

Session 19-28 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on September 26, 2019 by Mayor Ken Castner at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Castner announced Councilmember Smith made a timely request for telephonic participation.

ADERHOLD/STROOZAS MOVED TO ALLOW COUNCILMEMBER SMITH TO PARTICIPATE TELEPHONICALLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**PRESENT:** COUNCILMEMBERS: ADERHOLD, ERICKSON, LORD, SMITH (telephonic), 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: **Consent Agenda Memorandum 19-123** from Mayor Re: Appointment of City Representative to the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. **Memorandum 19-123(S)** from Mayor Re: Appointment of City Representative to the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association for a term of 3 years. **Ordinance 19-43**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 7.06.020 Use of Improperly Muffled Engine Brakes, to Identify Permitted Areas for Use of Muffled Engine Brakes in the City of Homer. City Manager/Police Chief. **Ordinance 19-43(S)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 7.06.020, "Use of Improperly Muffled Engine Brakes Prohibited", to Prohibit the Use of Muffled Engine Brakes to Certain Roads within the City of Homer. City Manager/Police Chief and Memorandum 19-130 from Police Chief as backup; **Mayor's Report** October is Domestic Violence Month; **City Manager's Report** Request for Legal Opinion Re: Email from Councilmember Erickson from September 21, 2019, Subject: Easy Street.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**

## **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.)

- a. Homer City Council Unapproved Special Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2019, September 4, 2019 3:00 and 5:30 meetings, September 5, 2019 and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2019. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 19-123 from Mayor Re: Appointment of City Representative to the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. Recommend approval.

Moved to New Business item d. Aderhold

- c. Ordinance 19-42, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Instituting the Industrial Pretreatment Discharge and Waste Disposal Manual. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction September 23, 2019 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 14, 2019
- d. Ordinance 19-43, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 7.06.020 Use of Improperly Muffled Engine Brakes, to Identify Permitted Areas for Use of Muffled Engine Brakes in the City of Homer. Recommended dates Introduction September 23, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 14, 2019.

Moved to Ordinances item a. Aderhold

- e. Resolution 19-063, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 2019-047 to Recognize the Recommendations of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Election Stakeholders Group and Directing Staff to Explore Implementation of the Recommendations, and Signing Kenai Peninsula Borough Joint Resolution 2019-001. Aderhold/City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Moved to Resolutions item a. Aderhold

- f. Resolution 19-064, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Library Advisory Board Bylaws by Removing Article III, Section 4 Regarding Attendance at Friends of the Homer Library Board Meetings. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 19-124 from Library Advisory Board as backup

- g. Resolution 19-065, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for General Legal Counsel Services to the Firm of Jermain, Dunnagan & Owens, P.C. of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Monthly Fixed Fee Amount of \$12,500 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- h. Resolution 19-066, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting the Construction and Operation of the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Project in Response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Solicitation for Comments Regarding the Project's Environmental Impact Statement. Stroozas. Recommend adoption.

Moved to Resolutions item b. Aderhold

- i. Resolution 19-067, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Amending the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Policy Program Manual to Update Referenced Sections of Homer City Code and Improve Clarity throughout the Manual. City Manager. Recommend adoption.
- j. Resolution 19-068, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Adopting the Industrial Waste Disposal Permit, Commercial Waste Disposal Permit, Water/Sewer Extension Permit, and Utility Construction Project Permit as Part of the Public Utility System Application Process. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Moved to Resolutions item c. Aderhold

- k. Resolution 19-069, A Resolution of The City Council Of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Lease Assignment from John and Margaret Chapple DBA Homer Spit Campground to Truxton Management Inc. and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents for a Seven Year Three Month Lease with Options for Two Consecutive Three Year Renewals for a Portion of Lot 49, Homer Spit Subdivision Amended According to Plat No. 89-034, And Lot 50, According to Plat No. 89-034, at an Initial Annual Rate of \$42, 473.44. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda with its recommendations and changes.

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of the consent agenda as read.

ERICKSON/LORD SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

## **VISITORS**

Tim Dillon, KPEDD Executive Director, gave a tour of the new KPEDD website <https://kpedd.org/> and highlighted key features and dashboards that are available.

b. HERC Innovation Proposal - Jeremiah and Joshua Riley (10 minutes)

Joshua Riley presented the concept of an Innovation Plaza in Homer using the HERC building. He explained innovation programs provide the framework, support, and facilities that entrepreneurs need to turn their ideas into successful businesses. These range from simple business incubation programs to plazas. They stimulate the economy by attracting and retaining talent, encouraging business growth, and promoting economic diversification. Innovation programs build off existing economic drivers, while encouraging new industries. Funding is available through the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and other Federal agencies for programs like these. Jeremiah Riley participated telephonically and highlighted the benefits of an Innovation Plaza, potential with the HERC building, and answered questions from Councilmembers.

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

a. Worksession Report

City Manager Koester reported on the September 16<sup>th</sup> worksession on Ordinance 19-23(S) Title 14 and 17 re-write, and on the 4:00 p.m. worksession regarding Seawall Maintenance and Planning.

b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Aderhold reported Council discussed consent agenda items, a request for a legal opinion regarding Easy Street, and Preliminary Budget Assumptions for the 2020-2021 biennial budget.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner announced October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He also reported on the North Pacific Fisheries Conference being held in

Homer September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup>, and gave a brief update on the new Police Station building status.

- d. Borough Report
- e. Library Advisory Board

Marcia Kuszmaul, Library Advisory Board Chair, commented regarding their bylaw amendment and their continued relations with the Friends of the Homer Library. She noted there will be a Candidate Forum on Wednesday at the Library.

- f. Homer Advisory Planning Commission
- g. Economic Development Advisory Commission
- h. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Jon Sharp, Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner, reported at their last meeting they approved funding to order a new plaque for a park bench that was donated, had great presentations from Deputy City Planner Engebretsen and Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy, and discussed the Karen Hornaday Park and road improvements and the need to replace the bathroom at the park.

- i. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission
  - i. Memorandum from Port & Harbor Advisory Commission Re: 2020-21 Budget Item-Lot 42 Amortization Schedule
- j. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- a. Resolution 19-061, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Adopting the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Plan and Establishing Capital Project Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2021.

Memorandum 19-126 from City Clerk as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-061 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 19-40, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Chapter 21.27.040, Dimensional Requirements, to Allow Commercial Buildings up to 75 Feet in Height in the East End Mixed Use District with a Conditional Use Permit. Introduction September 9, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading September 23, 2019.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

VENUTI/ERICKSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 19-40 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 19-41, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 21.24.020, Permitted Uses and Structures; and Homer City Code 21.26.020, Permitted Uses and Structures, to Expand Manufacturing Activities in the General Commercial 1 & General Commercial 2 Zoning Districts. Introduction September 9, 2019 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 23, 2019.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

ERICKSON/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 19-41 BY READING OF TITLE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- d. 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 Utility

Construction Practices and Fees from Homer City Code 13.24 and Homer City Code 13.28 into Titles 14 and 17 and Move Homer City Code 9.08 to Homer City Code 17.03 and Update Assessment Lien Enforcement Provisions to Incorporate State Law Requirements. Lord/Stroozas.

Ordinance 19-23(S-2) 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 Utility Construction Practices and Fees from Homer City Code 13.24 and Homer City Code 13.28 into Titles 14 and 17 and Move Homer City Code 9.08 to Homer City Code 17.03 and Update Assessment Lien Enforcement Provisions to Incorporate State Law Requirements. Lord/Stroozas.

Memorandum 19-125 from City Attorney as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Mayor Castner announced there is a motion on the floor from June 10<sup>th</sup> to adopt Ordinance 19-23(S).

LORD/VENUTI I MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 19-23(S-2) FOR 19-23(S).

Councilmember Lord explained the S-2 ordinance incorporates items that were addressed at their August and September worksessions.

VOTE (motion to substitute): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

STROOZAS/LORD MOVED TO AMEND LINES 226-235 AS FOLLOWS: 14.01.090 WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULE **AND SECOND WATER METER USAGE**. A. THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT, RENEW, REVIEW AND AMEND, AS NECESSARY, A WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULE ANNUALLY VIA RESOLUTION. COPIES OF THE RATE SCHEDULE SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. THE SCHEDULE MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY’S WEBSITE. B. THE CITY WILL ALLOW, UPON APPROVAL OF A WRITTEN APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF THE FEE ESTABLISHED BY CITY COUNCIL, A SECOND WATER USAGE METER TO MEASURE THE FLOW OF CITY WATER THAT IS NOT DISCHARGED TO THE SANITARY SYSTEM. THIS SECOND METER WILL BE READ MONTHLY **DURING THE SUMMER** AND SEWER CHARGES WILL BE CREDITED MONTHLY. **THE METER MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO READ DURING THE FALL**

**AND WINTER MONTHS. ANY CHARGES ACCRUED DURING THAT PERIOD WILL BE REFLECTED THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE THE METER IS READ.**

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

SMITH/ERICKSON MOVED TO AMEND LINES 630-633 AS FOLLOWS: 14.08.070 FROZEN PIPES– CITY NOT LIABLE. CUSTOMERS WILL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ON-PROPERTY FROZEN WATER CONNECTIONS AND ~~EXTENSIONS~~ **ON-SITE WATER CONNECTION LINE’ WHICH IS DEFINED IN THE CODE AS “PART OF THE WATER CONNECTION LINE LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY BEING SERVED BY THAT LINE.**

City Attorney Wells commented this amendment creates more room or misinterpretation and potential for argument on what is and what is not within the liability of the property owner. It makes the language less precise and enforceable, and she does not recommend the change.

Councilmember Smith questioned how City Attorney Wells defines extensions because with the code, extensions are defined as the portion of the line from the main to the water valve, which is also defined as not being within the ownership of the property owner.

City Attorney Wells replied the current code provision is seen in codes throughout the State. Her understanding from discussions with Public Works is that this provision is specific to all connections and extensions on property. If there is something that is not on property, the property owner isn’t held liable, which makes sense. It’s all-encompassing and concise, and is more comprehensive as it refers only to on-property connections and extensions.

Councilmember Lord noted we don’t use the term extensions to talk about anything other than the mains that aren’t going to be on someone’s property.

City Attorney Wells explained the City’s definition of extensions will never be on someone’s property. But this is referring to the freezing of extensions and connections as they are attached to the City’s water system. What someone else might consider “an extension” is one that’s an illegal version, like a spaghetti line. There are mechanisms people use to install “extensions” on property. The most important thing here is the language “on property”. What this says is there is a connection or extension on your property and it freezes, you will be held responsible for it and the City will not. She explained the amendment is acceptable but it needs to be more specific.



VOTE (amendment): YES: SMITH, STROOZAS, ERICKSON  
NO: VENUTI, ADERHOLD, LORD

Mayor Castner did not vote.

Motion failed.

There was no further discussion on Ordinance 19-23(S-2) as amended.

VOTE: YES: ADERHOLD, LORD, VENUTI, STROOZAS, SMITH, ERICKSON

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner called for a five minute recess at 7:27 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 7:33 p.m.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

- a. Ordinance 19-43, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 7.06.020 Use of Improperly Muffled Engine Brakes, to Identify Permitted Areas for Use of Muffled Engine Brakes in the City of Homer. Recommended dates Introduction September 23, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 14, 2019.

Ordinance 19-43(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 7.06.020, "Use of Improperly Muffled Engine Brakes Prohibited", to Prohibit the Use of Muffled Engine Brakes to Certain Roads within the City of Homer.  
City Manager/Police Chief

Memorandum 19-130 from Police Chief as backup

STROOZAS/VENUTI MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 19-43 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

STROOZAS/LORD MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 19-43(S) FOR 19-43.

There was no discussion on the motion to substitute.

VOTE (motion to substitute): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

City Attorney Wells recommended an amendment to the title.

LORD/ERICKSON MOVED TO AMEND LINE 9 TO DELETE "TO" AND INSERT "EXCEPT ON"

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion on the main motion.

VOTE (main motion as amended): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Koester commented that at Committee of the Whole there was discussion regarding a request for a legal opinion and per the discussion she will not be working with the Attorney for the legal opinion. She noted that she will have a place for these type of requests in her report going forward. She reported that she learned this afternoon the City was awarded a grant through Homeland Security to fund a backup generator for the Fire Hall and radios for the Police Station.

There was brief discussion about relocating a generator to the new Police Station and installing the new one at the Fire Hall, and about scheduling tours to see the progress of the new Police Station.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Memorandum 19-127 from Councilmembers Aderhold and Venuti Re: Council Retreat Planning

Councilmembers discussed dates for scheduling a retreat and settled on a proposed date of January 11, 2020. There was consensus for Councilmembers Aderhold and Venuti to continue working with the City Manager in planning a Council Retreat.

- b. Memorandum 19-128 from City Manager Re: Third Party Analysis of HAWSP History and Reporting

It was suggested that the \$10,000 fiscal note included in the memorandum is too high. Discussion ensued regarding the complexity and significance of the HAWSP fund, and the need for extensive review to ensure the Council gets an appropriate analysis of the fund.

ERICKSON/VENUTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT FOR A THIRD PARTY ANALYSIS OF HAWSP AS OUTLINED IN MEMORANDUM 19-128.

At the request of Councilmember Aderhold, City Manager Koester explained the memo includes her best effort to take the comments and concerns that were expressed at the September 16<sup>th</sup> worksession and develop a scope of work for a successful applicant. It would be appropriate for Council to make any amendments to the scope of work they may feel necessary to ensure they get the work product they are looking for.

There were brief comments in support of the scope provided.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Memorandum 19-129 from City Clerk Re: Economic Development Advisory Commission Councilmember Appointment

Mayor Castner explained Councilmember Smith submitted his resignation as the Councilmember appointed to the Economic Development Advisory Commission and reviewed the information provided on the history of the Councilmember appointment that's included in City Code. He explained no action is needed at this time, but Councilmembers may apply for the seat or bring forward a code amendment.

- d. Memorandum 19-123 from Mayor Re: Appointment of City Representative to the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association. Recommend approval.

VENUTI/ADERHOLD MOVED TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM 19-123.

VENUTI/ADERHOLD MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE MEMORANDUM 19-123(S) FOR 19-123.

There was no discussion on the motion to substitute.

VOTE (motion to substitute): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Councilmember Lord noted that the substitute memorandum establishes a three year term for the seat.

VOTE (main motion): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution 19-063, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 2019-047 to Recognize the Recommendations of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Election Stakeholders Group and Directing Staff to Explore Implementation of the Recommendations, and Signing Kenai Peninsula Borough Joint Resolution 2019-001. Aderhold/City Clerk.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-063.

Councilmember Aderhold gave a thorough review of the recommendations of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Election Stakeholders Group and responded to questions from Council.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- a. Resolution 19-066, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting the Construction and Operation of the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Project in Response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Solicitation for Comments Regarding the Project's Environmental Impact Statement. Stroozas.

STROOZAS/ERICKSON MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-066.

Councilmember Aderhold commented regarding a resolution that was brought forward regarding submitting comments to the ACOE regarding the Pebble Mine asking them to conduct an analysis. The body at that time had discussion on not commenting on that EIS and that we as a body shouldn't comment on these sorts of things and that resolution was voted down. She doesn't understand why they should vote on this request when they have chosen not to comment on other EIS's.

Councilmember Stroozas commented about a year or so ago Council sent a similar comment to AGDC, supporting the location of the LNG terminal in Nikiski and this is a Federal Regulatory Commission (FRC) comment period that closes October 5<sup>th</sup>. Because the resolution was supported last year, this is comments to FRC in regards to the draft EIS. He noted the resolution includes verbiage that identifies the benefits to the City of Homer.

Councilmember Lord expressed her preference that Council not weigh in on this.

VOTE: YES: STROOZAS, SMITH

NO: LORD, ADERHOLD, ERICKSON, VENUTI

Motion failed.

- b. Resolution 19-068, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Adopting the Industrial Waste Disposal Permit, Commercial Waste Disposal Permit, Water/Sewer Extension Permit, and Utility Construction Project Permit as Part of the Public Utility System Application Process. City Manager.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-068.

Councilmember Lord commented she has questions for staff regarding the permits but didn't have time to get them address before tonight's meeting.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO POSTPONE TO THEIR NEXT MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (motion to postpone): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

#### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Wells, on behalf of Birch Horton, expressed appreciation for allowing the firm to be a small part of the City for the last decade, and commended the Council on their new legal counsel who she's sure will represent the City effectively and with excellence. On a personal note, she thanked the City employees, Council members, and community members she has worked with over the last 11 years. She commended City Manager Koester, recognizing her leadership, professionalism and dedication, and recognized City Clerk Jacobsen as well.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Jacobsen announced there are seats open on the Economic Development Advisory Commission and the ADA Compliance Committee, and openings for Student Representatives on the Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission and Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. Absentee in Person voting is open during normal business hours through September 30<sup>th</sup>. She thanked City Attorney Wells for the support from her and her firm over the years, she has been great to work with in dealing with the issues that come through the City Clerk's office.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Koester said it's been a pleasure to work with City Attorney Wells and appreciates the professionalism of her and her firm in the transfer to the new firm.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Castner hopes they can put together an extended worksession on budget policies in early November as they work through the budget. He looks forward to engaging with the two year budget cycle and incorporating the best way Council wants to receive reports during the cycle.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Venuti congratulated Dan Miotke on his promotion to Assistant Fire Chief and thanked City Attorney Wells for all her work. She reminded everyone to drive with their headlights on, it's getting harder to see now that it's darker in the mornings.

Councilmember Smith commented about his travels into British Columbia and the beautiful scenery. He noted under the sign when you get in to British Columbia it says "Super Natural". He suggested the thinking about a new catch phrase for Homer. He noted that the polls are open and next Tuesday is Election Day. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote and recognized Councilmembers Stroozas and Erickson for all they've done during their term.

Councilmember Lord congratulated Dan Miotke on his promotion to Assistant Fire Chief and thanked Tim Dillon for presenting the new KPEDD website. She was pleased the schools didn't close and shared appreciation for our local School Board Members for being available to answer questions during the negotiations. She thanked City Attorney Wells for her work on the title 14 and 17 re-write and for all of her and her staffs support. She'll be attending the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators Conference in Juneau next week.

Councilmember Erickson thanked Councilmembers Lord and Stroozas for their work on the title 14 and 17 re-write and City Attorney Wells for her OMA trainings. She thanked Debbie Speakman for her work with the Chamber of Commerce and Jan Knutson for stepping in as Interim Director. Lastly she thanked all the volunteers who work in our visitor industry for all they do to promote Homer.

Councilmember Aderhold thanked City Attorney Wells, she appreciates all she's done for the City. She said there is a Tesla car charging station at Art Shop Gallery. On Saturday she participated in the Inlet-wide Beluga's Count Project on Baycrest Hill. It was fun and there were people from other countries, states, and communities in Alaska. On Friday she attended the Homer High School Climate Strike and was impressed with the adults who came and listened, and also with the students and what they had to say.

Councilmember Stroozas thanked City Attorney Wells and announced Councilmember Lord is presenting tomorrow at the Chamber luncheon. He thanked Joshua and Jeremiah Riley for their presentation and interest in the HERC. He reminded everyone to vote on October 1<sup>st</sup> and said today is the autumnal equinox, where there is 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Worksession at 4:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.