Issue a Request for Proposals for Janitorial Services. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 15-103 from City Manager as backup.

Item F, Ordinance 15-25 was moved to Ordinances, Item A. Reynolds.

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

## 6. VISITORS

- 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS
- A. **Mayor's Proclamation,** July as Parks and Recreation Month

Mayor Wythe read and presented the proclamation to Community Recreation Coordinator Mike Illg.

- B. Borough Report
- C. Commissions/Board Reports:
  - 1. Library Advisory Board
  - 2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission
    - a. Minutes of June 3, 2015

- 3. Economic Development Advisory Commission
  - a. Memorandum 15-097 from Deputy City Clerk, Re: Recommendation Regarding Affordable Housing
  - Memorandum 15-099 from Deputy City Clerk, Re: Recommendation Regarding Special Assessment Districts Levy of Assessment After Subdivision
- 4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
- 5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission
- 6. Cannabis Advisory Commission

Cannabis Advisory Commissioner Chad Jones reported the commission has met twice and has established their bylaws. They are reviewing zoning from Colorado, Seattle, and Fairbanks North Star Borough. This includes cultivation, manufacturing, testing, retail stores, intensity of activities, limitation of local licenses, distances and buffers between facilities, and exclusion of operation zones. Their next meeting is July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Wythe called for a recess at 6:47 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. **Ordinance 15-18(S),** An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2015 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$621,500 From the General Fund Fund Balance to the Public Safety Building Project Account to Fund the New Public Safety Building to 35% Design. Mayor. Introduction May 26, 2015, Postponed to June 29, 2015 for Public Hearing and Second Reading.

Memorandum 15-074 from City Manager as backup.

There was one who testified.

POSTPONED to July 27, 2015.

B. **Ordinance 15-19,** An Ordinance of the Homer City Council, Amending Homer City Code Chapter 9.16 to Revise HCC 9.16.040, HCC 9.16.100, and Add HCC 9.16.110

Repealing the Seasonal Sales Tax Exemption as Applied to Certain Categories of Nonprepared Foods, Including But Not Limited to Cakes, Cookies, Ice Cream, Candy, Chips, and Frozen Pizzas. Lewis. Introduction June 15, 2015, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 29, 2015.

There were two who testified.

AMENDED: Deleted Lines 87 – 89 "frozen foods that are ready to eat upon heating in a conventional or microwave oven, including entrees, dinners, pizza and burritos, but excluding frozen fruits and vegetables."

FAILED with discussion.

RECONSIDERED by Councilmember Roberts under Comments of the City Council.

C. Ordinance 15-21, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2015 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$277,335.45 to Pay for Homer Natural Gas Special Assessment District Assessments of 85 City Lots From Various City Reserve Funds. City Manager. Introduction June 15, 2015, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 29, 2015.

There was one who testified.

ADOPTED without discussion.

D. **Ordinance 15-22,** An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Declaring That Lillian Walli Estates Subdivision Lots 57-60, 65-67, and 70 No Longer Need to Be Retained For a Public Purpose as No Public Need Exists For Retaining the Property and Releasing HM0880016 T06S R14W S24 Lillian Walli Estate Sub Lot 60, 65, 66, 67, 70, 57, 58, 59 For Sale Subject to Land Disposal Proceedings Under the Homer City Code. City Manager. Introduction June 15, 2015, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 29, 2015.

**Ordinance 15-22(S),** An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Determining That a Public Purpose Does Not Exist for Lots 57, 58, 59, 60, 65, 66, 67 and 70, Lillian Walli Estate, and Authorizing Their Sale. City Manager.

There was no public testimony.

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 15-22(S) ADOPTED without discussion.

# 9. ORDINANCE(S)

A. **Ordinance 15-25,** An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Re-Appropriating the 2003 Allocation From the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development as Fisheries Revitalization Aid for the Purpose of Refurbishing a Fish Dock Crane. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director. Recommended dates: Introduction June 29, 2015, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2015.

Memorandum 15-089 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

ADOPTED with discussion.

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. City Manager's Report
  - 1. Memorandum 15-107 from City Manager, Re: Budget Work Session follow-up.
    - a. Memorandum 15-108 from Library Director as backup.
  - 2. Memorandum 15-104 from Assistant City Manager, Re: Budget Issues Survey.
  - 3. Memorandum 15-106 from Planning Commission, Re: Recommendation on Waddell Way.

City Manager Koester reported on budget information, a follow-up from the last meeting. Assistant City Manager Lawrence has been working on the Town Hall idea, getting input on the sessions, and providing the public with details on city dollars. A Town Hall meeting will be held on the evening of July 20<sup>th</sup> followed by an online survey to gather information. More community meetings will be held in the fall.

Buccaneer has made a demand for recovery of preference payments. This includes transactions between the City and Buccaneer in the 90-day period before their bankruptcy filing. The attorney is reviewing the demand and will provide direction in the upcoming weeks. Council suggested checking with the City of Soldotna and the Borough to see how they are handling this since they have had business exchanges with Buccaneer. Administration would like to do what is legally required and nothing more.

Council noted the Pratt Museum, Haven House, and the Chamber of Commerce provide services that the City would have to contract if funding was not provided.

Revenue ideas included taxing tobacco and e-cigarettes. City Attorney Wells will compile a report on taxation of marijuana and tobacco products. The Borough will only collect taxes from items the Borough taxes. If we wish to collect taxes outside the Borough we have to create our own tax department.

Mayor Wythe reminded the public that fireworks are discouraged due to the dry conditions and fire hazard.

The Planning Commission recommended Option A for construction of Waddell Way. The route will be up above the post office where the cabins are and connect with Grubstake. It is consistent with the Transportation Plan. Following Council direction the Public Works Director will negotiate with the owner of the cabins. Resolution 13-033 adopted Option B but the project never came to fruition. The attorney advised no resolution is required to follow Option A as it is consistent with the Transportation Plan. The Council concurred to follow Option A.

#### 11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Wells referenced the report included in the June 15<sup>th</sup> agenda. The Auction Block vs. City of Homer case was heard before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Auction Block brought the action against the City before the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) for violation of the Shipping Act of 1984. The FMC decided for the City of Homer on all counts. They found the City is not subject to the shipping act for activities on the fish dock. Sanctions were awarded against Auction Block for legally inappropriate behavior during the proceedings. The Ninth Circuit Court upheld the FMA decision on all counts. We are seeking attorney fees although they are not systematically awarded in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Asked how much the Auction Block was suing for, City Attorney Wells explained a private entity can bring a lawsuit for millions of dollars. There are reparations that could be in the millions of dollars and also fines assessed by the federal government. Had we lost it would be a separate and distinct hearing. The costs associated with the proceeding were well over \$250,000. We are at the end of the journey, but for an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court which is unlikely. The Council may want to hold an executive session to discuss attorney fees.

Knowing the City Manager is working through budget expenditures and that the City is facing a budgetary crisis, Birch Horton Bittner and Cherot is working in changing how the firm services the City. They are expanding with a more comprehensive approach with the general municipal law services they provide. New associate attorneys are coming on to service municipal clients at an associate attorney rate to create a cost effective yet highly responsible team. She is hopeful the City will see a reduction in legal costs. City Manager Koester is eager to revisit the attorney's contract prior to expiration.

Leila Kimbrell, new associate attorney for Birch Horton Bittner and Cherot, was introduced.

There are several Griswold administrative appeals before the Superior Court and updates will be provided as they move further along in the process.

#### 12. COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Public Arts Committee
- B. Permanent Fund Committee
- C. Employee Committee Report
- D. Public Safety Building Review Committee
- E. Vessel Haul-Out Task Force

#### 13. PENDING BUSINESS

A. **Ordinance 15-08,** An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending Subsection (C) of Homer City Code 21.50.020, Site Development Standards – Level One, and Subsection (A) of Homer City Code 21.50.030, Site Development Standards – Level Two, to Require Revegetation of Exposed, Cleared, Filled and Disturbed Soils Within 9 Months. Planning. Introduction April 13, 2015, Referred to Planning Commission April 13, 2015. Recommend Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2015.

**Ordinance 15-08(S),** An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Amending Subsection (C) of Homer City Code 21.50.020, Site Development Standards – Level One, and Subsection (A) of Homer City Code 21.50.030, Site Development Standards – Level Two, to Require Revegetation of Exposed, Cleared, Filled and Disturbed Soils **by August 31**st **or** Within 9 Months, **Whichever Comes First**. City Manager/Planning.

Memorandums 15-048 and 15-098 from City Planner as backup.

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 15-08(S) ADOPTED without discussion.

B. **Resolution 15-043,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Urging the U.S. Navy to Change Training Exercises in the Gulf of Alaska. Zak/Roberts. Recommend adoption. Postponed from June 15, 2015.

ADOPTED with discussion.

C. **Resolution 15-048,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Noting the Sufficiency of the Petition for the Lillian Walli Fairview Avenue Road Reconstruction and Paving and Sewer Improvements Special Assessment District and Setting the Public Hearing Date for September 14, 2015. City Clerk/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption. Postponed from June 15, 2015.

**Resolution 15-048(S),** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Providing for the Submission of a Revised Petition to Form the Lillian Walli Fairview Avenue Road Reconstruction and Paving and Sewer Improvements Special Assessment District.

Memorandum 15-086 from Public Works Director as backup. Memorandum 15-105 from City Manager as backup.

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 15-048(S) ADOPTED without discussion.

## 14. NEW BUSINESS

## 15. RESOLUTIONS

A. **Resolution 15-049,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding a New Twenty-Year Lease, With Two Five-Year Options, on a Portion of Lot 11, Homer Spit Subdivision, No. 5 to SPITwSPOTS (SWS), Inc. of Homer, Alaska, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager.

Memorandum 15-091 from Lease Committee as backup.

Memorandum 15-088 from Deputy City Clerk/Port and Harbor Advisory Commission.

ADOPTED without discussion.

B. **Resolution 15-050,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Providing for the Reassessment of Condominium Units in the Homer Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment District. City Manager.

**Resolution 15-050(S),** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Providing for the Reassessment of Condominium Units in the Homer Natural Gas Distribution Special Assessment District. City Manager.

Mayor Wythe passed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts due to her ongoing conflict with natural gas line conflict.

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 15-050(S) ADOPTED without discussion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts returned the gavel to Mayor Wythe.

C. **Resolution 15-051,** A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving and Accepting a Regional and Community Jails Services Contract for FY 2016 With the Alaska Department of Corrections in the Amount of \$424,080 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Police Chief.

Memorandum 15-092 from Police Chief as backup.

ADOPTED without discussion.

## 16. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were two who commented.

## 17. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Wells had no comments.

## 18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson had no comments.

# 19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Koester had no comments.

#### 20. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Wythe thanked the Council for postponing the discussion on the public safety building funding. She appreciates people coming in talking about the naval games. For the benefit of public servants willing to serve in the military she doesn't want to lose sight that they are willing to put their life on the line for us every day wo we have the right to complain about their war games.

## 21. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Reynolds thanked the Planning and Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioners for the tremendous amount of work into their focus groups. Beach use has been a huge chunk of time. She gave a shout out to the Supreme Court for the Affordable Care Act getting support. She sees how much it affects people in Homer to get the medical care they need and couldn't afford before. Marriage equality is also something that can be celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She hopes everyone enjoys their holiday.

Councilmember Van Dyke thanked the people that worked on the Beach Policy. They have done a lot of work and are going in the right direction. He thanked the public for their diverse views. The Council are just ordinary people and to have something new to think about is extremely important. He wished everyone a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Councilmember Roberts thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. They did a wonderful job on issues on our beaches and made some great suggestions. She echoed what Katie had in her manager's report to please be careful with fireworks in the next week. We have had such a dry spell and it is very dangerous. She thanked everyone for supporting the resolution to encourage the Navy not to do their practices in the middle of summer and to perhaps change the location. She asked for reconsideration of Ordinance 15-19(A) at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Lewis thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for their thankless job of listening to opinions on Bishop's Beach. The City owns the entrance to Bishop's Beach but doesn't own a piece of land on Bishop's Beach. It is either privately owned or critical habitat. Whatever is decided, we can't enforce not driving on land we don't own. While outside for his son's graduation he discovered Denver has a 14.5% bed tax; Santa Fe 8%, outside the Grand Canyon 7.5%, and Flagstaff 8%. We are missing the boat and he's sorry he couldn't get four councilmembers to agree with him.

Councilmember Zak congratulated the Mayor and the team she has with the City. He felt more of a team tonight with the discussion. It is the City Manager and Assistant City Manager bringing the survey forward, along with the attorney bringing an associate to bring our costs down. We are moving in the right direction. It is amazing to see that getting the right people in the right positions and how effective things are. We will get an opportunity on July 20<sup>th</sup> for a Town Hall meeting. The Mayor's trip to Fairbanks for the Governor's discussion is already showing results for Homer. He looks forward to being there and getting opportunities from the community. On July 27<sup>th</sup> we will re-address the public safety building. This year the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade has the pioneer theme and Clem Tillion will be the Grand Marshall. He reminded everyone to be safe with fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## 22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Wythe adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, July 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m., and a Worksession 4:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.