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Memorandum Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR WYTHE AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2015

SUBJECT: AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AML Newly Elected Officials Conference Report from Councilmember Smith **Page 3**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 15-41(S), An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Appropriating Funds for the Calendar Year 2016 for the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, Capital Projects, and Internal Service Funds. City Manager.

Budget Amendment Lobbyist/Library Books – Councilmember Smith **Page 5**

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 15-104(S), A Resolution of the City Council Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Special Election Held December 1, 2015 to Decide Proposition #1 “Shall the Dedication of 0.75% of the City Sales Tax to the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (H.A.R.T.) Program be Suspended for a Period of Three Years, to Make Such 0.75% of City Sales Tax Available for General Government Purposes?” City Clerk/Canvass Board. **Page 15**

Resolution 15-110(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a New One-Year Contract With Premera Blue Cross and Assurant Health. City Manager. **Page 19**

RECOMMENDATION:

Voice consensus to changes under Agenda Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jo Johnson

From: Heath Smith
Sent: Saturday, December 05, 2015 7:00 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: AML training report

Dear Homer,

The Alaska Municipal League training for newly elected officials I attended November 16-17 was an eye opener...wow! Apparently, I now live in a "fish bowl".

The training consisted of sessions that taught about roles and responsibilities, budgets and accounting, tax policy, and the Open Meetings Act. This training is critical to all newly elected officials and serves as a well spent insurance policy.

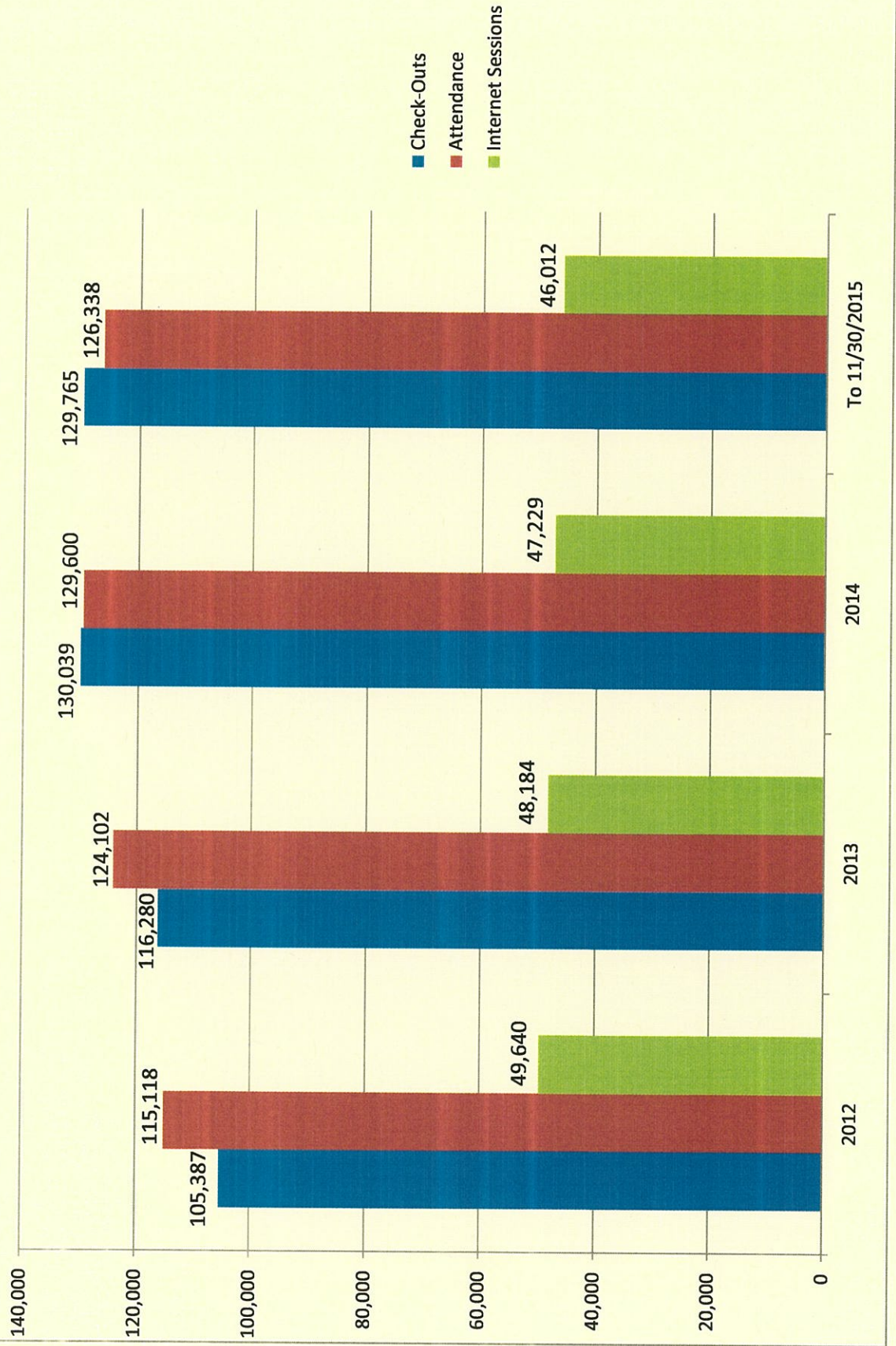
I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the city and look forward to putting this important training to use on our residents behalf.

All the Best,

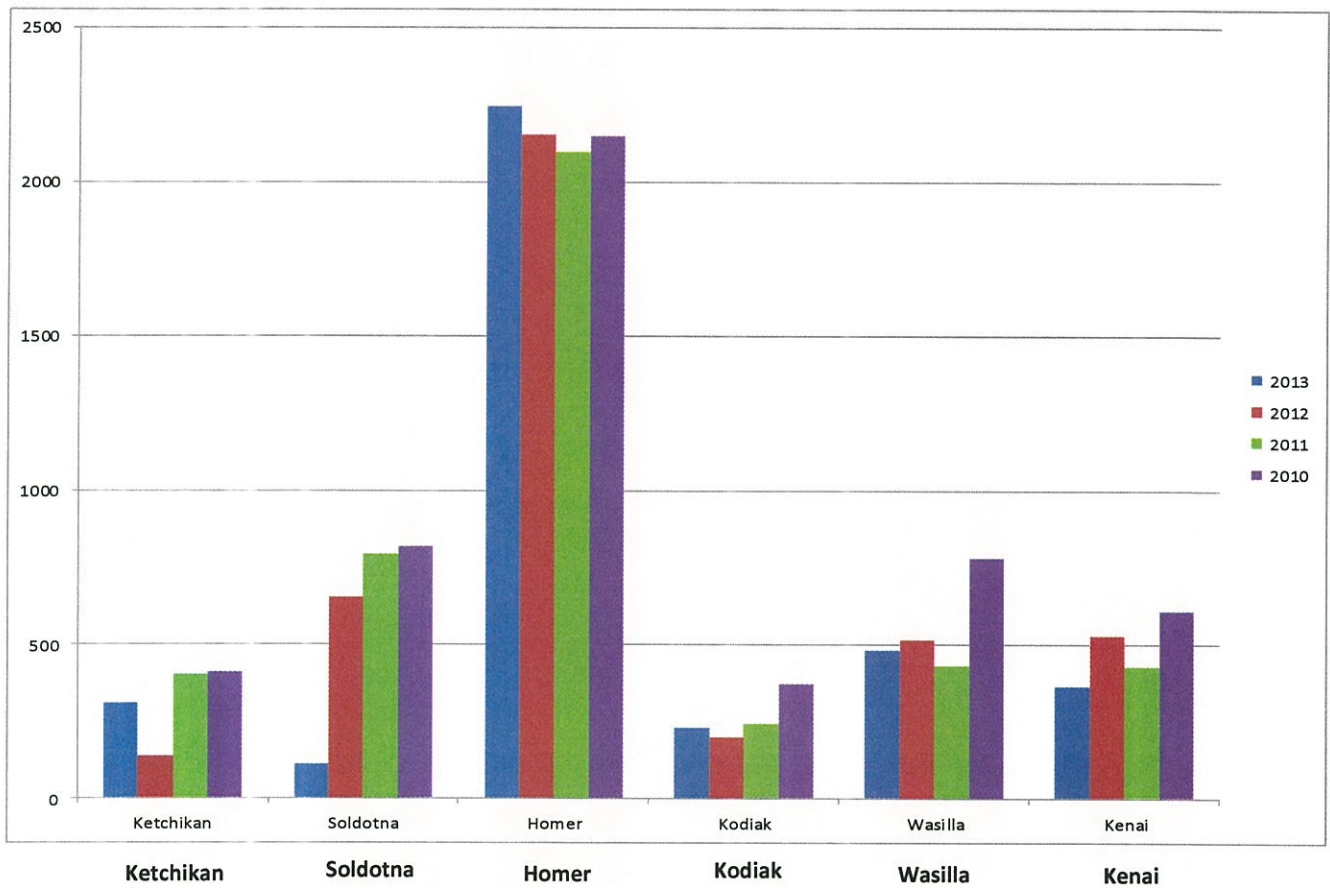
Heath Smith
Homer City Council

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Homer Public Library Attendance, Check-Outs & Internet Use 2012-2015



Volunteer Hours at Comparably-sized Alaskan Libraries (# of hours by year)



Libraries with between 8,308—10,818 Registered Users (from 2013 State Library report)

7/20/15
compiled by Holly Brennan

Jo Johnson

From: Shellie Worsfold <SWorsfold@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 3:58 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Homer HART funds

Dear City Council Members,

I wanted to be sure you understood how important a safe walking/biking sidewalk would be for our surrounding West Homer Elementary community. As a teacher at West, I travel locally with my class to several local locations for field trips. Currently, we share the road with drivers for part of our walking journey and I'm always very concerned for our safety. I support the revision to the budget to include the use of HART funds for general improvements, including a sidewalk along our Soundview route.

Thank you for your consideration,

Shellie Worsfold

4th grade WEST HOMER

235-5750

sworsfold@kpbsd.k12.ak.us



Jo Johnson

From: Robyn Walls <RWalls@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 4:15 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Homer Hart Funds budget

Dear Jo Johnson,

Would you please forward the brief letter below to the mayor and city council members? Thank you, Robyn Walls

To Members of Homer City Council:

I have been a resident of Homer since 1978. I grew up on Fairview Avenue near Karen Hornaday Park. I am also a teacher at West Homer Elementary School.

I support the use of HART funds for general improvements along the Soundview corridor modeled on the Old Town project as well as fund to extend the Soundview sidewalk to Mullikin. Improving the Soundview corridor will provide a safe, healthy pedestrian and biking route for our students.

Thank you for consideration.

Robyn Walls

Robyn Walls
4th Grade
West Homer Elementary

Jo Johnson

From: Ashley Hanson <AHanson@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 9:54 AM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: HART funds

To Members of Homer City Council:

My name is Ashley Hanson, and I am a 4th grade teacher at West Homer Elementary. I am writing this email in hopes that the HART funds will be used for general improvements along the Soundview corridor modeled on the Old Town project as well the extension of the Soundview sidewalk to Mullikin. We use Soundview several times a year for field trips. We can walk to various locations in town by using Soundview, and the sidewalk extension would greatly improve the safety concerns for our students. We also did a biking field trip this fall to the Homer Library, and I would love to do it again with the safety of a sidewalk.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Ashley Hanson

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December 3, 2015

64957 Da Mar Loop
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Homer City Council,

I am writing to you to support the use of HART funds to establish a corridor along Soundview Ave. as well as to extend the sidewalk to this area from Mullikin.

While I am not a city resident, I was a teacher at West Homer from the time the school opened, and I currently substitute there.

It is very scary to be in front of the school on bus duty and to see the students trying to traverse the sea of cars on Soundview Ave to arrive safely at school or while walking home. We are a community that values physical activity and promoting healthy outdoor time for our children. The students of this community would benefit from having a safe way to walk or bike along Soundview Ave.

Using Hart funds to improve the Soundview corridor would improve the safety of children in our community as well as support the goals of the MAPP Needs Assessment, the Economic Development Strategy and the PARC Needs Assessment.

Thank you very much,

Janet Fink
Janetfink17@gmail.com

Jo Johnson

From: Barb Veeck <BVeeck@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 3:15 PM
To: Jo Johnson
Subject: Homer Hart Funds

Hello,

I support the use of HART funds for general improvements along the Soundview corridor modeled on the Old Town project as well as funds to extend the Soundview sidewalk to Mullikin.

As a long time teacher at WHE, I feel that the safety of our students should be at the forefront of our decisions as a community.

Sincerely,

Barbara Veeck

WHE Special Education

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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Clerk/
Canvass Board

RESOLUTION 15-104(S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF HOMER SPECIAL ELECTION HELD DECEMBER 1, 2015 TO DECIDE BALLOT PROPOSITION #1 "SHALL THE DEDICATION OF 0.75% OF THE CITY SALES TAX TO THE HOMER ACCELERATED ROADS AND TRAILS (H.A.R.T.) PROGRAM BE SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, TO MAKE SUCH 0.75% OF CITY SALES TAX AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT PURPOSES?"

WHEREAS, In compliance with the Homer City Code 4.35, the Canvass Board of the City of Homer has opened, counted and tallied the votes on absentee ballots, including special needs ballots, found to be valid and made determination on questioned ballots, and has opened, counted and tallied those questioned ballots found to be valid, cast in the City of Homer Special Election held on December 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The total number of voters voting in the City Special Election was 588 and reflects the number of voters, not the number of votes cast or ballots counted; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Homer City Code 4.35, the Canvass Board of the City of Homer has opened and inspected the precinct reports, Election Central Logs and entered the results of the absent and questioned ballots on the Certification of Election along with the results of the precinct counts; and

WHEREAS, The results of the Special City Election held December 1, 2015, attached as Exhibit A, is presented in the Canvass Board's Certificate of Election in accordance with the Homer City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby certifies the results of the Special City Election held December 1, 2015, as presented in the Canvass Board's Certificate of Election, attached as Exhibit A, in accordance with the Homer City Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of Proposition 1: "Shall the dedication of 0.75% of the City sales tax to the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (H.A.R.T.) Program be suspended for a period of three years, to make such 0.75% of City sales tax available for general government purposes?" are:

43 YES 448

NO 136

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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canvass Board's Certificate of Election (Exhibit A)
46 be attached permanently as part of this Resolution.

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48 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 7th day of December, 2015.

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CITY OF HOMER

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MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

55 ATTEST:

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59 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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62 Fiscal Note: N/A

City of Homer Special Election December 1, 2015

We, the Election Canvass Board, duly appointed, of the City of Homer, Alaska hereby certify that the validated absentee and validated questioned ballots were opened, counted, and recorded at a legally authorized and convened meeting of the City of Homer Canvass Board, held December 4, 2015 and that the results of that count are hereon entered with the certified results of the votes counted for the precinct polling places via Accu-Vote Ballot Tabulation System and that the total results are recorded hereon.

Proposition No. 1:

SUSPEND THE DEDICATION OF 0.75% OF THE CITY SALES TAX TO THE HOMER ACCELERATED ROADS AND TRAILS (H.A.R.T.) PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, TO MAKE SUCH 0.75% OF CITY SALES TAX AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT PURPOSES

Shall the dedication of 0.75% of the City sales tax to the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (H.A.R.T.) Program be suspended for a period of three years, to make such 0.75% of City sales tax available for general government purposes?

Proposition No. 1	31-350 Homer #1	31-360 Homer #2	Absentee/ Questioned/ Special Needs	Total Regular Votes	% of Votes
Yes	229	139	80	448	77%
No	77	38	21	136	23%
Registered Voters	2519	2012			

We further certify that there were 483 Regular voters and 89 Absentee voters, 10 Special Needs Voters, and 6 Questioned voters for a total of 588 voters that voted in this election. Percentage of voter turnout is 13%. Total registered voters for the City of Homer are 4,531 as of November 5, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of December, 2015.

Canvass Board: Chris Bowden
Chris Bowden

Pauline Benson
Pauline Benson

Staff: Melissa Jacobsen
Melissa Jacobsen, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Attest: Jo Johnson
Jo Johnson, MMC, City Clerk

1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

City Manager

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4 RESOLUTION 15-110(S)
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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 APPROVING A NEW ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PREMIERA BLUE
8 CROSS **AND ASSURANT HEALTH.**

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10 WHEREAS, The City of Homer received proposals from private health insurance
11 companies which were evaluated by the consultant and City Administration, and agreed that
12 the best proposal **for health insurance** was the one submitted by Premera Blue Cross; and
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14 **WHEREAS, Assurant Health submitted a proposal for Dental and Vision which**
15 **would provide the City with a better rate for those benefits; and**
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17 WHEREAS, **Combining** the Premera Blue Cross **and Assurant** Health proposals would
18 only raise the total health care costs by ~~10%~~ **8.77%** in 2016; and
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20 WHEREAS, The Employee Committee had a presentation and discussion with Brandon
21 Nyberg of Wells Fargo Insurance, reviewed the benefit coverage and cost projections for the
22 2016 plan, and reviewed proposals submitted, and concurs with this recommendation.
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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby approves a
25 new one-year contract **with Premera Blue Cross and Assurant Health** based upon the
26 proposals with a term beginning on January 1, 2016, and authorizes the City Manager to
27 execute the appropriate documents.
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29 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 7th day of December, 2015.
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34 MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR
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38 ATTEST:

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41 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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44 Fiscal Note: **\$1,494,479.28 annual cost of employee health care.**