

Session 20-24 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on July 27, 2020 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, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH,
VENUTI

ABSENT: EVENSEN (excused)

STAFF: ACTING CITY MANAGER ABBOUD
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI

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:** Correct Ordinance 20-48 title to read An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Operating Budget and Authorizing expenditure of \$29,100 from the General Fund Fund Balance to Fund additional porta potties and handwash stations at and authorizing a sole source contract. **Visitors** Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) Report, Written PWSRCAC Briefing **City Manager's Report** June General Fund Monthly Report and Memorandum 20-115 from Interim City Manager Re: Follow-Up to Resolution 20-061; **New Business** Memorandum 20-108 from City Clerk Re: Vacation of the 10 foot wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition Granted by Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64); within Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Written public comments, **Resolutions** Resolution 20-072, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Policy to Establish Campground Host Stipends as a Proactive Step to Incentivize Campground Hosts for City Owned Campgrounds in an amount not to exceed \$100 per Week. City Manager/Public Works Director. Written public comment.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Castner congratulated Councilmember Venuti for being acknowledged by the College for her work as the Learning Resource Coordinator and writing tutor at the Kachemak Bay

Campus of the Kenai Peninsula College and as Advisor to the Kenai Peninsula College Student Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

AnnaLisa Cox, city resident, requested the Council grant consent to the vacation of the utility drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition. She cited HCC 18.12.0609(b) and references to KBP Code regarding this matter and provided historical information on the drainage easement.

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2020 and Special Meeting Minutes of July 1 and July 14, 2020. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 20-101 from Deputy City Clerk Re: Approval of New Liquor License for Homer Spit Oyster Bar. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 20-102 from Deputy City Clerk Re: Retail Marijuana License Renewal for Uncle Herb's. Recommend approval.
- d. Ordinance 20-42, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Official Road Maintenance Map of the City of Homer by adding 2515 Lineal Feet (.48 miles) of Urban Road on Ternview Place, Kilokak Lane, and Virginia Lyn Way. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction July 27, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 10, 2020

Memorandum 20-103 from Public Works Inspector as backup

- e. Ordinance 20-43, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Section 11.08.090 Driveways, Road Approaches-Property of City, Relating to Driveway Construction Permits. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction July 27, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 10, 2020

Memorandum 20-104 from Public Works Director as backup

- f. Ordinance 20-44, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020-2021 Operating Budget to Appropriate Funds in the Amount of \$47, 080 in the 2020 and \$99,670 in 2021 for a total of \$146,750 from General Fund Fund Balance to Fund

Additional Finance Department Personnel.Lord/Aderhold. Recommended dates: Introduction July 27, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 10, 2020

- g. Ordinance 20-48, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Operating Budget and Authorizing expenditure of \$29,100 from the General Fund Fund Balance to Fund additional porta potties and handwash stations at and authorizing a sole source contract. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction July 27, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 10, 2020.

Memorandum 20-105 from Public Works Director as backup

- h. Resolution 20-065, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Homer Fee Schedule under Library Fees to Eliminate Late Fees and Increase the Lost or Damaged Item Processing Fee. Venuti. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 20-106 from Library Director as backup

- i. Resolution 20-066, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City to Apply for the Municipal Arts & Culture Matching Grant Program, a Partnership between Municipal Governments and Rasmuson Foundation. Aderhold/Lord. Recommend adoption.

- j. Resolution 20-067, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving and Accepting the Donation from Shell Perretta of Wethersfield, Connecticut, for a Park Bench to be placed on the Homer Spit in Memory and Fulfillment of her Mother's Last Wishes. Venuti/Hansen-Cavasos. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 20-107 from PARCAC as backup

- k. Resolution 20-068, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Stating the Critical Importance, and Supporting the Recertification, of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC). Mayor. Recommend adoption.

- l. Resolution 20-069, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Extending the City of Homer Disaster Emergency Declaration to October 27, 2020 due to the Current and Expected Impacts of the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus Pandemic. Mayor. Recommend adoption.

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda and its recommendations.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) Report - Robert Archibald (10 minutes)

Robert Archibald reported on the PWSRCAC concern of steady and ongoing deterioration of federal and state oil spill response oversight resources. He addressed federal rollbacks including budget cuts and reduced staffing at key oversight agencies. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has announced they state would largely suspend oversight and enforcement activities during the current public health emergency. PWSRCAC recognizes the need to scale back some activities but the actions need to be measured and temporary so protections remain strong and the risk of a major oil spill is not increased. Mr. Archibald also addressed impacts of staffing reductions at Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and concerns with BP's sale of Alaska assets to Hilcorp and Harvest Alaska LLC and reduction in safety, prevention, and response readiness.

Mr. Archibald added PWSRCAC staff is working not only on the pressing issues he's covered, they continue work on studies, research and reviews being done, and other items including in the briefing sheet he provided to Council.

- b. Homer Steps Up Walking Challenge Results - Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital Director of Public Relations & Marketing (5 minutes)

Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital Director of Public Relations & Marketing, reported on the results of the Home Steps Up walking challenge.

- c. Unified Command Report (20 minutes) Derotha reviewed SPH testing numbers and reported on SPH status.

Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital PIO, provided a hospital update, testing numbers are posted daily at www.sphosp.org. Currently we're at 5987 total tests, 100 positive, 5779 negative, and 108 pending. Hours for testing at the hospital have changed to 10:00 am to 8:00 p.m. daily at the main entrance parking lot, call 235-0235 to pre-register. Since the last report in June their employee cases total to 10 out of 480 employees, the cases are not associated with each other and don't appear to be from occupational exposure. Lessons learned from the cases continues to be the value of masking at all times when with others. Hospital representatives are attending statewide planning sessions for the rollout of vaccinations which are expected within 6 months.

Lorne Carroll, Public Health Nurse III for the State of Alaska, reported on updates counts. Globally there are 16.4 million cases, 58% of those reported cases have recovered so far, and 625,000 deaths, roughly double of the 2009 pandemic of H1N1. In the US we're at 4.3 million

reported cases, roughly 1/3 have recovered, and 144,000 reported deaths. In Alaska 2622 reported cases, roughly 1/3 recovered, 116 hospitalizations, 21 deaths. Non-residents who have tested positive in Alaska are 584. Reported cases on the southern peninsula include Anchor Point there 9 cases, Fritz Creek 3 cases, KPB other south 31 case, Homer 52 cases. He reviewed the increased short and long term non-permanent staffing to assist with work in contact tracing and index case interviews. Regarding epidemiological scenarios, he explained in terms of transmission if one host transmits on average to less than one other host, the pandemic will stall out. If each host transmits the virus to just one person the virus will persist. If each host transmits to over one person, the pandemic keeps going. This is in the absence of vaccination availability.

Rachel Tussey, City of Homer PIO, reported July 4th saw a lot of visitors in Homer and more instances of people practicing mitigation efforts than over Memorial Day weekend and less of a spike in cases, which is a sign our collective efforts as a community are paying off. It's important that we keep up this work and everyone's efforts are appreciated. The EOC is working in maintenance mode, attending meetings with state and local partners, tracking and managing records for FEMA, handling CARES funding, keeping up with messaging, and finding ways to communicate with the public. The State of Alaska put an order in to the Federal Government for 1 million plain face masks that was approved and shipments are being delivered to communities that put a resource request in with the State. Homer's request came in at the beginning of last week, the fire department washed and bagged 500 masks and distribute them to Homer Saw and Cycle, Skiff Chicks, and Scott's Pharmacy so those who need a mask can pick one up. Another shipment of masks from the State that have the big dipper printed are scheduled to come in as part of the Mask up Alaska campaign. She reported on messaging efforts to address misinformation and stigmatism on how people can access the latest information from DHSS and wearing face masks, helping Parks and Recreation, Harbor signage needs, advertising the SBERG program, and voting in a COVID safe way.

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

a. Worksession Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council briefly talked about water and sewer rates, posed questions to staff, and will discuss it further on August 10th. They discussed CARES Act funding and Resolution 20-071 with proposed policy for four new grant programs with the City CARES Act dollars. The programs are Household Economic Relief, Nonprofit Economic Relief, Social Services Economic Relief, and Child Care Economic Relief Grants.

b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported they continued discussion on the grant programs Resolution 20-071 that has been suggested to be postponed to August 10th. They also discussed Ordinance 20-45 being introduced that proposes allocations for the remaining CARES Act funding that will be up for second reading on August 10th. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assistant Attorney

attended to talk about the utility easement vacation on tonight's agenda. He noted at the first meeting in August the Borough will be taking up Ordinance 2020-36 which will make changes to Borough code regarding utility easements and vacations. They also heard an update on the Seawall Special Assessment neighborhood meeting that happened last week.

c. Mayor's Report

i. Community Letter Re: Alaska Marine Highway Reshaping Work Group

Mayor Castner commented regarding the Alaska Marine Highway Reshaping Work Group that will be working to address the future of the marine highway system and what it looks like for coastal communities. They'll begin meeting on August 6th.

He attended the opening of the SetFree Alaska facility. It was well attended, it's a very nice building and location, and they're waiting for Fire Marshall Inspection to open.

Mayor Castner shared that last Wednesday the Governor had a teleconference with the five Mayors on the Kenai Peninsula. He was proud of the Mayors from the City's for all speaking with one voice on the Governor's forcing us to make the decisions which we don't believe we have the staff or the power to do. They also addressed there's no point in one city requiring masks if it's not a borough wide effort. The Governor believes the cities have the power to make those requirements. Governor Dunleavy spoke directly with the Mayor on Friday regarding the letter from the Council. Concerning the part where they asked for assistance, the Governor said anyone who works for him can help the city work through a specific plan. Concerning a state-wide masking effort, he's not doing it. His primary reasoning is he feels the State Constitution provides for maximum local government decision making, and a vast majority of the towns don't have the virus and he doesn't want to impose masking in those places. Today there was another call with the Peninsula Mayors and the Attorney General (AG) has found pieces and parts in Alaska statutes that suggest a theory on why the City of Homer can impose a masking resolution if they chose to.

City Attorney Gatti commented regarding the AG's opinion regarding municipalities ability to enforce mask mandates locally and that his team will be working on a legal analysis of the situation.

d. Borough Report

e. Library Advisory Board

i. Library Advisory Board Report

Library Advisory Board Chair Marcia Kuszmaul reviewed the Library Advisory Board report in the packet.

- f. Planning Commission
 - i. Planning Commission Report
- g. Economic Development Advisory Commission
- h. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission
- i. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission
- j. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 20-28, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 21.60.060(c) Signs on Private Property, Tables 1, 2, and 3. Planning Commission. Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2020.

Memorandum 20-081 from Acting City Manager as backup

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-28 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 20-29 An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 21.46 Small Boat Harbor Overlay Zoning District, Section 21.46.060 Architectural Standards, to Remove the Requirement for Gabled Roofs. Planning Commission. Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second reading July 27, 2020

Memorandum 20-082 from Acting City Manager as backup.

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-29 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 20-30, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020 Operating Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of Design Funds for the Seawall Armor Rock Installation Project. Aderhold/City Manager.

Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2020.

Memorandum 20-083 from City Engineer as backup

Memorandum 20-072 from City Engineer as backup

Memorandum 20-073 from City Engineer as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Larry Slone, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 20-30. He listened to the audio of the Seawall Improvement Special Assessment District neighborhood meeting and learned about the need for this project and the time sensitive issues.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-30 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There were comments supporting the need for this and clarifying the funding. 88% of the funding is coming from the Seawall Special Service fund, the maintenance fund for the seawall that property owners pay into and 12% from the City's seawall maintenance fund as a property owner along the wall. Part of the ordinance stipulates that the actual construction of the wall improvements would be contingent on the formation of the special assessment district. There are a lot of concerns about this special assessment district going forward and expending funds we'll no longer have for maintenance. This is a must do project and we need to figure out how to work with property owners to make this happen.

Councilmember Aderhold noted the ordinance was drafted after a property owner had initiated the special assessment district, but that has changed to a Council initiated district as an effort to save some time.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND LINE 24 TO STRIKE A PROPERTY OWNER IN THE OCEAN DRIVE LOOP SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT SEAWALL, AND INSERT THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion to the main motion as amended.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- d. Ordinance 20-31, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020-2021 Operating Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$90,000 from the HART-Roads Fund to update the City's 1979 Drainage Management Plan. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2020.

Memorandum 20-084 from Public Works Director as backup

Ordinance 20-31(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020-2021 Operating **Capital** Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$90,000 from the HART-Roads Fund to update the City's 1979 Drainage Management Plan. City Manager/Public Works Director.

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-31 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 20-31(S) FOR 20-31.

Councilmember Lord appreciates the addition of language acknowledging the Storm Water Master Plan within our capital projects list and the work done through the DEC Storm Water Grant received last year.

VOTE (substitution): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion on the main motion as amended.

VOTE (main motion): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- e. Ordinance 20-32, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$98,000 from the HART-Roads Fund for the Planning, Design and Permitting of the Main Street Storm Drain and Sidewalk Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2020

Memorandum 20-085 from Public Works Director as backup

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented the Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission has discussed that the Main Street sidewalk is probably the most important sidewalk project to move forward with. He supports it personally as well.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-32 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Venuti commented in support of the ordinance and shared about the recent Girl Scout Citizenship Badge project where several of the Scouts were familiar with and talked about the need for a sidewalk on Main Street so it will be safer for people walking.

Councilmember Lord thanked Public Works for bringing this forward and noted it's only on the City owned portion from Pioneer Avenue going north on Main Street.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- f. Ordinance 20-33, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing of \$175,000 from the HART-Roads Fund for the Small Works Road Repair Program and calling for the development of a Roads Financial Plan. City Manager/Public Works Director, Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2020.

Memorandum 20-086 from Public Works Director as backup

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-33 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- g. Ordinance 20-34, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$110,000 from the HART-Roads Fund for Small Works Drainage Improvement Program. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2020.

Memorandum 20-087 from Public Works Director as backup

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-34 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- h. Ordinance 20-35, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020-2021 Operating Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$95,000 for the Planning, Design, and Permitting for the City of Homer Fuel Island Replacement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2020.

Memorandum 20-088 from Public Works Director as backup

Ordinance 20-35(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the ~~2020-2021 Operating~~ **Capital** Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$95,000 for the Planning, Design, and Permitting for the City of Homer Fuel Island Replacement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director.

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-35 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 20-35(S) FOR 20-35.

Councilmember Lord noted the title on the agenda for the substitute ordinance is incorrect. She clarified for the record that the substitute ordinance in the packet authorizes \$81,000 from the HART Road Fund and \$99,000 from CARMA Reserves to complete this project.

VOTE (substitution): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith confirmed with Public Works Director Keiser that the updated cost estimate will complete the project.

VOTE (main motion): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- i. Ordinance 20-36, an Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020-2021 Operating Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$36,000 from the HART-Trails Fund for the Small Works Trails Maintenance Program and calling for the development of a Trails Program, to include a Trails Financial Plan. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2020.

Memorandum 20-089 from Public Works Director as backup

Ordinance 20-36(S), an Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020-~~2021~~ Operating **Capital** Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$36,000 from the HART-Trails Fund for the Small Works Trails Maintenance Program and calling for the development of a Trails Program, to include a Trails Financial Plan. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Robert Archibald, city resident, comment the Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission and the community are interested in trails. This is a great step in the right direction.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-36 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE 20-36(S) FOR 20-36

There was no discussion.

VOTE (substitute): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no discussion on the main motion.

VOTE (main motion): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- j. Ordinance 20-37, an Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Extending the 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 that was established in Ordinance 19-49(S)(A) to September 15, 2020. Smith. Introduction June 22, 2020. Public Hearing and Second Reading July 27, 2020.

Public Works Director.

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-37 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Rachel/heath no discussion UC

- k. Ordinance 20-39(A), An Ordinance by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, ~~Amending the FY 2020 Capital Budget to Appropriate~~ **Appropriating** \$20,680 to Support the Additional Assistance Provided by Alaska Municipal League during the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency **from the City's COVID-19 Fund**. Mayor. Introduction June 22, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading July 20, 2020.

Memorandum 20-093 from Mayor as backup

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-39(A) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was brief discussion with Finance Director Walton regarding the appropriate verbiage for the revenue and expense information in the ordinance.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND LINES 10 TO ADD CITY CARES ACT MONEY COVID-19 FUND AND 29 LINE 29 TO READ APPROPRIATION FROM CITY OF HOMER CARES ACT COVID-19 FUND.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Lord noted this appropriation is also addressed in Ordinance 20-45 and want's to ensure it isn't allocated twice.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner called for a recess at 8:09 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 20-45, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Appropriating \$4,031,326.50 in CARES Act Funds from the State of Alaska and Providing for Administrative Flexibility in the Management of these Funds. Lord/Aderhold. Recommended dates: Introduction July 27, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading August 10, 2020

Memorandum 20-110 from Interim City Manager as backup

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 20-45 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Lord noted Council discussed this in conjunction with Resolution 20-071 at the worksession and committee of the whole. This ordinance includes starting numbers and she and Councilmember Aderhold look forward to feedback from Council on how the body would like to see funds appropriated.

Mayor Castner supplemented that the City is getting approximately \$7.8 million in CARES Act money. The purpose of the money is fairly discretionary but has to be to correct losses or harm the pandemic has caused to the community. Council is working to find ways to get the money into the community and use it through a variety of means and methods. This includes services

and expenses that have been taken on in reaction to the pandemic, and also to assist businesses, individuals, and nonprofit entities.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 20-46, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Promoting Natural Gas as a Cleaner Heating Fuel and Amending Homer City Code Title 7 Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 7.16 Operating, Stopping or Parking of Motor Vehicles in Beach Areas Prohibited-Exceptions, by Deleting Section 7.16.020(b). Evensen. Recommended dates: Introduction July 27, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 10, 2020

Memorandum 20-109 from Interim City Manager as backup

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO POSTPONE ORDINANCE 20-46 TO AUGUST 10TH.

It was noted this is being postponed because the sponsor is absent tonight.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 20-47, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing Additional Expenditures in the Amount of \$357,579 for Expenses Related to COVID-19 for Personnel Costs and Material and Service Costs.

Memorandum 20-113 from Interim City Manager as backup

Memorandum 20-114 from Interim City Manager as backup

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-47 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Lord hopes with the appropriations in Ordinance 20-45 that they can get away from the emergency ordinances.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Abboud and Councilmembers discussed the City of Homer Road Assessment Report – Summer 2020, status of the new City Manager contract, the SBERG report and challenges, and the Water Department's receiving the Ursa Major status in Water System Excellence for 2019.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 20-108 from City Clerk Re: Vacation of the 10 foot wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition Granted by Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64); within Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska within the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF MEMORANDUM 20-108 THAT READS NO ACTION IS NECESSARY FROM CITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 29.40.140 RELATED TO A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERED PER KBP 20.70.110.

Councilmember Aderhold requested input from the City Attorney.

City Attorney Gatti commented there are code sections that deal with vacations of an easement such as this and Council can consent to this and in a period of time you don't that substitutes for consent. This is a Kenai Peninsula Borough issue and they've been mitigating it in a quasi-judicial proceeding. It doesn't seem that the City has anything further to add to this and has spoken to it already.

There was brief comment confirming this is related to a drainage easement.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 20-070, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Small Business Economic Recovery Grant (SBERG) Program to Clarify Eligibility Requirements Related to Business Operation with the City of Homer as it Relates to Sales Tax Collection with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and Establishing an Appeals Process. Lord/Aderhold.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-070 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Lord commented this provides flexibility for staff and the ability for businesses to appeal a decision.

Mayor Castner added this is a liberalization of the ordinance and they're trying to reach as many businesses as possible that qualify.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 20-071, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Establishing the Nonprofit Economic Relief Grant Program (NERG), Household Economic Relief Grant Program (HERG), Social Services Economic Relief Grant Program (SOSERG), And Childcare Business Economic Relief Grant Program (CBERG) in Response to the Economic Downfall Caused by Measures taken to Assure Public Safety in the Face of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Lord/Aderhold/Venuti.

Memorandum 20-111 from Interim City Manager as backup

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-071 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Aderhold reviewed the propose programs, noting the Social Services program includes several services and it's been suggested to include medical, and she'd like feedback from Council regarding that.

Councilmember Lord noted an organization would have to qualify for either the non-profit or small business grant program and if they provide services to the community within this definition they'd be eligible for an additional \$2500.

Councilmember Smith thinks if there is money left for a second round, he'd be willing to entertain including medical, but not the first go round.

Councilmember Lord requested if Councilmembers have additional feedback for the sponsors to address to submit it to the Clerk's office, then they can work on compiling the feedback for their next meeting.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO POSTPONE TO AUGUST 10TH

VOTE (postponement): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Resolution 20-072, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Policy to Establish Campground Host Stipends as a Proactive Step to Incentivize Campground Hosts for City Owned Campgrounds in an amount not to exceed \$100 per Week. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum 20-112 from Public Works Director as backup

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-072 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Smith noted this is described as a proactive step which suggests to him that there isn't a problem currently. He's unable to support this unless it's really needed. He doesn't

see COVID as a rationale to institute something that ticks up the dollar amount we spend every year.

Councilmember Lord noted the public comment provided in the supplemental packet and that this would be a policy so it's not only for this years. She acknowledged the challenges of being a camp host right now, and the camp grounds are generating a decent amount of money. This seems reasonable to her.

Councilmember Venuti noted the job description for the camp host and supports the idea of paying them. She feels they'd get more responsible people serving in the role and doing the work required of them.

Councilmember Aderhold also noted the public comment about providing free utility hook ups, but City camp grounds don't have those services available. She thinks \$100 per week isn't a lot of money for the work the hosts do, so she's willing to support it.

Councilmember Smith commented people who serve as camp hosts do it because they enjoy the opportunity and they know what it entails. They get a free camping spot and the enjoyment of interacting with the people. He understands its only \$8100, but he doesn't like the retroactive part when it's talked about as a proactive step.

Councilmember Lord commented that in looking at the memo in the packet, the proactive part is the appreciation of the time being given by the camp hosts. We're getting hundreds of hours of free labor from these people. There is benefit to doing something because you love it, but having a few extra dollars a day to spend is really nice, and this is something we can do within Parks budget with the revenues being generated from the camp grounds.

Mayor Castner noted these can't be construed as wages and he hopes they might sunset this at the end of the season and look at it again next year.

VOTE: YES: ADERHOLD, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, VENUTI
NO: SMITH

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

City Attorney Gatti had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen commented regarding absentee voting for the State Primary Election and the Candidacy Filing Period for Mayor and two Councilmembers.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner commented the virus is still out there and encouraged the community to take precautions to protect yourself.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Aderhold shared her appreciation for Council's good job this evening. She also shared her appreciation for staff's work during COVID, Interim City Manager Abboud, and Public Works Director for their work. The City is moving on quite a few things.

Councilmember Lord echoed the thanks to staff and to the City Clerk's office for their work getting the packet and materials out. She thanked the teachers, principals, and the School Board and touched on their efforts for the upcoming school year; and congratulated SetFree Alaska for getting their work down here in the Southern Peninsula. She encouraged the community to be kind and non-violent in disagreements especially with the mask situation where people are being abused, yelled at, and threatened. Remember Green Dot and try to help diffuse or distract when these situations are happening. She acknowledged Councilmember Venuti's recognition from the college and shared that she's also an amazing baker.

Councilmember Venuti thanked staff for their work in getting the packet together, it was well done. She encouraged the community to contact Councilmembers and provide feedback about the CARES Act Economic Relief Grant programs from the City that were introduced tonight. She noted he Kachemak Bay Campus is registering students for classes, and appreciated the Mayors comments that masks make a differences. She announced she intends to file to run for another term on Council.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos is thankful for promoting masks, they do help in reducing the spread of the virus, and also encouraged people to be kind about the requirements a local businesses because it's important.

Councilmember Smith acknowledged Interim City Manager Abboud for his work, he's doing an admirable job. He encourage everyone to take advantage of the beautiful weather and shared about a weekend softball tournament.

Mayor Castner added a thank you to the Clerk's Office for their help with some research they helped him with during the packet preparation.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Worksession at 4:00 p.m. and Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to

be held virtually from the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____