

Session 20-28 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on September 14, 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: COUNCILMEMBER EVENSEN (excused)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
FIRE CHIEF KIRKO
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 Ordinance 20-59**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code to Create Chapter 21.17 Medical Zoning District; Amending Homer City Code 21.58.030, Permission for Communications Towers, Adding the Medical Zoning District; Amending Homer City Code 21.60.060 Signs on Private Property, Adding the Medical Zoning District; Amending Homer City Code 21.10.020 Zoning Districts to Include the Medical District; and Amending the Homer City Zoning Map to Rezone a Portion of the Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Include Medical (M) Zoning District. Planning Commission. Memorandum 20-143 from Public Works Director as backup **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS** Economic Relief Grant Programs Report Written Report **PUBLIC HEARING Tasmania Court Water Improvement Special Assessment District** Memorandum 20-142 from City Clerk as backup; **Ordinance 20-54**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$45,000 from the HART Trails Fund for Completion of the Poopdeck Trail. Venuti. Written public comment and Resolution 17-075(A) **ORDINANCES** Ordinance 20-62, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Airport Terminal Lease with Float Shuttle. Mayor/City Manager. Letter from RAVN Alaska as backup; Ordinance 20-63, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$1,183,923.18 from the General Fund Fund Balance for the Purpose of COVID-19 Response and Mitigation. City Manager. Memorandum 20-144 from Finance Director as backup.

LORD/VENUTI 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

Peggi Swisher, Ravn Alaska Homer Station Manager, commented in support of Ordinance 20-62. She noted the letter Council received from Ravn upper management and added that it's essential they are in the terminal as soon as possible to help the community particularly as we head into winter and icy roads. They have a lot of cargo customers and along with passengers, and she knows the community is eager to have Homer flight service back.

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 of August 24, 2020. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 20-135 from Mayor Re: Appointment of Leon Galbraith to the Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 20-136 from Deputy City Clerk Re: Renewal of Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility License for Alaska Loven It, LLC. Recommend approval.
- d. Memorandum 20-136 from the City Clerk Re: Confirming Election Judges for the October 6, 2020 City of Homer Regular Election. Recommend approval.
- e. Memorandum 20-140 from Mayor Re: Appointment of Councilmembers Smith and Aderhold to the Lobbyist RFP Review Committee.
- f. Ordinance 20-59, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code to Create Chapter 21.17 Medical Zoning District; Amending Homer City Code 21.58.030, Permission for Communications Towers, Adding the Medical Zoning District; Amending Homer City Code 21.60.060 Signs on Private Property, Adding the Medical Zoning District; Amending Homer City Code 21.10.020 Zoning Districts to Include the Medical District; and Amending the Homer City Zoning Map to Rezone a Portion of the Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Include Medical (M) Zoning District. Planning Commission. Recommended dates Introduction September 14, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 28, 2020
- g. Ordinance 20-60, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Accepting and Appropriating \$2,251,058.85 in Coronavirus Relief Funds from the Kenai Peninsula

Borough to the City's Economic Relief Grant Programs and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with the Kenai Peninsula Borough for Cooperative or Joint Administration of Functions or Powers through Subgranting Coronavirus Relief Funds. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction September 14, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 28, 2020

- h. Ordinance 20-61, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Repealing Emergency Ordinance 20-58 and Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of up to \$300,000 from the HART Road Fund to Design and Construct Remedial Solutions for the Horizon Court Landslide. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates Introduction September 14, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 28, 2020

Memorandum 20-141 from Public Works Director as backup

- i. Resolution 20-079, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving and Accepting the Donation of a Sculpture Entitled *Tuyanitum* by Artist Argent Kvasnikoff, of Ninilchik, Alaska from the Bunnell Street Arts Center for the Municipal Art Collection to be placed at Bishop's Beach Park. Aderhold. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 20-138 from PARCAC as backup

- j. Resolution 20-080, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Clarifying the Eligibility Period for COVID-19 Related Expenses that Qualify for CARES Act Funding is March 1 - December 30, 2020 as Established by the US Treasury, and Amending all City of Homer Economic Relief Program Documents Accordingly. City Manager. Recommend adoption.
- k. Resolution 20-081, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Approving a Lease Assignment from AKSNOWGRL Rentals LLC to Homer Enterprises LLC and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents for an Eighteen Year Four Month Lease with Options for Two Consecutive Five Year Renewals for a Portion of Lot 5, Homer Spit at the Reduced Annual Rate of \$4925.46. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 20-139 from Port & Harbor Advisory Commission as backup

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City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

a. Unified Command Update (20 minutes)

Lorne Carroll, State of Alaska Public Health Nurse, reported on the current COVID-19 numbers. Globally there are 29 million cases and a million reported deaths. In the US there are 6.5 million cases and nearly 200,000 deaths. In Alaska we're at 6353 cases, approximately 4100 still active and 44 deaths. On the southern Kenai Peninsula we have 117 cases, and 62% have recovered. The Public Health Nurses have been tied up with contact tracing over the past 6 weeks. He reported on statistics of that work, and that they're working on developing a surge team to take on this work to allow the Public Health Nurses time to address other community threats like TB, opioid overdose, and other pre-COVID threats along with community resilience factors that continue to build. He provided a brief vaccine overview and point of dispensing efforts.

Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) Public Information Officer, reported SPH testing numbers at 8430 tests completed with 8162 negative 113 positive and 131 pending and no new cases tested at SPH since the last report to Council. With the continued low case counts, SPH has started implementing relaxed visitation for most patients, and they are working toward visitation at Long Term Care, which is currently still closed. SPH is now able to process antibody testing in house, and winter planning is completed, testing is being relocated off site and she'll have more information at the next meeting.

Jenny Carroll, City of Homer Public Information Officer, reported on continued efforts for community response through KBBI updates and the City's COVID call line. There have been a lot of question on testing, travel plans, and organizations looking for guidance about reopening to the community. Public outreach to support masking and social distancing continues through newspaper ads, radio ads, and Facebook posts.

Mark Kirko, City of Homer Fire Chief, reported on the City's EOC efforts. Requests for materials and mask distribution are still on going. The case counts remain low, but he reminded listeners we to keep our eye on the ball and remain vigilant. There are ongoing discussions about point of dispensing and how to accomplish that when a vaccine is available.

There was brief discussion on the Mayor's questions regarding metrics and when we can start opening up. The Unified Command team noted there addressed some of the variables in play and data that paints a more complete picture to create helpful decision statements.

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

a. Special Meeting Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council addressed an early airport lease termination lease for the Flying Whale as a result of impacts of COVID-19 and the Ravn closures.

b. Worksession Report

City Manager Dumouchel reported Council heard from Special Projects Coordinator Carroll on the 2021-2026 draft Capital Improvement Plan and recommendations on minor changes to the plan and the need for Council input on their top five legislative priorities.

c. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council discussed ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda regarding the Medical Zoning District, the Sport Shed lease reassignment, CARES Funding from the Borough, Tasmania Court Special Assessment district, and funding COVID-19 response and mitigation expenses.

d. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner commented that a lot of discussion happens at the Committee of the Whole and encouraged the public to listen in. He also shared he thinks it's important for people to take some ownership of the pandemic. We're all in this together, cooperating and following guidance. We've had a remarkable 26 days with no positive cases reported by SPH, he congratulated and thanked everyone for their efforts.

e. Borough Report

Kenai Peninsula Borough President Kelly Cooper reported at their meeting tomorrow they'll be passing the Resolution to enter into an agreement with the City's on the peninsula for a CARES Act funding sub-grant. With the reduced interest rates Borough Finance has been refinancing bonds, saving tax payers almost \$1 million. The bonds are for Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Central Peninsula Hospital, and the schools, and the cost to refinance those bonds is only about \$6,800. They'll be voting on a resolution asking the State Department of Education to use the student enrollment counts from last year for this year's attendance numbers. There is uncertainty of attendance this year at no fault of the School District and this temporary measure will stabilize enrollment numbers for the coming year's funding formula. Joint Resolution 2020-01 was drafted as part of a mitigation plan for COVID-19 and helps promote a united voice encouraging residents to follow CDC guidelines. The Assembly continues to meet via Zoom and they hope to hold their October meeting in the school auditorium, as the School Board did today, where more distancing is possible as they await the Assembly Chambers renovation.

f. Library Advisory Board

Gordy Vernon, Library Advisory Board member reported on the availability of internet access in the Library parking lot, the Friends of the Homer Library book sale, and the Board's continuing work on the endowment fund.

g. Planning Commission

i. Planning Commission Report

h. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Karin Marks, Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair, reported at their last meeting the Commission approved their amended bylaws and a proposed change to Homer City Code regarding their scope of work. She commented regarding the success of the 2020 Peony Festival and that planning efforts have started for next year's event that will be held July 9-14.

i. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

j. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

k. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

Councilmember Aderhold reported the Committee met and made recommendations for the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

l. Economic Relief Grant Programs Report

Sara Perman, Program Coordinator reviewed the informant provided in her written report. NERG, CBERG, and SoSERG programs launched 3 of 4 on Tuesday and applications are coming in. HERG should be opening next week.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

a. Tasmania Court Water Improvement Special Assessment District

Mayor Castner opened the Public Hearing.

Michael Hawfield and Beth Graber, property owners in the proposed district, commented in support of the project for neighbors, but requested their lot be removed as they have water to their property through South Slope.

Erica Marley, property owner in the district, commented in support of creating the Special Assessment District.

Mayor Castner closed the public hearing and announced no action is needed tonight and that a resolution regarding the district will come before Council at their next meeting.

- b. Ordinance 20-51, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Capital Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$7,049 from the Police CARMA Fund for Traffic Calming Improvements on Kachemak Drive. City Manager/Police Chief. Introduction August 24, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 14, 2020

Memorandum 20-120 from Police Chief as backup

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-51 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was brief discussion regarding the need for traffic calming improvements and encouraging drivers to slow down. This is a small town and no place takes that long to get to.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 20-52, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing Expenditure of \$25,000 from the HART Road Fund for and On-Call Services Contract with the Homer Soil and Water Conservation District. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction August 24, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading

Memorandum 20-125 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 20-52 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There were comments supporting working with Homer Soil and Water Conservation District as they have valuable information regarding storm water management which is a city-wide issue. Request was made that going forward when requesting funds from this and other programs, if a current balance could be provided so Council is aware of account status.

In response to a question regarding on going need for this service, Public Works Director Keiser explained this is a one-time appropriation for this year and if the services are effective they may look at requesting an annual appropriation in the future.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- d. Ordinance 20-53, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 21.05.030 Measuring Heights to Exclude Elevator Shafts when Measuring the Height of a Building. Planning Commission. Introduction August 24, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 14, 2020.

Memorandum 20-123 from City Planner as backup

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

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-53 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- e. Ordinance 20-54, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$45,000 from the HART Trails Fund for Completion of the Poopdeck Trail. Venuti. Introduction August 24, 2020 Public Hearing September 14, 2020

Memorandum 20-121 from Deputy City Planner as backup

Memorandum 20-130 from PARCAC as backup

Mayor Castner opened the Public Hearing.

Joel Cooper, Kachemak Heritage Land Trust (KHLT) Stewardship Director, commented in support of Ordinance 20-54. He noted the detailed letter and trail map he provided on the Poopdeck Platt Community Trail. He summarized the history of the trail, current status, and highlighted other community members and businesses who have contributed, along with the City of Homer and KHLT, to the development of the trail.

Dean Sundmark, Independent Living Center staff member, commented in support of 20-54 and identified benefits of the the trail for community members and visitors with mobility challenges, families with strollers, and others.

Claire Waxman, Poopdeck Plat Community Trail supporter, commented in support of Ordinance 20-54 and commented regarding the community support and collaboration that's gone into this project, and the community benefit of getting people into the town center.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-54 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmembers commented in support of the project and providing funds to help it come to completion, and the value to the community. There were comments expressing the need in the future to have more strategic planning for these collaborative projects so the Council and the City know from the beginning what the financial need and commitment by the City will be, rather than multiple requests throughout the project.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- f. Ordinance 20-56, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of \$550,000 from the Water Depreciation Fund for Designated Urgent Projects. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction August 24, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 14, 2020

Memorandum 20-126 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 20-56 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Mayor and Council discussed perceived inconsistencies in the names of the utility funds, how to use those funds, and the appropriateness of using the funds for ongoing maintenance versus capital projects.

Mayor Castner shared his feeling that capital project funding should come from the HAWSP fund. He know Council will be working on policy directives for the fund, but he has concerns with comingling tariff money with money collected through assessment or sales tax.

Councilmember Smith concurred with the Mayor's capital projects perspective. He understands the urgency and need to complete these projects but takes some issue that we got to this point of urgency. If we have the right kind of general maintenance plan on our infrastructure plan, these things can be done timely.

Councilmember Lord noted the defined policy work they're undergoing will be helpful. She asserts strongly that these are all capital projects that are for the maintenance and continuation of the existing system to our customer base. Historically HAWSP funds have been used on capital projects that expand and improve the existing water and sewer system beyond its current capacity. She's comfortable with it coming out of depreciation reserves, and she's comfortable with the ordinance as it's presented.

Councilmember Aderhold agrees that it's frustrating to have these urgent projects they haven't been aware of, and thinks they've worked on that in developing a plan. Moving forward we'll be in a better place, and she appreciates the Public Works Director's efforts in setting us up for better future planning. She also agrees these are projects associated with our existing water and sewer system to support our customers, and she supports the ordinance.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- g. Ordinance 20-57, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of \$484,900 from the Sewer Depreciation Fund for Designated Projects in the 2020 Sewer Capital Improvement Plan. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction August 24, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading September 14, 2020

Memorandum 20-127 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 20-57 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Smith reiterated the need to have account balances provided for reference when allocating funds from them.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner called for a recess at 7:50 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 8:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. Ordinance 20-62, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Airport Terminal Lease with Float Shuttle. Mayor/City Manager.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-62 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 20-63, An Emergency Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$1,183,923.18 from the General Fund Fund Balance for the Purpose of COVID-19 Response and Mitigation. City Manager.

Memorandum 20-142 from City Manager as backup

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 20-63 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was discussion of process with the City Clerk and City Attorney regarding the ability to schedule a public hearing on this ordinance. City Attorney Gatti explained that because it's an emergency ordinance it would have to come back at the next meeting for introduction. City Clerk Jacobsen concurred and referenced HCC 1.08.040 which reads that an emergency ordinance may be adopted, amended and adopted, or rejected at the meeting at which it's introduced.

They also addressed with Special Projects and Communications Coordinator Carroll and Finance Director Walton, timelines of spending related to COVID Funds and the process necessary to incur the expense by an expenditure from the general fund fund balance and have it reimbursed by the CARES Act funds through a separate ordinance following the expenditure.

Councilmember Smith expressed opposition to funding some of the requests made in the emergency ordinance as he feels some of them are opportunistic because they've been identified on the CIP for a number of years, and some he just doesn't support. There are too many to weed through tonight and feels they have time and can get there.

At the request of Council, Fire Chief Kirko shared that he was asked to start looking at how to best utilize some of the CARES Act funding to provide sustainability in the response to COVID. It was discussed at the Department Head level and departments provided a list of what they thought would be beneficial to their response to COVID and sustainability beyond COVID. The projects have to be directly linked to COVID to meet the criteria for CARES dollars. In his research and discussion with vendors, other cities are doing it the same way we are and that's why timelines are a critical component. There are several project that if they aren't funded tonight, will likely come off the list because of the demand on resources and timeliness of receipt. He appreciates Council's concern that this feels rushed, but currently the dollars have to be used by the end of December, but it doesn't mean the emergency will be over with in December. He feels staff has provided a defensible list of needs for Council's consideration.

Upon further questioning from Council, Chief Kirko explained that due to high demand and timeline restrictions, the breathing air compressor will have to be addressed through a capital request at a later date if not approved through this venue, similarly the cardiac monitors and other medical supplies might miss the window. The disaster response infrastructure is a modular response to any type of disaster and would be used for point of dispensary as currently the school can't be used, and can also be used for other types of disasters. The radios requested by the Harbor are a link for communication with patients coming in by air, water taxi, or other services provided through the Port.

Councilmember Smith was asked to identify what he wants removed so they can take some type of action on this ordinance tonight. He identified the iPads for Community Recreation, one CPR machine and one patient lift system, the overhead projector and screen and medical training simulation system, disaster response portable shelter, and repeater and base station radios and all the radios for the port and harbor. That puts the revised expenditure at right around \$620,000.

Councilmembers expressed agreement, some based on Councilmember Smith's reasoning, and others who felt the need to approve what they could tonight and address the others through a future action.

SMITH/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT TO \$620,000 ON LINES 8, 49, AND 53.

There was brief discussion. At the request of Council Chief Kirko explained he had requested two CPR machines and two patient lift systems to minimize the exposure to volunteer responders. With the CPR units they can have two fewer people in the back of the ambulance mitigating risk to those responders, and the lift system will reduce the number necessary to lift patients into the ambulance.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a. City Manager's Report

Councilmember Aderhold shared her interest in hearing about the status of the plastic bag ban and interest in hearing how we get back to implementing it. She expressed concern about the issues at the campground and addressing unhoused people as we move into winter, and congratulated Officer Poling on her promotion to Sergeant.

Councilmembers Aderhold and Lord expressed interested in having a report on the current status of late fees and deferred payments, and addressing next steps.

There was brief discussion on these topics and City Manager Dumouchel said he would report back.

b. Bid Report

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 20-082, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Supporting Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 2020-067 and Inclusion in Joint Resolution 2020-01 Encouraging all Residents to take the Necessary Precautions and Follow Recommended Preventative Measures of the Center for Disease Control to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19 in our Community during the Health Emergency. Mayor.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-082 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Mayor Castner noted Assembly Member Cooper's earlier comments regarding the Joint Resolution.

Councilmember Aderhold thanked the Mayor for bringing this forward.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen announced absentee in person voting starts at City Hall on Monday, September 21st. It will be available during regular business hours Monday through Friday until October 5th.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel commented he heard Council's message regarding including unencumbered balance information into reports.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner commented that during their discussion of the CIP at the worksession he asked how it lines up with our Comprehensive Plan. He thinks it's like government 101 where you come up with the policy and then fund it. Our major policy document is the Comprehensive Plan and there should at least be a check box as to CIP Projects in the Comprehensive Plan. At their next meeting they'll be discussion water and sewer rates.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Aderhold said it was a good meeting and appreciates everyone efforts working through things. She's been thinking about the ongoing wildfires and recalling this time last year's Swan Lake fire, and how easily it could be us. We as a community need to be thinking about it. UAA is wanting to learn more from people who were affected by last year's wildfires for a research study, people can call 503-893-2520 if they're interested in participating. She announced September 19-26 is National Estuaries Week, we have the only National Estuary Research Reserve here in Homer and we rely on the resource of our estuary in Kachemak Bay, so do what you can to celebrate.

Councilmember Smith went to the CDC website and in the first 2 weeks in August there were roughly 13,250 deaths associated with COVID, and in the first two weeks of September there were 771. It hasn't been that low since mid-March. That's a huge swing and a positive trend

that he hopes continues. The Homer High football team has been playing for a few weeks, they're 2 and 1 with a home game this week. Only 250 attendees are allowed at the game so get there early to watch some football. The Census recorded over 80% response in Alaska and in our area and he thanked everyone involved in that. It's important that we take time to vote and encouraged everyone to get educated about who and what they're voting for and get out and do it.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos gave a shout out for all the parents and students out there. It's been a big transition for everyone and she encouraged everyone to hang in there, things will get better.

Councilmember Lord commented the wildfires have been sobering and recognizes the Kenai Peninsula is a tinder box waiting to go. It's important to be fire wise, and clearing and ensuring defensible space. She was able to take a tour of the new Police Station with her kids and it's super awesome and she was very proud of all the work that was done by this and previous Councils to make it happen. Currently the library is taking appointments to go into the building, she looks forward to it reopening, and thanked staff for currently providing a safe option.

Councilmember Venuti shared her concern for the wildfires and encouraged everyone to have a plan and not have to wait around for someone to tell you what you have to do. She thanked Owen Meyer for his work with Special Projects & Communications Coordinator Carroll on the CIP, and wished Ravn luck on getting back to providing service here in Homer.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:00 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.

Melissa Jacobsen

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