CALL TO ORDER, 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Caster called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council’s Operating Manual, pg. 6)

APPROVED without discussion.

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)


Ordinance 19-23(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Repealing and Reenacting Homer City Code Title 14 to be Entitled “Homer Public Utility Systems” and Homer City Code Title 17 to be Entitled “Public Assessments” to: 1) Consolidate Water and Sewer System Regulations and Rates; 2) Update Definitions and Common Terms, and 3) Create Uniformity Between Service and Assessment Practices and Repealing Homer City Code Chapters 9.08, 13.24 and 13.28 to Relocate

Memorandum 19-058 from Councilmembers Lord and Stroozas as backup
Memorandum 19-063 from City Attorney as backup

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minutes)

One person commented.

ADJOURNMENT, NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.
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Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.
Mayor Castner called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Department Heads may be called upon to participate.

AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council’s Operating Manual, pg. 6)

APPROVED without discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA


REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)

a. General Fund and Reserve Balance Policies (20 minutes)
COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Four people commented.

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

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Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Session 19-15 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on June 10, 2019 by Mayor Ken Castner at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowlies Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: ADERHOLD, ERICKSON, LORD, SMITH, STROOZAS, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
CITY ATTORNEY WELLS

AGENDA APPROVAL (Addition of items to or removing items from the agenda will be by unanimous consent of the Council. HCC 2.08.040.)

The following changes were made: Memorandum 19-073 from Finance Director Approving the 2020 & 2021 Budget Schedule moved to the Consent agenda Item k; Resolution item a corrected to read Resolution 19-041; Public Hearings Ordinance 19-19, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Title 14.08, “Water Rules and Regulations” to add HCC 14.08.015, “Water Service Area” and Prohibiting the City from Providing Water Service Outside the City of Homer Unless Authorized by Ordinance or Required by Law and Requiring the Adoption of Extraterritorial Public Utility Agreements by Resolution. Aderhold. Water/Sewer Map as backup. Ordinance 19-25, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Sale of the Homer Public Library Lot Located at 3713 Main Street and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents to Dispose of the Lot. Aderhold. Written public comment. Resolution 19-036(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Maintaining the City of Homer Water and Sewer Rates and Updating the Homer Fee Schedule Accordingly. Stroozas. “No Change” rate schedule included as backup; Resolutions Resolution 19-041(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska,
Awarding the Contract for the Replacement of the A-Frame PRV Station to the firm of Steiner’s North Star Construction of Homer, Alaska, in the amount of $296,512, and Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk. Memorandum 19-076 from Public Works Director as backup; Resolution 19-042(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the City Hall Roof Replacement Project to the firm of Anchorage Roofing and Contracting of Anchorage, Alaska in the Amount $195,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk. Memorandum 19-077 from Public Works Director as backup

APPROVED as amended.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

a. Recognition of Dr. Bell’s Service to the Homer Volunteer Fire Department

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Two people commented.

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA (Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If a 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.)


c. Memorandum 19-068 from City Clerk Re: Application for Restaurant Designation for Homer Spit Oyster Bar. Recommend approval.


Constructed Prior to City Regulation into Compliance with City Laws and Construction Procedures. Stroozas. Recommended dates Introduction June 10, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 24, 2019

Moved to Ordinances a. Aderhold

f. Ordinance 19-28, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Expenditure in an Amount up to $6,000 from the HART Funds for Construction of an ADA Accessible Trail on City of Homer Property and Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Property. Mayor. Recommended dates Introduction June 10, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 24, 2019

Memorandum 19-070 from Deputy City Planner as backup

g. Ordinance 19-29, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the Expenditure in an Amount up to $13,900 from the HART Funds for Construction of an ADA Accessible Trail on City of Homer Property and Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Property. Venuti. Recommended dates Introduction June 10, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 24, 2019

Memorandum 19-071 from Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission as backup

h. Ordinance 19-30, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a Commercial Vessel Passenger Tax Program Pass Through Grant from the Kenai Peninsula Borough for Calendar Year 2018 in the Amount of $35,815 and a Commercial Vessel Passenger Tax Appropriation from the State of Alaska For $35,815 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommended Dates Introduction June 10, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading June 24, 2019

i. Resolution 19-039, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Agreement for Joint Use of Equipment and Facilities for the Period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

j. Resolution 19-040, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding the Contract for the Homer Volunteer Fire Department Firefighting Turn Out Gear to L.N. Curtis & Sons of Kent, Washington in the Amount of $41,625.00 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 19-074 from Interim Fire Chief as backup
Memorandum 19-075 from City Clerk as backup
k. Memorandum 19-073 from Finance Director Approving the 2020 & 2021 Budget Schedule. Recommend approval.

Item e. moved to Ordinances a. Aderhold

ADOPTED without discussion.

VISITORS

a. Homer Steps Up Challenge - Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital Director of Public Relations and Marketing

Derotha Ferraro reported that participants exceeded the community goal of 100,000,000 steps during the month long Homer Steps Up Challenge. The groups were divided up into small teams of 5-25 people and large teams of 25+ people. The winning small team was the M&M&M’s a team made up of Staff and friends of Paul Banks Elementary School. The winning large team was the City of Homer, for the third year in a row. Ms. Ferraro thanked the prize donors and sponsors, and identified statistics from the American Heart Association related to the benefits of walking.

b. Economic Contribution of Bear Viewing to Southcentral Alaska - Dave Bachrach, Drew Hamilton, and Dave Aplin (10 minutes)

Drew Hamilton, Friends of McNeil River Board President, addressed highlights from a study by the University of Alaska, Fairbanks on the strong and growing economic value of bear viewing on the west side of Cook Inlet. Bear viewing related services bring in $35.5 million in sales and hire 371 employees. Direct purchases by service providers and household spending supports approximately $36.3 million in economic production in the region. Mr. Hamilton raised the concern of the potential impacts of the Pebble Mine Production to the area and the failure of the Pebble Mine draft Environmental Impact Statement to consider the jobs and economic impacts of bear viewing. The full report can be viewed at www.friendsofmcneillriver.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS (5 Minute limit per report)

a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Smith reported council discussed Ordinance 19-27, Vegetation in Rights-of-Way and heard a report from the City Manager on General Fund and Reserve Balance Policies.

b. Worksession Report

City Manager Koester reported Council started an in-depth review of Ordinance 19-23, Title 14 and 17 re-write. They only got through the Title 14 section tonight, but had good discussion and questions on definitions and parameters.

c. Special Meeting Report
d. Mayor's Report
   i. Letter from AKDOT Re: Response Baycrest Sub.
   ii. Alaska Marine Highway Survey Response

Mayor Castner reviewed the information regarding the letter from AKDOT letter and his response to the Alaska Marine Highway Survey.

e. Borough Report

f. Library Advisory Board

Mark Massion reported on the Summer Reading program events. He recognized the Homer Elks for a Gratitude Grant to purchase food and some backpacks for youth the summer.

g. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

Kalie Petska-Rubalcava reported the Commission held a public hearing on the vacation of a portion of right-of-way on Greatland Street that was approved, the remand of CUP 18-09 for a medical clinic and amended findings, and a draft ordinance to add medical clinic as a permitted use in the CBD. They reviewed and made recommendations on two plats, and continued to discuss building heights in the East End Mixed Use district and requirements for as-builts for zoning permits.

h. Economic Development Advisory Commission

i. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Ingrid Harrald, Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission Chair, recognized the community minded approach and the effort and work that’s put into planning the accessible trail addressed in Ordinances 19-28 and 19-29. This is important for our visitors, but more important to the people who live here and find joy in experiencing our parks and open spaces.

j. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

k. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

PUBLIC HEARING(S)


   Ordinance 19-19(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending
Homer City Code Title 14.08, “Water Rules and Regulations” to add HCC 14.08.015, “Water Service Area” and Permitting the City to Provide Water Service Outside the City of Homer so Long as the Property Served is Adjacent to a Water Main Installed to Serve City Property and Such Service is Required by Law or Authorized by Ordinance and Requiring a Council Approved Agreement Regulating Use, Operation, Installation, and Maintenance of Water Service on the Property. Aderhold.

Memorandum 19-072 from Councilmember Aderhold as backup

Two people commented.

POSTPONED Substitute to August 26, 2019 and referred to the Economic Development Commission, Planning Commission, and Port and Harbor Advisory Commission.


Memorandum 19-058 from Councilmembers Lord and Stroozas as backup
Memorandum 19-063 from City Attorney as backup

There were no public comments.

POSTPONED Substitute to worksession no later than July 22nd, with second public hearing on June 24th.

Memorandum 19-061 from Police Chief as backup

ADOPTED without discussion.


Eight people commented.

FAILED with discussion.

e. Resolution 19-036, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the City of Homer Water and Sewer Rates and Updating the Fee Schedule Accordingly. City Manager/Finance Director.

Resolution 19-036(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Maintaining the City of Homer Water and Sewer Rates and Updating the Fee Schedule Accordingly for 2020. Stroozas.

There were no public comments.

ADOPTED Substitute with discussion.

ORDINANCE(S)


INTRODUCED with discussion.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

a. City Manager's Report
Councilmember Lord asked whether there has been discussion or analysis of the impacts to the land adjacent to the Seafarer's Memorial parking area from the hardening and use of rip rap for the new parking area. City Manager Koester said there has been discussion but an engineer's analysis has not been done. She explained the rip rap will be fronted with another buffer made up of sea grass and other materials to keep the front of the area in a more natural state. Councilmember Aderhold shared that she understands the desire for parking on the Spit, but also understands that the Spit is natural wonder and we need to keep in mind its longevity.

In response to other questions, City Manager Koester shared that she and the Mayor will be looking at necessary code amendments as we transition into a two year budget cycle, and she briefly commented about the online sales tax meeting she attended last week. She'll have a full summary in her next written report.

b. Bid Report - Informational Only

**PENDING BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Memorandum 19-073 from Finance Director Approving the 2020 & 2021 Budget Schedule

Moved and approved under Consent Agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS**

a. Resolution 19-041, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for the Replacement of the A-Frame PRV Station to a firm to be Announced in an Amount to be Disclosed, and Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Resolution 19-041(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for the Replacement of the A-Frame PRV Station to the firm of Steiner’s North Star Construction of Homer, Alaska, in the amount of $296,512, and Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Memorandum 19-076 from Public Works Director as backup

ADOPTED Substitute without discussion.

b. Resolution 19-042, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the City Hall Roof Replacement Project to a Firm to be Announced in an Amount to be Disclosed and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.
Resolution 19-042(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the City Hall Roof Replacement Project to the firm of Anchorage Roofing and Contracting of Anchorage, Alaska in the Amount $195,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk. Supplemental Packet Page 19

Memorandum 19-077 from Public Works Director as backup

ADOPTED Substitute without discussion.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Three people commented.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Wells had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Koester had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner commented that he’s been working with the City Clerk on a calendar of events and apologized for not announcing Mary Epperson Day prior to June 6th. Mary is someone he remembers fondly, he had lunch with her every Tuesday when she was at Senior Housing. She contributed greatly to the community.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Venuti commented that researchers are continuing to find plastics in the deepest parts of our oceans and in logging the debris that’s found, its plastic bags in particular. She noted that Homer will be voting on whether or not to ban single use plastic bags in October and encouraged everyone to spend some time educating themselves on the issue.

Councilmember Smith shared his appreciation for Dr. Bell and shared some experiences with their time working together in the softball programs. He also shared about the positive input Dr. Bell has had as coach of the girl’s high school softball team for his daughter, and other players as well. He congratulated the City on the third year of winning the Homer Steps Up Trophy, and thanked everyone for the good input from the audience and from around the table.
Councilmember Lord commented about last week’s meeting with the Homer Foundation and local non-profits that she attended. It was an effort to discuss the City of Homer’s grant program and get feedback from non-profit programs to help them be as successful as possible. There were representatives from several local non-profits who attended and their input was very helpful. She thanked Dr. Bell for his efforts with the Volunteer Fire Department and the community over all. The Farmer’s Market is going on and as they continue to work through dealing with the crowds on Saturday she reminded listeners that the Wednesday Market is going on and encouraged taking advantage of that less crowded day. She hopes as they talk about asset management and the HERC space that they also have an earnest conversation about the old police station building.

Councilmember Erickson congratulated Dr. Bell and thanked him for his service and wished they’d done a recognition when Mary Lou retired also. There is a lot to talk about with the title 14 and 17 rewrite and she looks forward having a worksession where they can work through it for a couple hours. Sometimes it looks like they are divided at the table but she thinks they’re close on a lot issues, it’s just the process of how they work through it. The sun is shining and she encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy it.

Councilmember Aderhold thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the bed tax forum. She wished there had been a more diverse perspective but she learned a lot from listening to what people had to say. Kachemak Bay Research Reserve held their annual meeting here and there were members from Hawaii where the newest reserve is. It was great to have the opportunity to discuss what Alaska and Hawaii share in relation to migratory birds and whales. She’s excited about the Writer’s Conference this weekend and she shared some of the upcoming events. Homer is privileged to have such diverse and phenomenal writers gather here once a year. She noted that she loves the recognitions at the Council meetings and thinks they are a valuable part of what they do, she encouraged the Mayor to do more of them and to include them in the packet for everyone to read.

Councilmember Stroozas reminded everyone that June 14th is Flag Day. The Homer Elks will be hosting a ceremony at 6:00, it’s open to the public and there will a ceremony that includes the Boy Scouts demonstrating how to fold a flag. The Elks started Flag Day in 1885 and in 1949 President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th as National Flag Day. Tomorrow morning the cruise ship Amsterdam for their first visit of the season. The ship will be back four or five times this season.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.