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**City of Homer
Action Agenda
Special Meeting
Worksession
Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting**

SPECIAL MEETING

Session 19-33 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on November 25, 2019 by Mayor Ken Castner at 3:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: ADERHOLD, EVENSEN, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

EXCUSED: HANSEN-CAVASOS (recused by Mayor Castner)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
ATTORNEY PINKEL

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (3 minute time limit)

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 19-146 from City Clerk Re: Request for Executive Session Pursuant to AS 44.62.310(A-C)(1&5) Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of which would Clearly have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the Government Unit and Attorney/Client Privilege (Thomas Stroozas vs. City of Homer Lawsuit)

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO AS 44.62.310(A-C)(1&5) MATTERS, THE IMMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH WOULD CLEARLY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE FINANCES OF THE GOVERNMENT UNIT AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE (THOMAS STROOZAS VS. CITY OF HOMER LAWSUIT)

Mayor Castner noted for the record that JDO Attorney Pinkel and City Manager Koester will attend.

VOTE: YES: VENUTI, SMITH, ADERHOLD, LORD, EVENSEN

Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 3:33 p.m.

Mayor Castner called the meeting back to order at 3:54 p.m.

Councilmember Lord reported Council met in executive session to discuss the Thomas Stroozas v. City of Homer lawsuit and give direction to Attorney Pinkel of JDO Law.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 3:50 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, December 9, 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 3:54 p.m.

WORKSESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER, 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Castner 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 by consensus

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)

- HAWSP Analysis Report

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minutes)

ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.

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Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Castner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Department Heads may be called on to participate

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

APPROVED by consensus.

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)

- Ordinance 19-51, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Appropriating Funds for the Calendar Years 2020 and 2021 for the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, Capital Projects, and Internal Service Funds. City Manager.
- Memorandum 19-155 from Finance Director Re: Capital Project Funds (151, 215, and 415) Cleanup

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.

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Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Session 19-34 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on November 25, 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.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: ADERHOLD, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
POLICE CHIEF ROBL

PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS
CITY PLANNER ABOUD
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR BROWNING
LIBRARY DIRECTOR BERRY
FIRE CHIEF KIRKO

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 Ordinance 19-54**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2019 Operating Budget to Appropriate an Amount not to Exceed \$50,000 from the HART Fund for the Purpose of Developing a Wayfinding-Streetscape Plan for the City of Homer, Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare an RFP for Consultant Services and Authorizing the Establishment of a Wayfinding and Streetscape Task Force with the Consultant. Venuti/Smith. **Ordinance 19-54(S)**, with the same title. Written public comments. **Resolution 19-083**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer Alaska Strongly Discouraging any Legislative or Regulatory Changes that Erode Oil Spill Prevention and Response Standards; Stating that if the System Created after the 1989 Oil Spill is Weakened, Alaskans will Likely Face an Increased Risk of Reliving Another Major Oil Spill; and Asking the State of Alaska to Halt the Department of Environmental Conservation's Public Scoping Process Until Detailed Information is Provided to the Public as to the Driving Factors that led to this Regulatory and Statutory Reform Initiative. Aderhold. Article from PWSRCAC website and letter to Regulatory Commission of Alaska as backup. **Visitors** Homer Chamber of Commerce – Jan Knutsen, Interim Director and Tom Soderholm, Board President. **Public Hearings Ordinance 19-49**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Imposing a Temporary Six-Month Moratorium on Applications for Professional Offices and Medical Clinics in the Residential Office District and Directing the Planning Commission to Make a Recommendation to the City Council for the Creation of a Medical District in the Vicinity of the South Peninsula Hospital During this Time Frame. Smith. **Ordinance 19-49(S)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Imposing a Temporary Six-Month Moratorium on Applications for ~~Medical Clinics~~ Conditional Use Permits in the Residential Office District and Directing the Planning Commission to Make a Recommendation to the City Council for the Creation of a Medical District in the Vicinity of the South Peninsula Hospital During this Time Frame. Smith. Memorandum 19-156 with attachments from City Planner as backup and Proposed amendments from Councilmember Aderhold; **Ordinance 19-51**, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Appropriating Funds for the Calendar Years 2020 and 2021 for the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, Capital Projects, and Internal Service Funds. City Manager. Budget amendment re: Hosting AML Summer Conference 2021; **City Manager's Report** 2020 Homer Facility Tour Schedule

APPROVED as amended without discussion.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Seven 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.)

- a. City Council Unapproved Meeting Minutes for October 14 and 28, 2019 Regular Meetings and October 28, 2019 Special Meeting. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 19-145 from Deputy City Clerk Re: Liquor License Renewal for Harbor Grill and Liquor License Transfer for Little Mermaid. Recommend approval.
- c. Ordinance 19-53, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 1.16.040 Fine Schedule and Chapter 5.42 Carryout Bags, Sections 5.42.020 Definitions and 5.42.020 Exceptions. Venuti. Recommended dates Introduction November 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading December 9, 2019.

Memorandum 19-147 from Special Projects and Communications Coordinator as backup

- d. Ordinance 19-54, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2019 Operating Budget to Appropriate an Amount not to Exceed \$50,000 from the HART Fund for the Purpose of Developing a Wayfinding-Streetscape Plan for the City of Homer, Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare an RFP for Consultant Services and Authorizing the Establishment of a Wayfinding and Streetscape Task Force with the Consultant. Venuti/Smith. Recommended dates Introduction November 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading December 9, 2019.

Memorandum 19-148 from Special Projects and Communications Coordinator as backup

Moved to Ordinances item c. Aderhold.

- e. Resolution 19-082, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Urging the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to Keep the Silvertip Maintenance Station Open. Aderhold. Recommend adoption.
- f. Resolution 19-083, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer Alaska Strongly Discouraging any Legislative or Regulatory Changes that Erode Oil Spill Prevention and Response Standards; Stating that if the System Created after the 1989 Oil Spill is Weakened, Alaskans will Likely Face an Increased Risk of Reliving Another Major Oil Spill; and Asking the State of Alaska to Halt the Department of Environmental Conservation's Public Scoping Process Until Detailed Information is Provided to the Public as to the Driving Factors that led to this Regulatory and Statutory Reform Initiative. Aderhold. Recommend adoption.
- g. Resolution 19-084, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Approving an Operating Agreement Between the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the South Peninsula Hospital Inc. dated January 1, 2020 and also Approving the Kenai Peninsula Borough and South Peninsula Hospital Inc.'s Request to Sublease a Portion of the Hospital to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on the City Leased Property Tract A-2, South Peninsula Hospital Subdivision 2008 Addition, Filed as Plat No. 2008-92. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

- h. Resolution 19-085, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Encouraging Proper Pronunciation of Cowles Council Chambers as Continued Recognition for the City of Homer's First Mayor. Evensen. Recommend adoption.

Item d. was moved to Ordinances item c. Aderhold

ADOPTED without discussion.

VISITORS (10 minutes)

- a. South Peninsula Hospital Report - Ryan Smith, CEO (10 minutes)

Ryan Smith, South Peninsula Hospital CEO, thanked the Council for adopting Resolution 19-084 on the Consent Agenda. He reported on the hospitals ownership and governance, and finances. He reviewed their leadership team, and provided an update on their efforts to rent the Kachemak Building following the closure of Medicenter. He explained that Carol Klamser, DNP, has joined the South Peninsula Hospital team and will be in that building along with general surgeons, Dr. Boling and Dr. Larsen. Mr. Smith also reported the hospital received its Trauma Level IV recertification, it will have a new CT Scanner in June, Home Health was named to 2018's HomeCare Elite list, received an American Physical Therapy Association Award, along with other updates and events.

- b. Homer Chamber of Commerce – Jan Knutson, Interim Executive Director and Tom Soderholm, Board President (10 minutes)

Jan Knutson, Interim Executive Director and Tom Soderholm, Board President reviewed the annual statistics for the Homer Chamber of Commerce. They have 30 volunteer hosts who have given over 2700 hours of their time to almost 16,000 visitors who have called or come in. At \$15 per hour, that's close to \$40,000 in kind services to the Chamber. With an increase in visitors and conferences this year, they've prepared welcome packets for 12 major conferences. There will be 10 Holland America cruise ships coming into port this summer and there are volunteer hosts to welcome the passengers, and provide visitor guides, and assist with activities and buses to town when they disembark, and at the bus stops around town. They reviewed information about events in 2019 including the spring Winter King Tournament, shoulder season events, and moving from the summer long Halibut Derby to a tournament style event in June. They announced the upcoming events including Tree Lighting ceremony and events on December 5th, Winter Carnival Parade on February 9th, cleanup day the first week in May, and others. They touched on relocation packages, the new neighbor program, and local partnerships. They thanked Council for consideration of renewal of the marketing contract with the City and proposed additional funds to expand and enhance the visitor center on the spit \$12,000 for seasonal staffing and \$2000 for improvements to the building. Lastly they introduced the recently hired Executive Director, Brad Anderson.

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

- a. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council discussed the 2020-2021 budget and focused on proposed amendments and reviewed the project closeout work the Finance Department has been working on.

b. Worksession Report

City Manager Koester reported the Council discussed the Homer Accelerated Water and Sewer Fund and heard from the accounting firm Altman and Rogers who took a deep look at it. They have recommendations to Council to get the fund balance back into a positive nature and allow special assessment districts to begin again in the City.

c. Special Meeting Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council met in executive session to discuss the Thomas Stroozas v. City of Homer lawsuit and give direction to Attorney Pinkel of JDO Law.

d. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner reported several members were at the Alaska Municipal League conferences in Anchorage last week. Elected officials attend as well as affiliate groups, including the Clerks and Managers. He attended as well as Councilmembers Aderhold, Lord, Venuti, Evensen, and Hansen-Cavasos. Melissa Jacobsen was elected as President of the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks, Katie Koester was elected as President of the Alaska Municipal Management Association, and Bryan Hawkins is currently serving as the Alaska Harbormasters Association President. There is a lot of leadership coming out of Homer right now. Our Borough Mayor and Assembly members were there and we had a good opportunity to talk about broader community problems and events.

e. Borough Report

f. Library Advisory Board

Gordy Vernon, Library Advisor Board member, reported the Board has been discussing an Endowment Fund and working with foundations to see what they have to offer.

g. Planning Commission

h. Economic Development Advisory Commission

- i. Memorandum from Economic Development Advisory Commission Re: Recommendations for Ordinance 19-47 to Repeal HCC 2.76 Economic Development Advisory Commission

Karin Marks, Economic Development Advisory Board Chair, reported at their last meeting the Commission voted to support Ordinance 19-54 and look forward to it passing as there is a lot of support for it. They also developed their recommendation for Ordinance 19-47 regarding disbanding the Commission that's included in the packet.

i. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Ingrid Harrald, Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner, shared her thankfulness for the support from staff and all they do for the Commission and community, and also for the Council. She reported on the Commissions upcoming letter to editor regarding summer Camp Hosts. The Commission recently discussed camping and schedules, increased vandalism in the parks, held a walkthrough at Karen Hornaday Park to look at traffic calming and discuss ideas, and the memo to Council supporting HART funds for trail maintenance. She commended Parks Staff for upping their game in litter pickup in the parks, it's been noticed and received positive feedback. They also had productive discussion with Deputy City Planner Engebretsen and Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy on camping at Mariner Park and ways to maintain the capacity of camp sites on the spit. The Commission has also commented in support of the Wayfinding and Streetscapes plan.

j. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

k. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

Councilmember Aderhold reported the Committee had a meeting scheduled, but didn't have a quorum to meet. She announced there is an opening on the Committee and anyone interested can inquire at the Clerk's Office.

l. Employee Committee Report

i. Memorandum from Employee Committee Re: Request for a COLA for FY 2020 & 2021 to Match Inflation

Deputy City Planner Julie Engebretsen and Library Technician David Bernard, Employee Committee Chair and Co-Chair reported to Council on the Committees support of the proposed budget amendment for the COLA in 2020 and 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

a. Ordinance 19-49, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Imposing a Temporary Six-Month Moratorium on Applications for Professional Offices and Medical Clinics in the Residential Office District and Directing the Planning Commission to Make a Recommendation to the City Council for the Creation of a Medical District in the Vicinity of the South Peninsula Hospital During this Time Frame. Smith. Introduction October 14, 2019 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 25, 2019

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One person commented.

ADOPTED Substitute as amended with discussion.

Amendments:

- Line 8, add NON-RESIDENTIAL in front of CONDITIONAL.
 - Line 25, add non-residential in front of conditional.
 - Delete lines 29 and 30 (this should be ordained, see below)
 - Revise lines 37 and 38 to read “A moratorium on issuing non-residential conditional use permits for the area displayed in Attachment A shall be in effect until June 30, 2020.”
 - Revise lines 40-42 to read “The City will not accept any additional conditional use permit applications that are subject to this moratorium. This does not apply to those conditional use permit applications that have been previously received and/or approved.”
 - Line 44, add “Section 2. The Planning Commission is directed to work with the neighborhood and produce recommendations regarding the creation of a medical district by June 30, 2020. The recommendations should come in the form of a draft ordinance and a memo explaining the recommendations and process followed to develop them.”
- b. Ordinance 19-50, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 21.30 Marine Industrial Zoning District Section 21.30.020 Permitted Uses and Structures, to add Boat Sales, Rentals, Service, Repair and Storage, and Boat Manufacturing as Permitted Uses and Section 21.30.050 Conditional Uses and Structures to Remove Boat Sales, Rentals, Service, Repair and Storage, and Boat Manufacturing as Conditional Uses. Planning Commission. Introduction October 28, 2019 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 25, 2019.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- c. Ordinance 19-51, An Ordinance of the Homer City Council Appropriating Funds for the Calendar Years 2020 and 2021 for the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Port/Harbor Fund, Capital Projects, and Internal Service Funds. City Manager. Introduction October 28, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading November 25, 2019 and December 9, 2019, Second Reading December 9, 2019.

Seven people commented.

Amended with discussion as follows:

- Council travel 2020 and 2021 increased \$5300
- COLA increase 2020 to 3% and reduce in 2021 to 1%
- Add Police Officer 1 position
- Transfer to Fire Reserves 2020-\$215,264 and 2021-\$40,000
- General Fund Reserve transfer 2021 - \$2000
- Spit Parking Study 2020 - \$20,000
- Spit Comp Plan 2021 - \$50,000
- Dispatch Work Stations 2020 - \$49,408
- ADA Spit Parking 2020 - \$34,560
- Trail Maintenance 2020 - \$12,944

- d. Resolution 19-080, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Homer Tariff No. 1 Under Rule 9-Anchoring, Rule 12-Vehicle Parking, Rule 13-Wharfage, Demurrage and Free Time, Rule 26-Fish Dock Rates, and Rule 27-Small Boat Harbor Rules and Regulations. City Manager/Port Director. Follows Ordinance 19-51.

There were no comments.

- e. Resolution 19-081, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the City Fee Schedule under Administrative Fees, City Clerk Fees, and Port and Harbor Fees. City Clerk. Follows Ordinance 19-51.

Resolution 19-081(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the City Fee Schedule under Administrative Fees, City Clerk Fees, and Port and Harbor Fees. City Clerk. Follows Ordinance 19-51.

Memorandum 19-154 from City Clerk as backup

There were no comments.

SUBSTITUTED 19-081(S) for 19-081 with discussion.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 19-55, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Amending Homer City Code 2.08.040, Bylaws for Council Procedures to Establish that Newly Elected Members will be Seated at a Special Meeting Following the Canvass of the Election; and 4.35.404 Certification of Election to Clarify the Time for Certification of a Regular and Special Election. Evensen/Hansen-Cavasos. Recommended dates Introduction November 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading December 9, 2019.

POSTPONED to December 9th with discussion.

- b. Ordinance 19-56, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Moving Expenditures in the Amount of \$92,852.24 Previously Allocated from the General Fund Operating Fund to now be Allocated from the Natural Gas Line Capital Project Fund for Legal and Travel Related Expenses Associated with ENSTAR Tariff Filing 310-4. Mayor. Recommended dates Introduction November 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading December 9, 2019.

INTRODUCED with discussion.

- a. Ordinance 19-54, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2019 Operating Budget to Appropriate an Amount not to Exceed \$50,000 from the HART Fund for the Purpose of Developing a Wayfinding-Streetscape Plan for the City of Homer, Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare an RFP for Consultant Services and Authorizing the Establishment of a Wayfinding and Streetscape Task Force with the Consultant.

Venuti/Smith. Recommended dates Introduction November 25, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading December 9, 2019.

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INTRODUCED Substitute as amended with discussion.

Amended:

- Line 30 add: WHEREAS, Streetscape planning gives us the opportunity to increase business activity, generate tax revenue and a high return on investment in our central business district with pedestrian-friendly infrastructure and land use improvements such as a connected, easily walkable set of sidewalks and trails that offer personal security and traffic safety, public parking solutions, and public gathering or resting areas at reasonable intervals.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

Donna will help with seawall.

Update on police station.

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 19-071, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Accepting the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report with Audit and Financial Statements and Acknowledging the Management Letter Submitted by the City's Independent Auditor, BDO, USA, LLP and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Financial Report. City Manager/Finance Director.

Memorandum 19-149 from Finance Director as backup

ADOPTED with discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 19-150 from City Clerk Re: Right of Way Evaluation Team

APPROVED Councilmembers Lord and Evensen with discussion.

- b. Memorandum 19-151 from Councilmembers Aderhold and Venuti Re: City Council Retreat Planning

APPROVED City Council Retreat Planning worksession on December 9th without discussion.

- c. Memorandum 19-152 from City Clerk Re: Travel Reimbursement for Councilmember Venuti's Attendance at the Alaska Municipal League Conference in Anchorage on November 20 and 21, 2019

APPROVED without discussion.

- d. Memorandum 19-153 from Councilmember Lord Re: Traffic Calming Policy

APPROVED with discussion.

RESOLUTIONS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Two people commented.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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 about the pressure staff has been under on the accelerated review of things. He had hoped to start earlier in the year but ENSTAR got in the way. It's been a monumental task but there are things that need to be cleaned up. If we have ambitions of building a \$120 million new port, we need to show the capacity of handling our money prudently. He appreciates all the effort from Finance Director Walton and her staff.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Lord commented regarding the the Alaska Municipal League Government Conference, it's an awesome community of elected officials who are volunteers and trying to do what's best for their community. After AML she went to Seattle for the Pacific Marine Expo to be in the United Fishermen of Alaska Booth, it was really interesting. Homer has a great presence at the Expo from the Port, the Marine Trades Association, and a lot of members from the fishing fleet. She encouraged people to go to the Homer hockey games, there's great food and its fun to watch. She appreciates the feedback from the EDC regarding Ordinance 19-47, and invited feedback about traffic concerns. Lastly she wished her husband Ben, Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Venuti commented she's wearing an orange ribbon in memory of domestic violence that has gun violence. She let listeners know Homer United Methodist Church is

hosting a Thanksgiving meal from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Thursday that's free to the public and everyone is welcome. She wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and said she's thankful for everyone on the Council and the way they work together.

Councilmember Evensen wished everyone a happy holiday weekend, and said it's the busiest weekend for traveling so he encouraged everyone to be safe.

Councilmember Smith commented the Homer High School Hockey team won the End of the Road Tournament and the Lady Mariners won the State Volleyball Tournament for the first time in 20 years. He thanked the Lions Club and associated members for their efforts to deliver over 200 food boxes to community members in and around Homer. He said December 3rd is National Cookie Day, and quoted Mookie Wilson who said, about being in a slump, "I comfort myself by saying if I believe in dinosaurs, then somewhere, they must be believing in me," "And if they believe in me, then I can believe in me"

Councilmember Aderhold commented about attending the AML Conference and that it's hugely valuable, she'll have a report on the sessions she attended at the next meeting. She's happy they are adopting more funding so they all can attend. She wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos appreciated the opportunity to attend the Newly Elected Officials training at AML, it was very helpful and informative, and she met a lot of great people. She said Wednesday is Senior Night for the High School Wrestling Team and wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.