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Subject: Please defeat Ord 21-63(S) gas line income
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Please defeat Ordinance 21-63S. This ordinance is at best premature and at worst a sneaky taking of the eligible Enstar customers' Free Main Allowance (valued at nearly \$2M) without their knowledge or consent.

Most eligible Enstar customers are probably unaware of the FMA. According to city memos, the city used \$1,971,808 of collected FMA payments from Enstar plus \$488,137 from the General Fund to cover the early payoff of the borough loan for the gas line. This was a smart use of everyone's dollars. Presumably when all on-time assessments and Enstar FMA payments are received in 2024, or shortly after, both the General Fund and the FMA account will be made whole, or nearly whole, again.

Now is the time to identify eligible Enstar customers and determine what their likely FMA might be. Conduct some outreach and education.

2024 will be the right time to decide whether it is more appropriate to distribute the FMA to the eligible customers or use it for the general benefit of the city.

In Recognition of Council Member Heath Smith

Heath Smith was elected to Homer City Council on November 3, 2015, and reelected for a second term on October 2, 2018. His attendance and service to the citizens of Homer was exemplary.

Heath was a dedicated Council Member. He played a key role in the successful funding and completion of the new police station, bringing fiscal vigilance to the construction and bond costs, guarding against overspending through "scope creep", while encouraging public support. He also accomplished amendments to the election code, in cooperation with other members, to improve on the clarity and efficiency of the City's election process.

Heath served his community well. He was strongly influenced by family members that served before him and of whom he spoke with pride. During his time on Council he debated and voted with the public's best interests at heart. He has a strong voice and argued his position with passion, and while he and other council members came to the table with different perspectives, they were able to listen to one another and kindly work together.

The City of Homer is a better place because of the whole-hearted work and dedication of Council Member Heath Smith. We thank him for his willingness to serve as a member of the Homer City Council.

Presented this 8th day of November, 2021.

Ken Castner, Mayor
City of Homer

Attest: Melissa Jacobsen, City Clerk

In Recognition of Sailing in Harm's Way

Twenty months into the world-wide pandemic of COVID 19, it seems appropriate to pause for a moment and reflect a bit on how it has come to be that the United States leads the world in COVID-related mortality, Alaska leads the nation in COVID infections, and the lower Kenai Peninsula has one of the lowest COVID vaccination rates in the state.

Somewhere along the way, the political will to fight off the virus faced the realities of the cost of the war. Economic, social, and psychological effects became pathogens in themselves – left largely untreated. The unfortunate result has been a resentful distrust of the one tool that was actually advancing the fight: medical science.

In 1778 Captain John Paul Jones wrote that he “wished to have no connections with any ships that do not sail fast, as I intend to go in harm’s way.” Yet in spite of being given a poorly-crewed ship that was slow and unresponsive, he still chose to sail into a battle with British ships of war that has cemented his name as a hero in American history.

And so on this day, a day without any memorable event to mark it, the City of Homer wishes to express its respect and gratitude to those that have not only delivered first-quality health care to our community, but lead the efforts in the identification, prevention and treatment of the COVID virus.

We cannot provide them with fast ships, but we can support them, cheer them on, and appreciate their dedicated willingness to “sail in harm’s way.”

Presented this 8th day of November, 2021 to South Peninsula Hospital.

Ken Castner, Mayor
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October 27, 2021

Dear Property Owner:

***Revised Schedule for Seawall Improvement Special Assessment District
Final Assessment Roll***

The Notice of Public Hearing that was sent out on October 8th by certified mail advised that Council would confirm the Seawall Improvement Special Assessment District Final Assessment Roll at their regular meeting on November 22, 2021.

At their October 25th regular meeting Council canceled their regular meeting on November 22nd and rescheduled the business items slated for that meeting to a special meeting on Monday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. This was done through the adoption of Resolution 21-076 and Memorandum 21-185.

As a result of this scheduling change, the resolution to confirm the final assessment roll and set the time and method of payment will be taken up at the Council's November 8th meeting. A copy of the resolution, final assessment roll, and supporting documentation will be included in the meeting packet that will be posted on the City of Homer website by the end of day, Thursday, November 4th. Public copies of the packet will be available for review at City Hall and the Homer Public Library as well.

If I can answer any questions for you, please feel free to call me at 235-3130.

Sincerely,

Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk