

Session 22-23 a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on November 28, 2022 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, DAVIS, ERICKSON, LORD, VENUTI

**ABSENT:** COUNCILMEMBER HANSEN (excused)

**STAFF:** CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL  
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN  
FINANCE DIRECTOR WALTON  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER  
CITY PLANNER ABBOD  
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR SULCZYNSKI  
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI

**AGENDA APPROVAL** (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual)

Mayor Castner Mayor announced the supplemental items: CONSENT AGENDA Application for Appointment to the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission as an attachment to Memo 22-209 ANNOUNCEMENTS PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS EDC Power Point Presentation PUBLIC HEARINGS Memorandum 22-210 from City Clerk with Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 22-74 and Ordinance 22-78 and Written Public Comment on Ordinance 22-78 and Ordinance 22-79.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA** (The public may comment for three minutes on agenda items not schedule for public hearing.)

Malcolm Milne commented on behalf of the North Pacific Fisheries Association (NPFA) in support of Resolution 22-092 supporting conservation and mitigation efforts in the crab fishery.

### **RECONSIDERATION**

**CONSENT AGENDA** (Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If 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 Council Member.)

- A. Homer City Council Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. Memorandum 22-190 from City Clerk re: Travel Authorization for Mayor Castner to Attend the Alaska Conference of Mayors on December 6, 2022 and Council Members Aderhold, Davis, and Erickson to attend the Alaska Municipal League Annual Conference December 7-9, 2022 in Anchorage, Alaska and Council Member Aderhold's attendance at the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council Meetings through December 11, 2022. Recommend approval.
- C. Memorandum 22-202 from City Clerk Re: Liquor License Renewals for Land's End and La Baleine Cafe. Recommend approval.
- D. Memorandum 22-209 from Mayor Castner re: Appointment of Lacey Velsko to the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. Recommend approval.
- E. Resolution 22-085, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving the 2023 Meeting Schedule for City Council, Economic Development Advisory Commission, Library Advisory Board, Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission, Planning Commission, Port and Harbor Advisory Commission, and Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Board. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.

Memo 22-203 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

Memo 22-204 from City Clerk as backup.

- F. Resolution 22-086, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City to Apply for a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities Grant to Adopt and Implement International Building Code Edition 2021. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memo 22-205 from Special Projects Coordinator as backup.

- G. Resolution 22-087, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing a Task Order to HDR Engineering in an Amount not to exceed \$32,000 for Grant Writing Services for a FY2023 Federal RAISE Planning Grant to Support Homer's Non-Motorized Transportation Infrastructure and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-206 from Special Projects & Communications Coordinator as backup.

- H. Resolution 22-088, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving the Bylaws of the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Board. City Clerk/ADA Advisory Board. Recommend adoption.
- I. Resolution 22-089, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Contract with Kachemak Electric Co. of Kenai, Alaska in the Amount of \$271,517 for the Rehabilitation of the Electrical Control Works for the City's Sewage Lift Stations Project and Authorizing the City

Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-198 from Public Works Director as backup.

- J. Resolution 22-090, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Contract with North Pacific Advisors, LLC of Anchorage, Alaska for Land Appraisal Services and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 22-207 from Deputy City Clerk as backup.

- K. Resolution 22-091, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Providing Comments to the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Request for Scoping Comments for the Sterling Highway Mile Post 169 to 175 Pavement Preservation Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.
- L. Resolution 22-092, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Encouraging the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to Immediately Adopt Fishery Conservation and Mitigation Measures to Facilitate the Restoration of the Direct Bering Sea Crab Fisheries. Mayor/Aderhold. Recommend adoption.

ADERHOLD/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. Semester by the Bay Intern Presentation - Madeline Butz, Climate Action Champion (10 minutes)

Madeline Butz presented to Council on her time as intern with Public Works. She shared her work project related to sustainability and climate change in Homer and reviewed the information she developed that can be found on the Public Works webpage.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS (5 minutes each)

- A. Committee of the Whole

Council Member Aderhold reported the Council discussed Ordinance 22-82 adding two Fire/EMT personnel at the fire department, Ordinance 22-80 funding lift station electronics, and Ordinance 22-79 funding HDR services as owners representative for the new large vessel harbor project.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner commented regarding his work in preparing Resolution 22-092 and opened the floor to Tim Navarre to present the Industry Days Award to South Peninsula Hospital.

C. Borough Report

D. American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Board

Council Member Aderhold reported the Board approved their meeting schedule and bylaws, which were approved on tonight's consent agenda, and briefly discussed how the Board can help businesses understand the benefits of ADA compliance.

E. Economic Development Advisory Commission  
Memorandum Re: Year in Review

Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair Karin Marks and Economic Development Manager Julie Engebretsen presented to Council on the EDC Year in Review summary that was provided in the Julie & Karin presented the Council's packet and supplemental packet.

F. Library Advisory Board

Library Advisory Board Chair Kate Finn reported at their last meeting they had a high number of public present in person and on zoom to share comments on both sides regarding removing certain items from the children's section of the library. She was pleased that everyone was respectful in their exchange and explained that the Board will take this back up at their next meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The Giving Tree is set up at the Library, there is a book magnifying machine on loan thanks to the Independent Living Center, and the Library Endowment Fund has received an anonymous donation that will match donations to the Endowment Fund up to \$2500 through the month of December.

G. Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission

Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner Robert Archibald reported the Commission heard from the Finance Director regarding the budget, the Community Recreation Specialist reported on their programs and building usage, and the Public Works Director reported on ongoing projects. The Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan is due for a revision, a timeline is set, qualified landscape architect firms have been identified. This is the first step in developing an up to date plan for the park. The Parks Superintendent reported the Mariner Park Beach is open to the seawall for collection of coal, and winter work that's planned. They heard from the Director of Homer Animal Services on animal control issues in the city and the Commission continues to work on code amendments regarding animals on leashes.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. Ordinance 22-74, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY23 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$7,400 from the Port Reserve Fund to Repair and Replace the City Ice Plant's Ammonia Lines and Valves and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents to Contract with Alaska Industrial Services for the Repair. City Manager/Port Director. Introduction November 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-192 from Port Director/Harbormaster as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Malcolm Milne commented on behalf of the NPFA in support of Ordinance 22-74, the ice plant is an integral part of the commercial fishing industry in Homer.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-74 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE 22-74 TO MAKE THE CURRENT SECTION 2 A NEW SECTION 3 AND A NEW SECTION 2 TO READ - THE CITY MANAGER IS AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ALASKA INDUSTRIAL SERVICES FOR INSTALLATION OF THE REQUIRED AMMONIA LINES AND VALVES.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

- B. Ordinance 22-75, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY23 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a Matching Grant from the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Grant Program in the Amount of \$366,000 for the Harbor Basin Cathodic Protection Project and Appropriating an Additional \$174,050.90 from the Port Reserve Fund to fulfill the City's 50% Match Requirement. City Manager/Port Director. Introduction November 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-193 from Port Director as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Crisi Matthews, Port and Harbor Commissioner, commented the Commission unanimously supports the project.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-75 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Council Member Lord shared the history of the State Harbor Matching Grant Program that was put into place in 2006.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- C. Ordinance 22-76, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating an FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant in the Amount of \$43,702.43 from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DHS&EM) to Upgrade the City's Radio Communication System, Authorizing a Sole Source Request to Contract with ProComm Alaska and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Introduction November 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-194 from Police Chief as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-76 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Council Member Lord acknowledge the time it takes to prepare for grants and thanked staff for their work.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- D. Ordinance 22-77, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY23 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$25,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Road

Fund for an On-Call Services Contract with the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction November 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-195 from Public Works Director as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Malcolm Milne, non-resident, questioned what the City gets out of this expenditure and what expertise the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society (KBSC) has for the items mentioned in the materials.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-77 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

At the request of Council Member Erickson, Public Works Director Keiser explained the City is working with several groups related to the green infrastructure and conservation topics. KBSC has expertise in public education, engagement, and community outreach on the benefits of green infrastructure and how to go about it. Public outreach and education is very time consuming and the City doesn't have the time, staff, or expertise to engage in it ourselves so this is a good deal for the City.

Council Member Lord commented it's new over the last few years that we've been using professional services for more things. She supports this as City staff can only do so much, and she's enjoyed the Public Work Department utilizing the services of local smaller nonprofits. She asked if during the budget process if there could be a summary of funds from the City going back into the community for these projects.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- E. Ordinance 22-78, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY23 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$49,690 from the Port and Harbor Reserves for the Design of Parking Improvements to the Parking Lots at the Boathouse Pavilion, Seafarer's Memorial, and Harbor Ramps Three and Four and Authorizing the a Task Order to HDL Engineering to Complete the Work. City Manager/Port Director. Introduction November 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-196 from Port Director as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Crisi Matthews, Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Chair, commented this is a budget amendment as work is done based on the parking study that was completed. The Commission's intention is that work is being implemented in phases based on the amount of income received from paid parking.

Bruce Friend, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, commented in support. The public is calling for attention to parking, especially in the summer. This will have year round benefits.

Malcolm Milne commented on behalf of the NPFA in support of Ordinance 22-78. He highlighted the information in the back up of a motion by the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission to allow stall slip holders and marine tradesmen a discount on season passes and short term parking.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-78 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE 22-78 LINES 22 THROUGH 26 TO READ - WHEREAS, REVENUES FROM DAY USE FEE PARKING IN THE LOTS THAT ADJOIN THE STATE RIGHT OF WAY MAY ONLY BE USED FOR TO REIMBURSE THE PORT ENTERPRISE FUND FOR PARKING IMPROVEMENTS; AND WHEREAS, THOSE REVENUES WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK INTO THE PORT RESERVES TO REIMBURSE THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURE AT THE END OF THE YEAR BUDGET CLOSE OUT; AND

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Council Member Aderhold acknowledged Mr. Milne's comments and the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission's comments regarding relief for increased parking fees to the people who use and pay for the harbor. She thinks Council understands from the materials that the Commission is talking about that and it would be figured out at a later stage and warrants good consideration.

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

Motion carried.

- F. Ordinance 22-79, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY23 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$408,073 from the Port Reserves for an Owner's Representative for the New Large Vessel Harbor and Issuing a Task Order to HDR to Provide Owner's Representative Services. City Manager/Port Director. Introduction November 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-197 from Port Director as backup.



Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Casey Siekaniec, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, commented in support of Ordinance 22-79. After hearing the proposal from HDR he feels it will be worth the investment to relieve staff of some of the work and they bring a lot of experience with these types of projects.

Crisi Matthews, Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Chair, noted Commissioners Shavelson and Pitzman, and Planning Commissioner Brad Conley weren't able to attend but share support for this project. She shared efforts of the Commission coordinating a Think Tank to see this ACOE study forward for the port expansion project.

Bruce Friend, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, commented in support of Ordinance 22-79 and contracting with HDR. This project will make a lot of difference to a lot of people and the investment with HDR will be a big part of its success.

Karin Marks, city resident and Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair, commented she participated with the Think Tank that drew a group of interesting people together and their consideration on how this project will affect economic development for our area. She shared her support for Ordinance 22-79 and contracting with HDR.

Malcolm Milne commented on behalf of the NPFA in support of Ordinance 22-79. They look forward to participating in the efforts as commercial fishermen.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-79 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Council Member Erickson appreciates where we're going with this and commended the Port and Harbor for their efforts to move forward with the harbor expansion. She also looks forward to the next project of float replacement.

Council Member Lord supports the harbor expansion project and she appreciates the feedback from HDR at Committee of the Whole to help them better understand what HDR's role will be as owner's representative.

Council Member Venuti shared her support and appreciation for the feedback from HDR.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- G. Ordinance 22-80, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY23 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$271,517 from the Sewer Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund for the Rehabilitation of the Electrical Control Works for the City's

Sewage Lift Stations. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction November 14, 2022  
Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-198 from Public Works Director as backup.

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

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-80 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND  
FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- H. Ordinance 22-81, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY23 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a Reimbursable Code Blue Grant in the Amount of \$55,000 and Appropriating an Amount not to exceed \$300,000 from the General Fund Fleet Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund for the Purchase of an Ambulance. City Manager/Fire Chief. Introduction November 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-199 from City Manager as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Jake Richter, Fire Department Employee, commented in support of Ordinance 22-81 and shared briefly regarding the need for a new ambulance.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

Council Member Venuti commented in support of the ordinance. She shared some experiences with the older ambulance and understanding of the need to purchase a new vehicle.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Castner opened the floor to City Manager Dumouchel and Fire Chief Kirko to share their presentation regarding Ordinance 22-81 and 22-82.

City Manager Dumouchel and Fire Chief Kirko reviewed their presentation that was included in the packet regarding the need for the City to purchase a new ambulance and the strong need for additional personnel at the fire department to help ensure adequate response to emergencies.

- I. Ordinance 22-82, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY23 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$652,500 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to Fund Two Full-Time Firefighter/EMT Positions through the end of FY25. City Manager. Introduction November 14, 2022 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-199 from City Manager as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Jaclyn Arndt, Fire Department employee, commented in support of Ordinance 22-82. Over her 9 years she's seen a steady increase of emergency calls with our growing population and a decrease in number of volunteers, creating increased stress on the staff and volunteers. These two positions will allow them to meet the minimum of having two people on staff at all times. She shared her experience of wait times for a second person to respond and how impacts their customer service to the community.

Kaleb Harvey explained he's a former volunteer who is now serving as a temporary part time Fire Department employee and will return to volunteer status. He commented in support of Ordinance 22-82 and shared that having these positions would be very valuable to the department.

Eric Schultz, Deputy Fire Chief of Kachemak Emergency Services, commented in support of Ordinance 22-82 and shared how labor intensive undertaking fire and EMS work is. It's imperative that the department have adequate crews at the station ready to go.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 22-82. He's been a marine firefighter for a long time, its labor intense, traumatic, and you can't do it with a short staff. The population is growing in Homer and it's time to address this.

Joe Kahles, Deputy Fire Chief, commented in support of Ordinance 22-82. He addressed the Fire Department's service and response capabilities, sharing how over the holiday weekend they had one person at the station the entire time. He explained two call outs that occurred simultaneously with the limited staff and the implications of that scenario.

Jake Richter, Fire Department Employee, commented in support of Ordinance 22-82 and shared about the recent Bunnell Street fire. There were two people in the building who were able to escape on their own, which was extremely fortunate. He, Jaclyn Arndt, and a volunteer were the first on scene at the fire and that is not adequate response to have effectively rescued them. They need more instructors and paid staff to maintain the volunteer service.

Devin Fairbanks, Fire Department employee, commented in support of Ordinance 22-82. A minimum of two personnel are required to drive an ambulance and to enter a structure. There are training requirements members and volunteers have to accomplish to better support the community and also a need for coverage for people to be able to take time off. He doesn't see volunteers going away, but the department needs enough staffing to more effectively operate. Two additional staff is a step in the right direction.

Franco Venuti, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 22-82 and shared his recent experience of requiring EMT care after a serious fall. He praised the response team for their work and encouraged the funding of the additional staff.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 22-82 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Council Member Lord thanked everyone for their testimony, it's important to have this information to help her and others understand the full picture. A question was raised earlier about what we're doing to incentivize more volunteerism, which is an issue for a lot of organizations, and she's understanding that maintaining high morale is one of the best things we can do for people in our community that we are asking to show up and serve every day, whether paid or volunteer. She hears loud and clear the need for two more paid staff. She appreciates the plan that's put forward to cover the cost and have to figure out how it will be absorbed into the operating budget.

In response to the Mayor, City Manager Dumouchel explained the ordinance shows the funding accounts that will be impacted and funds will be moved over year by year into the budget.

Council Member Erickson shared her appreciation of the Fire Department staff and volunteers. She understands the strain of being on call constantly and how wearing that can be. She realizes having two people on staff at the department is important and she supports it. She'd like feedback in the next three months or so on what they as a Council can be doing to give the department the resources to get volunteers. It's bigger than just the two positions.

Council Member Davis thanked everyone for their compelling testimony. He questioned why other departments are funded through a mil rate. City Manager Dumouchel explained that unincorporated area departments are funded through a mil rate for the service area.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

## **ORDINANCE(S)**

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

#### A. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel highlighted the sales tax for the fiscal year first quarter, noting the 6.5% increase over the prior year. He also touched on the sulfur shipment that moved through our port, and a transportation plan update, last meetings audio mishap and work to address it, and an upcoming

worksession with the Port and Harbor Commission to re-visit their vision for the port and harbor expansion.

**PENDING BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution 22-074, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting the City of Homer 2022 Non-Motorized Transportation and Trails Implementation Plan. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Mayor Castner announced the motion on the floor from October 24<sup>th</sup> to adopt Resolution 22-074 by reading of title only and opened the floor for discussion.

Council Member Aderhold thanked staff for the updated materials.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- B. Ordinance 22-70, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code, Section 21.60.100 Signs Exempt from Regulation to Exempt Signs Not Visible from Public Rights of Way. Lord. Introduction October 24, 2022, Referred to Planning Commission, Public Hearing and Second Reading November 28, 2022.

Memorandum 22-208 from City Planner as backup.

Memorandum 22-179 from Council Member Lord as backup.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO POSTPONE TO JANUARY 9, 2023.

Council Member Lord noted there wasn't enough time to schedule a public hearing with the Planning Commission and bring the ordinance back to this meeting.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** (The public may comment for three minutes on any topic.)

Jan Knutson, Visitor Center Director, invited everyone to attend the annual Chamber Tree Lighting and thanked the sponsors of the event.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Gatti wished everyone happy Thanksgiving.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Jacobsen announced an opening on the ADA Advisory Board and wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

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

City Manager Dumouchel encouraged interested people to look at the two new fire positions that will be posted on the City's website and thanked Council for their support.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Castner commented regarding the significant amount of volunteerism in our community.

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

Council Member Hansen congratulations to the Fire Department for their new positions and is proud they passed Ordinance 22-82.

Council Member Erickson wished everyone Merry Christmas and happy holidays. They've started raising money for the New Year's Eve fireworks display so there will be a lot of good stuff happening in December.

Council Member Davis commented as Council's liaison to the Chamber, that they did a great job on the Shop Local Saturday booklets, it helped bring a lot of people out. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Council Member Aderhold shared about her visit to Texas, and she's looking forward to getting back to Homer. She wished everyone happy holidays.

Council Member Venuti shared that tonight she heard hope for the future by voting for the Fire Department and the Port and Harbor and some long range future plans. She's happy to see Lacey Velsko will be serving on the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission. She wished everyone Merry Christmas. She thanked Mayor and Council Member Aderhold for Resolution 22-092 supporting conservation and mitigation efforts in the crab fishery.

Council Member Lord thanked Lacey Velsko for applying to the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission and Parks and Recreation for the Turkey Trot. She encouraged people to see the Nutcracker, it's her families first time performing. She wished everyone happy solstice and holidays. She wished her daughter Linnea Happy Birthday on Wednesday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, January 9, 2023 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.

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Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

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