

Session 20-33 a Special Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on November 9, 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  
PORT DIRECTOR/HARBORMASTER HAWKINS  
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER  
SPECIAL PROJECTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL  
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.)

Mayor Castner noted the supplemental packet items: **VISITORS** Tsunami Alert Follow-up – David Snider, Tsunami Warning Center, Written Public Comment, **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**, ERG Program Written Report **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** City's expenditures of CARES Act funds report.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

### **MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Castner reported he wrote a letter to Austin Klein who just achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He and some of his friends resurrected the 8 mile upper Homestead Trail by clearing it to a 30 foot wide trail and putting in a 30 backcountry bridge for his public service project.

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

Jennifer Gibbins, Pratt Museum Executive Director, commented in support of Resolution 20-115 that provides a \$56,500 Grant to the Pratt Museum. She shared regarding needs of the museum and how the funds will be used.

### **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 Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2020. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- b. Memorandum 20-186 from City Clerk Re: Vacation of Cheryl Lane, a 60 foot right-of-way approximately 951 feet more or less in length dedicated per Lillian Walli Estate Plat HM 88-16 and Associated Utility Easements. KPB File 2020-119V. Recommend approval.
- c. Ordinance 20-86, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Accepting and Appropriating an Arts and Culture CARES Act Matching Grant from the Rasmuson Foundation in the Amount of \$50,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction November 9, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 23, 2020.
- d. Ordinance 20-88, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Accepting and Appropriating an FY 2020 State Homeland Security Program Grant in the Amount of \$65,685 to Upgrade the City's Radio Communication System with the Purchase and Deployment of Portable Radios and Mobile Repeaters for the Homer Volunteer Fire Department and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction November 9, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 23, 2020.

Memorandum 20-188 from Fire Chief as backup

- e. Resolution 20-114, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Appointing Renee Krause, Deputy City Clerk, as the ADA Coordinator for the City of Homer. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- f. Resolution 20-115, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the CARES Act Closeout Spending Plan to Provide a \$56,500 Grant to the Pratt Museum. Lord. Recommend approval.

Moved to Resolutions item c. Evensen.

- g. Resolution 20-116, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving an Amendment to Extend the Property Improvement Construction Timeline on the Copper River Seafoods Lease for a Portion of Lot 13B, City of Homer Port Industrial Subdivision No. 2, According to Plat No. 80-92, Containing 15,300 Sq Ft, also known as KPB Parcel # 18103425. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 20-187 from Port and Harbor Advisory Commission as backup

Item f. moved to Resolutions item c. Evensen.

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. Tsunami Alert Follow-up - David Snider, Tsunami Warning Center, Palmer (15 minutes)

David Snider, Tsunami Warning Coordinator for the National Tsunami Warning Center (TWC) in Palmer, Alaska. The center serves all the Alaska coastline west coast of the United States, the Gulf Coast and East Coast, in tandem with the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. His position is new and it was established to work on messaging and communication efforts. He addressed the October 19<sup>th</sup> tsunami warning that occurred and acknowledged the community did the right thing by evacuating to higher ground. Homer is a member of the Tsunami Ready Club, which is a preparedness level that's similar to storm ready communities in the lower 48. It means Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) have worked through plans to know how to respond and encourage education. The TWC understands the warning issued on the 19<sup>th</sup> alerted the western Kenai Peninsula Borough, including Homer and surrounding communities, and the next day they met with the Borough EOC and City staff to talk through the effects of impacts to the area. There were impacts to the area, including Chignik and down to King Cove, 2 foot waves and smaller. Mr. Snider explained they measure impacts from waves starting around one foot for minor harbor damage or strong currents that could affect the community. Major damage problems occur when waves get 3 feet, and extreme impacts for higher waves. A concern they have and he's talked to the Mayor about is the over alerting issue. It's tricky to pin point where the challenges are fixable, but it's something they take seriously and any time they alert a community their first job is to make sure the community are safe as quickly as possible. The warning on the 19<sup>th</sup> stretched to 40 miles southwest of Homer and Homer was alerted, and that's something they're looking into. They're working with the Borough, the National Weather Service, and FEMA and hope in time they can get the alert system to work better efficiencies for all communities.

- b. Homer Chamber of Commerce Marketing Report - Brad Andrews, HCOC Executive Director (10 minutes)

Brad Anderson, Homer Chamber of Commerce (HCOC) Executive Director and Tom Solderholm, HCOC Board President, thanked the Council and all their financial support this year. With the loss of HCOC key revenue streams from the fishing tournaments, the City's

support allowed them to keep their staff fully employed during the pandemic while they continued to provide services to the entire business community and residents. They reported to Council on the annual Alaska visitor volume from 2009 to 2019 that shows a ten year average annual growth of 3.7%. There were challenges this season with when reductions were proposed to the halibut allocation from our region. Fortunately they were revised in recognizing the economic impacts when COVID-19 hit. In April HCOC closed their doors so their parking lot could be utilized as a remote COVID testing sight for the hospital. Fortunately the numbers didn't raise the level necessary to open the remote site. HCOC created the Homer-to-Go page on Facebook to assist all businesses promote takeout and delivery services in the community. They worked with Tim Dillon and KPEDD to assist with a wide variety of economic relief programs, and also had great success with their Homer Bucks program. They began recognizing most visitors to Homer would be Alaskans and adjusted their marketing efforts as such, noting advertising venues they focused on. HCOC was able to support the first annual Peony Celebration and the second annual Alaska World Arts Festival, and they are working to keep the momentum going for next year's events. Overall HCOC experienced a 60% drop in traffic to the Visitor Center, but did see an increase in the materials picked up at the Baycrest Visitor Kiosk. They've updated the Chamber logo and Visitor Guide logo to better reflect how they want to brand Homer. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Soderholm also shared statistics regarding their website traffic, plans to re-use the surplus of 2020 visitor guides with a supplement for the upcoming season, and focusing toward online marketing. They announced 2021 dates for the Winter Carnival Parade February 13, Winter King Salmon Tournament March 20, Shorebird Festival May 6-9, Homer Halibut Tournament June 4-5, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

c. Unified Command Report (20 minutes)

Derotha Ferraro, South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) Public Information Officer, reported in the last two weeks SPH has done 712 tests, 26 positive. The SPH testing program has a 3.6% positivity rate, compared to the State's rate of 6.9%. They've done 11,778 tests total. There have been 207 total cases in the Southern Kenai Peninsula, 45 of them in the last two weeks. The supplies for the in house rapid test kit have trickled to a slow pace so a majority of their testing samples are being sent to the State lab, until supplies start showing up. SPH hasn't had any COVID hospitalizations in several months and no long term care patients have COVID. There are five total employees throughout SPH that are off due to close contact or symptom free protocols, including one long term care employee, as a result long term care patients are being tested regularly with no positives. She reviewed the precautionary measures being taken SPH staff to reduce interactions. She also reviewed statewide hospitalization statistics and how they negatively impact other facilities due to the demand for supplies and impacts on health care workers, and it impacts SPH who relies on those hospitals for medical transports, advanced surgeries, and other services. Now's the time to continue safe behaviors, don't let Thanksgiving and tradition get our guards down, because were doing a decent job in Homer. She thanked Council for extending the City's emergency declaration at the last meeting and

the hospital is putting together their list of pro's and con's of having a local declaration that they'll provide to Council soon.

Jenny Carroll, City of Homer Public Information Officer (PIO), she reiterated that the COVID-19 outbreak in the state is growing. The Governor issued a new disaster declaration in effect November 16 to December 15 its available at gov.alaska.gov, along with discussion about the importance of having it in place. It allows the State Unified Command to continue to support local jurisdictions and the statewide public health care system throughout this emergency. The City has benefitted greatly from partnering with the State in the Unified Command briefings we attend, and sharing resources and ideas for reaching out to communities. She also appreciates Council renewing the local declaration, it helps her as a PIO. She reported on efforts to prepare the Homer Airport with COVID-19 preventative messaging, and gearing up for messaging around the holiday celebrations. She shared about personal efforts this season to keep her social bubble small and help keep a lid on COVID for our community. With cases increasing throughout the State she's proud of Homer for keeping our numbers down as best we can right now. She hope we keep that going forward as we move into winter.

Mark Kirko, City of Homer Fire Chief, echoed the comments thanking Council for extending the emergency declaration. It helps the Unified Command and shows support to the community, that Council is as focused and driven to combat this in our community. The fight isn't over, there's still a long way to go, and he urges caution on the challenges of not being in large groups as we move into the holiday season.

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

a. Special Meeting Report

City Manager Dumouchel reported City Council adjourned into executive session and discussed the Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO, Inc. Lease Settlement and gave direction to the City Manager and City Attorney.

b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported Council covered a lot of topics including Resolution 20-115 Pratt CARES Act funds, 20-116 Lease Amendment for Copper River Seafoods, Resolution 20-117 Lease Assignment to Salmon Sisters, and Resolution 20-118 Water and Sewer Rates.

c. Mayor's Report

d. Borough Report

Lane Chesley, Borough Assembly member, commented tomorrow is his first assembly meeting so he has nothing to report tonight, and his is happy to be working with the City in this new role.

e. Library Advisory Board

Gordy Vernon, Library Advisory Board Member reported the library is currently closed to the public and is back to being open for curbside pickup, so contact the library for books, games, and computer check out. Food for Kids and Teens is still available outside by the book drop. Mr. Vernon also encouraged listeners to consider donating to the Library Endowment Fund.

f. Planning Commission

Kalie Petska-Rubalkava, Planning Commissioner, reported on the Commissions recent meeting where they approved meeting minutes, a utility easement vacation request at Tract E1A Carl Sholin Subdivision SBS 1996 Addn. No. 2, decision and findings for CUP 20-16 at 4424 Starboard Way, Wintergreen Subdivision Replat Preliminary Plat 2020, and their meeting schedule for 2021. The Commission discussed Medical District Building Heights and will have a recommendation to Council, and they discussed revisions to the Community Design Manual.

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

k. Economic Relief Grant Report

Special Projects and Communications Coordinator Carroll reported on the Economic Relief Grant report that was provided in the supplemental packet. The NERG2 program that has closed, 26 organizations applied and one was determined to be ineligible, at this point there has be \$357,000 requested. The mortgage and rent relief program MARRG and the Fisherman's program FERG, opened today. She reviewed the advertising efforts and addressed inquires that have been received regarding eligibility regarding both programs.

Jody Mastey, SBERG Coordinator reported SBERG2 closed and received 265 applications that selected one of the two options available through the program. 229 applications have been awarded grants totally \$3,615,782 and 36 applications are still pending.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- a. 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. Introduction October 26, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 9, 2020

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Jason Herreman, property owner in the Alder Lane Water Improvement Special Assessment District, commented in opposition to be included in the district and expressed his concern about the boundaries and that the Council hasn't responded to their objection.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-83 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Lord shared that she values the input from Mr. Herreman. She explained that she spent time with staff to understand the concerns and evaluate how boundaries were set. She understands there's frustration about not wanting to be in the district, but the boundaries are set in a way that make sense for the future of the town. Spaghetti lines are not allowed in city code and we move to rectify that as we move into the future. She noted approval of the assessment roll comes later after the project is done and that's a time we can make decisions as a Council cost allocation and such. The district boundaries have already been approved and this ordinance is to allocate funds for the improvement.

Councilmember Smith agrees there needs to be some level of fairness that has to be exacted in and Public Works Director Keiser acknowledged that.

Councilmember Aderhold appreciates the public testimony and concerns. She recalls they had a conversation about this district and spaghetti lines previously, and tried to take into account all the testimony they'd received to that point.

Councilmember Evensen feels Mr. Herreman has brought up thoughtful and good points and feels the district boundaries need to be amended.

Council briefly addressed the district boundaries. It was noted that the boundaries have been approved by resolution and the action on the floor tonight isn't related to district boundaries, only to authorize funding for the project.

VOTE: YES: VENUTI, SMITH, ADERHOLD, LORD, HANSEN-CAVASOS

NO: EVENSEN

- b. 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. Introduction October 26, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 9, 2020

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

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20-84 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. 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 Ravine, Gully, Watercourse or Runnel. Mayor/Evensen. Introduction October 26, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 9, 2020

Memorandum 20-175 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 20-85 BY READING OF TITLE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Lord noted a typo on line 13.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner called for a break at 7:53 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 8:03 p.m.

### **ORDINANCE(S)**

- a. Ordinance 20-87, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Extending the Suspension of Homer City Code Chapter 5.42 Single-Use Plastic Bags to December 31, 2020 and Affirming January 1, 2021 as the date in which Merchants Shall Discontinue Providing Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags. Aderhold/Venuti. Recommended dates: Introduction November 9, 2020 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 23, 2020.



LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 20-87 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Aderhold explained they had an emergency order to allow plastic bags related to people's concerns about reusable bags during the pandemic. At this time she thinks people have gotten use to how things are going, that reusable bags are probably not a major way for COVID to move through the community, and that stores have had over a year since the voters decided ban single-use plastic bags to come up with an alternative to meet the standards that are in place.

Councilmembers Evensen and Venuti commented in agreement and clarified this separates the issue from the emergency declaration and single-use bags will be banned again at the end of the year.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

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

#### a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel noted the change in internal risk level for City staff and in the frame work provided to Council previously, and we have gone from yellow to orange level. He stressed this is just for City operations and looking at public health and safety, safety of staff, and delivery of services.

In response to questions City Manager Dumouchel explained Ravn is still working through the permitting and there isn't a date set for resuming flights yet. He added staff is putting thought steps needed to reopen the airport to travelers.

Councilmember Lord commented in support of the de-escalation training for front facing staff. She noted the comment from Mr. Snider earlier about Homer being a tsunami ready community and encouraged staying on top of that to retain that status.

Councilmember Aderhold shared her appreciation to the City Manager for being proactive in the transition to level orange and implementing de-escalation training for staff. She also shared appreciation for City staff. It's been a trying time for everyone, staff have been busy doing their regular job, COVID related work, opening and closing, and navigating everything during this difficult time. Regarding the fiscal year change, she explained there are a number of things Council had prioritized at their retreat related to establishing reserve funds and other fiscal things. She'd like to know what our constraints are and if we move down this path will their priorities go on the back burner while we do this. She requested information to help Council have a real understanding of the Finance workload to ensure they aren't pushing them

too far. City Manager Dumouchel responded draft timelines and outreach are being worked on, and he'll provide more information at the next meeting.

Councilmember Evensen asked for a future discussion and a birds-eye perspective early on about boundaries for special assessment districts.

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution 20-117, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Lease Assignment Originally held by Harbor Leasing, LLC and Assumed by Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO, Inc. to Salmon Sisters Holdings LLC and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents for a new Twenty Year Lease with Options for Two Consecutive Five Year Renewals for a Portion of Lot 12C, Port Industrial Subdivision No. 4, Plat 99-43, at an Annual Rate of \$29,785.32.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-117 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Council agreed by consensus to allow public comment from Mr. Laukitis, a member of Salmon Sister's LLC.

Mr. Laukitis commented they are not supportive of Resolution 20-117. The resolution addresses assuming an existing lease and its terms and Salmon Sisters, LLC is interested in a new lease with the ability to negotiate the lease terms to be more in line with their business plan and at a lower lease rate.

Councilmembers discussed the resolution amongst themselves and with City Manager Dumouchel, Harbormaster Hawkins, and City Attorney Gatti. Some members expressed the desire to negotiate this lease and its terms beyond what's being brought forward tonight. City staff explained it came forward in this manner because the parties involved wanted to get this moving as quickly as possible and a lease assignment accommodates that. A lease transfer can be done by resolution in one reading. It's possible to consider a lease at lower than fair market value and code identifies steps that have to be taken to do so but it takes more time and will have to come back to Council for final approval. It was explained that as an effort to meet the expedited request, the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission has not had time to review this, but have a special meeting scheduled to do so next week. They discussed code parameters regarding lease process, lease assignment process, lease rates being set at fair market value, that lease properties are reviewed every five years, and this property done last year, and the need to do more work with the applicant and staff in how best to proceed.

ADERHOLD/ VENUTI MOVED TO POSTPONE NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.

VOTE (postponement): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 20-118, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the City of Homer Water and Sewer Rates and Updating the Homer Fee Schedule Accordingly. City Manager/Finance Director.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO POSTPONE TO NOVEMBER 23, 2020

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Resolution 20-115, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the CARES Act Closeout Spending Plan to Provide a \$56,500 Grant to the Pratt Museum. Lord. Recommend approval.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-115 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Evensen supports the motion but thinks it should be taken up at a future meeting because he understands there may be other requests coming in from the community and we may want to evaluate them equally.

Councilmember Lord explained the Pratt isn't eligible to apply for the NERG program so they're trying to find a way to work through that. She's generally not supportive of direct grants from the City to the community, but in this case since they've received this money she's encouraged people who need these grants to apply. She believes this isn't going to be competitive spending, our top priorities are the ERG programs, time is running out, and she'd like to spend the money as requests come in. The City needs to pass this money on and the entities need to be able to spend it.

Councilmember Aderhold supports it in that the City has a different relationship with the Pratt Museum through an old Memorandum of Agreement that if something happens to the Pratt, the City takes over the collections. The museum needs to maintain the collections where they are, the City isn't prepared to do that. It's a nominal amount to help them move forward with their mission.

Councilmember Smith noted they aren't bound by other Council actions, but regardless, the Pratt is an important part of our community and he too sees the need to get the money to the community so they can plan to spend it.

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 there is an opening for a city resident on the Planning Commission, and an opening for a resident or non-resident and also a Student Representative on the Economic Development Advisory Commission. She commented the State Election was very busy and everything went really well. She thanked the Election Workers for their hard work this election year.

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

City Manager Dumouchel reminded listeners that Wednesday is Veteran Day. He said City office will be closed and a big thanks to his fellow Veterans, to those still serving, and those who support them.

### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Castner said he's glad we had a special meeting, it went well and will make the next one easier.

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

Councilmember Aderhold appreciated some of the discussion tonight. She thanked all the election workers, whether a temporary worker, working for a State, Borough or County in the US, or election staff anywhere. Election integrity is clearly the foundation of our country and the election and election workers have been highly scrutinized during this election cycle. Our election system held up and it's because of the dedicated people who care about our elections and follow the rules.

Councilmember Evensen also appreciated the discussion and hearing others perspectives. He recommended the movie on Netflix called Social Dilemma about how the algorithms behind social media work. It's an excellent watch.

Councilmember Hansen-Cavasos said thank you to all our veterans, and wished City staff a good day off.

Councilmember Smith congratulated and welcomed Officer Charles Lee to the Police Force. He also congratulated Lane Chesley for being elected to the Borough Assembly, he'll represent our area well. We're yet to see the outcome of the election from the State, but it was a great election season, and great because it's over. He's not going to miss any of the ads.

Councilmember Lord is also thankful the elections are over and many thanks to everyone who did the work to make it happen, to everyone who voted, and to everyone who ran for seats. With kids at home, not doing school, and COVID case numbers going up around town, and around the state, nation, and world, it's not fun and she and her family are done with it, but we need to keep doing what we're doing because we care about other people. It's such a contagious virus, but with the small percentages of people dying or being hospitalized, a small percentage of a large number is still a pretty big number. She feels for all who are struggling, but the economy recovers when we feel safe. Good job to everyone continuing to do our best to keep numbers from getting any larger and doing what it takes.

Councilmember Venuti congratulated Austin Klein on his Eagle Scout award. She thanked the Veterans. She encouraged listeners to start thinking about masks for the holidays, something fun and blingy, something stylish. We're going to have to wear them for a while so we might as well look great.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Worksession at 4:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_