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**City of Homer
Action Agenda
City Council Worksession
Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Cowles Council Chambers via Zoom Webinar**

WORKSESSION

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 without discussion.

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)

Memorandum 20-182 Water Sewer Rate History

- Unpacking Water & Sewer Rates

Memorandum 20-183 Water Sewer Rate Scenarios

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minutes)

ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.

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Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

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

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

APPROVED without discussion

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)

CARES Act Closeout

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT 5:50 P.M.

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Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Session 20-31 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on October 26, 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: COUNCILMEMBER ADERHOLD, EVENSEN, HANSEN-CAVASOS, LORD, SMITH, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
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 Resolution 20-105 title on agenda to read A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager Apply for a Loan from the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Alaska Drinking Water Fund, in an Amount not to Exceed \$469,874 to Finance Costs of the Alder Lane and Tasmania Court Water Improvement Projects. City Manager/Public

Works Director. Memorandum 20-173 from City Clerk Re: Letter to Governor Dunleavy Re: Community Spread of COVID-19. Written public comment. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS** Planning Commission Written Report **PENDING BUSINESS** Resolution 20-100, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Establishing a Fishermen Economic Recovery Grant (FERG) Program and Approving up to \$1.3 Million from the COVID-19 Response Fund to Provide Economic Relief to City of Homer-Based Vessel Owners Engaged in Commercial Fishing who are Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor. Written public comment; **Resolutions** Resolution 20-111(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding the Contract for the Homer Seawall Maintenance Work to East Road Services, Inc. of Homer, Alaska in the Amount of \$45,336 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Memorandum 20-184 from City Engineer as backup.

APPROVED as amended.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA (Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If a separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.)

- a. Homer City Council Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2020. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 20-171 from Mayor Re: Appointment of Brenda Dolma to the Library Advisory Board. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum 20-172 from City Clerk Re: Renewal of a Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility License for Cosmic Seaweed, LLC. Recommend approval.
- d. Memorandum 20-173 from City Clerk Re: Letter to Governor Dunleavy Re: Community Spread of COVID-19. Recommend approval.
- e. Memorandum 20-174 from City Clerk Re: Letter to KPBSD Superintendent O'Brien Re: Community Spread of COVID-19. Recommend approval.

Moved to New Business item b. Aderhold.

- f. Ordinance 20-83, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of \$253,193 from the HAWSP Fund to Complete the Alder Lane Water Improvement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates Introduction October 26, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 9, 2020.
- g. Ordinance 20-84, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY2020 Capital Budget to Authorize the Expenditure of \$90,000 from the Ocean Drive

Loop Special Service District Maintenance Accounts to Perform Maintenance on the Homer Seawall. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction October 26, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 9, 2020.

- h. Ordinance 20-85, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY2020 Capital Budget in the Amount of \$97,000 from the HART Roads Fund and Authorizing the Homer Public Works Department to Execute an Engineered Solution to Relocate the Surface Water Discharge at the Confluence of the Sterling Highway and Mount Augustine Drive into a Natural Occurring Raving, Gully, Watercourse or Runnel. Mayor/Evensen. Recommended dates: Introduction October 26, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 9, 2020.

Memorandum 20-175 from Public Works Director as backup

- i. Resolution 20-105, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager Apply for a Loan from the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Alaska Drinking Water Fund, in an Amount not to Exceed \$469,874 to Finance Costs of the Alder Lane and Tasmania Court Water Improvement Projects. City Manager/Port Director. Recommend adoption.
- j. Resolution 20-106, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving an Amendment to the Northern Enterprises Inc. Lease for 60 Square Feet of City Tidelands known as KPB Parcel # 18107001 to Extend the term from 20 Years with Options for 2 Consecutive 5-Year Renewals to 40 Years with Options for 2 Consecutive 5-Year Renewals for an Annual Rate of \$3.74. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 20-176 from the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission as backup

- k. Resolution 20-107, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding a Short-Term Term Contract for Professional Engineering Services to Bishop Engineering, LLC and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.
- l. Resolution 20-108, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding a Short-Term Term Contact for Professional Surveying Services to Geovera, LLC, Ability Surveys, and Seabright Survey and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.
- m. Resolution 20-109, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing a Sole Source Contract with T2 Systems in an Amount not to Exceed \$85,000 to Furnish and Install Five Automatic Pay Kiosks and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 20-178 from Public Works Director as backup

Item e. moved to New Business item b. Aderhold.

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda and its recommendations.

ADOPTED without discussion.

VISITORS

a. Unified Command Update (20 Minutes)

Lorne Carroll, Public Health Nurse, reported we're currently at the highest rate of cases known to Alaska so far with over 300 new cases today. Most of the new infection are through community spread, socializing, school, and other similar circumstances. He thanked the public health nurses and contact tracers for their work which enables us to speak to where the new infections are coming from. The age group of 20-29 still represents the largest proportion of Alaskans with newly diagnosed COVID at 24% of total cases. The virus is more easily spread from person to person than seasonal influenza and the results are different from seasonal influenza in that there are more deaths and hospitalizations because there is no vaccine for COVID. Because of that, community mitigation measures like promoting behaviors that would prevent the spread of COVID from one person to the next, contact tracing efforts, and continuing to approach things in new and creative ways of doing business. The primary goals are to slow the spread of the virus from one host to the next and aiming to protect our elders, friends, and family, and reserve our limited healthcare capacity and other systems that are responsible for building resilience factors for our community. There are still many unknowns and the goal in ending a pandemic is reducing the overall rate of transmission from one host to the next to be less than one person on average.

Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital Public Information Officer, added one of the ways to stop transmission is to limit indoor gatherings. She reported the hospital has moved from low to moderate risk level, visitation is reduced, and still closed to long term care. There are no employees who have tested positive to date, but some are quarantined due to close contact to a known positive. SPH has provided 10,985 tests, 10,755 negative, 146 positive, and the rest pending results. Since her last report to Council they've done 988 tests and 22 were positive and that give the hospital testing a 2 week positivity rate of 2.2%. She provided a brief response to testing questions from last meeting, addressing types of tests used and processes and will have a memo to Council with more information. She also reported there are two upcoming flu shot clinics, one October 27th at the Homer United Methodist Church and a drive through clinic on October 31st at the Specialty Clinic building on Bartlett Street.

Mark Kirko, City of Homer Fire Chief, reported as we see the uptick in numbers in the State and also our local area the Incident Management Team has been meeting a little more often to stay on top of the numbers, what it might mean for our community, and getting the word out again to remind the community of the safety precautions necessary to mitigate spread. He's been meeting with the City Manager and putting efforts into near and long range planning, and the matrix for looking at changes in regular lifestyle in the community. New signage has come in from the State to get the word out on social distancing, mitigating large group gatherings, and keep the community informed.

In response to questions and comments from Mayor and Council there was discussion regarding hospitalizations, community transmission, and potential impacts of not having an emergency declaration in place for the city.

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

a. Worksession Report

City Manager Dumouchel reported Council had a presentation from Public Works Director Keiser on unpacking water and sewer rates, discussed some of staff's recommendations in the report, and touched on the information from the Finance Director on rate model scenarios. This is an ongoing issue that Council will continue to discuss.

b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council discussed the letter to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Superintendent O'Brien, the Northern Enterprises Lease Extension, heard an overview on term contracts, received clarification on self-pay kiosk locations, extending the emergency declarations, and CARES Act closeout spending priorities.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner commented regarding the recent Tsunami warning and evacuation. He was concerned that this was the second evacuation during the pandemic and of impacts of crowding people into other people's homes or the high school, especially if it was a non-event. He shared information about Sand Point, the closest location to the earthquake, explained the emergency response team here has a process they go through but that review doesn't involve any elected officials, including the Mayor. He spoke to Cindi Preller, a tsunami expert, who said Homer shouldn't have been included in the evacuation, if Homer was going to be there should have been an arrival time, there are three entities who deal with policy involving tsunami reaction, and that elected officials should have a seat at the table when talking about the policy of declaring emergencies and moving people. There are conditions of an event that guide the decision whether to evacuate or not. This is happening with some regularity and he's hopeful from this that we raise the level of discussion about how often we're going to have evacuations, because there will come a time where people get tired of crying wolf and stop reacting.

d. Borough Report

e. Library Advisory Board

Marcia Kuszmaul, Library Advisory Board Chair, commented about the Election 101 webinars, the Food for Kids and Teens Program at the library with pick up available by the library book drop, board game checkout, and an upcoming reading by the 2019 National Book Award Finalist and Poet Carolyn Forché on October 30th.

f. Planning Commission

A written report was provided by Scott Smith, Planning Commission Chair.

g. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Karin Mark, Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair, reported the Commission adopted their strategies and goals and she reported on KPEDD Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy update schedule.

h. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

i. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

j. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

k. Economic Relief Grant Report

Sara Perman, ERG Program Coordinator, reported the HERG Program closed out October 16th and we received 238 applications, 7 denied and 13 are still pending. The total HERG dollars awarded were just under \$340,000, leaving just over \$1.1 million remaining. There have been requests for a program extension. This morning NERG2 kicked off and she's been doing outreach on that.

Special Projects and Communications Coordinator Carroll reported SBERG2 is underway, so far 128 applications have come in, 114 were SBERG1 recipients and 14 new applicants, and 83 have been approved to date. To date just under \$1.1 million has been awarded and if the remaining requests be approved it will increase to \$1.79 million.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 20-68, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of \$234,105 from the Homer Accelerated Water & Sewer Program (HAWSP) Fund to Complete the Tasmania Court Water Improvement Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction September 28, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 26, 2020.

Memorandum 20-155 from Public Works Director as backup

ADOPTED without discussion.

- b. Ordinance 20-73, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Accepting and Appropriating an FY2018 State Homeland Security Program Reallocation Grant in the Amount of \$24,376 to fund a 911 Public Safety Answering Point at the Homer Police Station. City Manager/Police Chief. Introduction October 12, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 26, 2020.

Memorandum 20-163 from Police Chief as backup

ADOPTED without discussion.

- c. Ordinance 20-74, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 14.08.040 Water Connection and Extension Permit to Require Property Owners Requesting Connection to the City's Water System be Connected to the City's Sewer System. Smith. Introduction October 12, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 26, 2020.

Memorandum 20-166 from Public Works Director as backup

ADOPTED with discussion.

- d. Ordinance 20-75, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Providing for a Grant of \$230,000 to South Peninsula Behavioral Services, Inc. for the Purposes of Recovery of Losses and Additional Costs Associated with Meeting the Challenges of the Novel Coronavirus and in Support of the Continuation of their Programs and Services. Hansen-Cavasos. Introduction October 12, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 24, 2020.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- e. Ordinance 20-76, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Kenai Peninsula Borough Parcel No. 17714011, T 6S R 13W SEC 20 Seward Meridian HM PTN GL 2 BEGIN S 1/16 CORNER SECS 19 & 20 & NW CORNER OF GL 2 TH S 89 DEG 57'30" E 1094.3 FT TO PT TH S 38 DEG 0' W 310 FT TO POB TH 90 DEG W 75 FT TO CORNER 2 TH S 38 DEG W 75 FT TO CORNER 3 TH 90 DEG E 75 FT TO CORNER 4 TH N 38 DEG E 75 FT TO POB for \$35,000 from the Land Reserves Account and Designating its use as part of Bishops Beach Park. Venuti/Hansen-Cavasos. Introduction October 12, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 26, 2020.

Memorandum 20-167 from PARCAC as backup

One person testified.

ADOPTED as amended with discussion.

Amended: Lines 13 and 40 to read an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

- f. Ordinance 20-77, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the 2020 Capital Budget and Authorizing the Expenditure of \$13,480 from the City Hall CARMA Fund for Finance Office Remodel and Furnishings. City Manager/Finance Director. Introduction October 12, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 26, 2020.

ADOPTED with discussion.

- g. Ordinance 20-79, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Establishing a Fishermen Economic Recovery Grant (FERG) Program and Amending the 2020 Budget by Appropriating the Amount of \$1.3 Million from the General Fund Fund Balance to Provide Economic Relief to City of Homer-Based Vessel Owners Engaged in Commercial

Fishing who are Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor. Introduction October 12, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 26, 2020.

Two people testified.

ADOPTED as amended with discussion.

Amended: Line 10 strike General Fund Fund Balance and replace with COVID-19 Response Fund.

- h. Ordinance 20-80, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Providing for a Grant of \$34,789.24 to the Homer Foundation Homer Community Chest Fund to Assist Vulnerable Populations in order to Prevent Homelessness During the COVID-19 Pandemic through the Homer Community Chest Fund. Mayor. Introduction October 12, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 26, 2020.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- i. Ordinance 20-81(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Establishing a Mortgage and Rent Relief Grant (MARRG) Program to City of Homer Residents Experiencing Economic Hardship due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Approving up to ~~\$339,200~~ **\$763,200** to be used for MARRG, and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) for Program Administration. Adherhold. Introduction October 12, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 26, 2020.

ADOPTED with discussion.

- j. Ordinance 20-82(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Unencumbering the Unexpended Funds of the City of Homer Economic Relief Grant Programs and City material, service, and personnel costs in the COVID-19 Response Fund to Cover Expenses As Directed by the CARES Act Project Close Out Plan. City Manager. Introduction October 12, 2020, Public Hearing and Second Reading October 24, 2020.

Memorandum 20-179 from Special Projects & Communications Coordinator as backup

Two people testified.

ADOPTED as with discussion.

Close-Out Plan amended to include \$5,000 to Fireweed Academy and establish spending priority.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel reported on an update from the Clerk's office that the lobbyist RFP information had been emailed out, he observed a Volunteer Fire Fighter training over the weekend, and he and Chief Kirko have been using the general COVID plan and framework he addressed in his last report, as way to discuss the COVID context for City specific operations. We're seeing levels increase across the State and here locally so we're watching it closely.

In response to questions from Councilmember Lord, City Manager Dumouchel commented there is ongoing discussion about the open status of the library, currently it remains open and risk levels are being reviewed to make appropriate decisions on that status. He'll provide additional information regarding the GFOA award when it's available, but wanted to share the notice that the City had received it. Regarding the tsunami response there was an internal staff discussion on Thursday, on Friday there was a meeting with KPB and State and Federal agencies to share similar concerns that have been expressed tonight about the way information came in to the City. They discussed ways to better communicate and the need for better warning polygons. He agrees with the need to find better ways to loop in Council short of scheduling a meeting to talk when these events occur, and will work with staff on ways to make that happen.

Councilmember Venuti shared that she doesn't think the City can easily remove themselves from the tsunami warnings nor would we want to because there will come a time when we're impacted. These times can be used as practice. She noted his information about bears and asked if people are being cited for leaving trash out. City Manager Dumouchel doesn't believe people are being cited, but would have to confirm that. Right now the focus is on education about it and it's his understanding it's primarily people camping right now.

Councilmember Aderhold congratulated the Finance Department on the GFOA award and all their work to receive the award. She commented about the Climate Action Plan and her participation with the Climate Cohort Group, they will continue to meet every other month or so. She noted the Community Engagement Team item in the report, she hopes we move forward with it and that other councilmembers are interested also, it reminds her of the letter they sent to the Governor earlier in the summer asking them to help us develop a mitigation plan. She thinks there are a number of ways we could get help from the State. As a Councilmember she'd like to have better information on what's happening with the local out breaks so we have a better understanding of what's happening in our community.

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 20-100, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Establishing a Fishermen Economic Recovery Grant (FERG) Program and Approving up to \$1.3 Million from the COVID-19 Response Fund to Provide Economic Relief to City of Homer-Based Vessel Owners Engaged in Commercial Fishing who are Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor.

Memorandum 20-180 from Special Projects & Communications Coordinator as backup
Memorandum 20-169 from Port Director/Harbormaster as backup

ADOPTED as amended with discussion.

Amended: Line 9 to delete and Approving up to \$1.3 Million from the COVID-19 Response Fund

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum 20-181 Selection/Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore 2020/2021

Councilmember Lord was selected as Mayor Pro Tempore for 2020/2021

- b. Memorandum 20-174 from City Clerk Re: Letter to KPBSD Superintendent O'Brien Re: Community Spread of COVID-19.

FAILED with discussion.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 20-110, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Designating Signatories of City Accounts and Superseding and Previous Resolutions so Designating City Manager.

ADOPTED as amended without discussion.

Amended: Add Rachel Lord as Mayor Pro Tempore

- b. Resolution 20-111, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding the Contract for the Homer Seawall Services to a Firm to be Announced in an Amount to be Disclosed and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Resolution 20-111(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding the Contract for the Homer Seawall Maintenance Work to East Road Services, Inc. of Homer, Alaska in the Amount of \$45,336 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum 20-184 from City Engineer as backup

ADOPTED Substitute as amended with discussion.

Amended to include an additional contract for Dibble Creek Rock in the amount of \$42,000 for shot rock and make necessary typographical changes.

- c. Resolution 20-112, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Changing the City of Homer's Fiscal Year from the 12 Month Period Commencing January 1 through December 31 of each Calendar Year to the 12 Month Period Commencing July 1 through June 30 of the Succeeding Year. Smith.

Memorandum 20-177 from Finance Director as backup

ADOPTED with discussion.

- d. Resolution 20-113, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Extending the City of Homer Disaster Emergency Declaration to a Date to be Determined, Due to the Current and Expected Impacts of the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus Pandemic. Mayor.

ADOPTED as amended with discussion.

Amended to extend emergency declaration to December 31, 2020.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen commented absentee in person voting is still open during regular business hours up until Election Day.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel commented that he voted today and it went very smoothly. He thanked everyone, we got through a lot of stuff today and set a good path for working with CARES Act funds. The fiscal year change will be a big lift but it's also a big opportunity. He looks forward to coming back with a more fleshed out plan to execute that movement.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner thanked Council for starting at 4:00 and wading through a lot of good discussion and starts on projects that need to be addressed. He's called for a special meeting and committee of the whole on November 9th. Typically there is only one meeting in November due to AML but since it's being done remotely he feels they can meeting and keep the work going.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos thanked Council for approving the money for South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services and shared words of encouragement for families and home schooling.

Councilmember Smith shared his support for the Dodgers in the World Series and his exhaustion with the election season, he's ready for it to be over. He encouraged getting educated on the issues and getting out to vote.

Councilmember Venuti commented she visited the Pratt Museum exhibit *Shifting Tides*. She felt safe being there, the air handling is improved, masks are required, and there seems to be a real respect to keeping people safe. The quilts are colorful and beautifully crafted and the

exhibit runs until November 28th. She encouraged people to get educated on the candidates and issues, and vote. Enrollment for the KBC Spring 2021 classes is open.

Councilmember Aderhold concurred with the encouragement to learn and vote. There was a lot of necessary discussion tonight and hard choices to make, she appreciates everyone's work and dedication to making good decisions for the City. She made a request of the Mayor moving forward, that he'll return to the practice of passing the gavel when he speaks. She cited the chapter of Roberts Rules of Order regarding rules against the Chair participation in debate.

Mayor Castner responded he has a superior qualification on his ability to take part in debate in the State Statute.

Councilmember Lord commented she sees passing the gavel done at the State and Borough. It's not a preclusion of engaging in the debate and conversation, it's something that's welcome, but it's passing the control of the room when speaking. That's her vague understanding from every other elected body she's watched proceed in that manner. She encouraged voting; shared about her family outing to get flu shots and thanked Homer Medical and the hospital for providing free flu shots; and on a break she learned her 7 year old lost her 4th tooth.

Councilmember Evensen commented he too has been frustrated by the last earthquakes and evacuation announcements knowing full well, as a geoscientist, there's a zero chance of the arrival of a tsunami. He's shared information about conditions necessary to generate a tsunami, not to diminish what could be a risk but there's a great deal of room for improvement in messaging. He hopes everyone stays safe with COVID.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.