

Session 23-17 a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on August 28, 2023 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, HANSEN, LORD, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER DUMOUCHEL
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
LIBRARY DIRECTOR BERRY
SPECIAL PROJECTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER ENGBRETSSEN
CITY PLANNER FOSTER
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI

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

Mayor Castner announced the supplemental items: **Consent Agenda** Resolution 23-083(S) and (S-2), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Providing Comments on the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Aderhold/**Davis/Erickson**, and Memorandum CC-23-199 from Council Member Aderhold as backup; Resolution 23-082, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting the Revised Homer Public Library Policies and Procedures. City Manager. Library Advisory Board minutes excerpt as backup; **Public Hearings** Ordinance 23-21(S)(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Section 22.10.050 to Specify that Preliminary Plats Approved by the City Shall Include all Development Commitments Made to the City. Davis/Erickson. Planning Commission minutes excerpt as backup; Ordinance 23-40, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Sections 21.12 Rural Residential District; 21.14 Urban Residential District; 21.18 Central Business District; 21.24 General Commercial 1 District; 21.26 General Commercial 2 District Regarding Conditional Uses in each District. Lord/Mayor. Planning Commission minutes excerpt as backup; and Ordinance 23-48, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Title 20 Animals. Lord. Memorandum CC-23-198 from Council Member Lord as backup.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Camille Johnson, Homer Trails Alliance Board Member, commented in support Resolution 23-083(S) to include the stronger language recommending a pedestrian underpass access to the Diamond Creek area of the Sterling Highway Project.

Daisy Walker thanked Council for considering her for the student representative seat on the Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission.

Robert Archibald, Kachemak Bay State Park Citizen Advisory Board Chair, commented on behalf of the board in support of Resolution 23-083(S-2) and their comments to ADOT regarding non-motorized pedestrian underpass to facilitate a safe recreation corridor between the Diamond Creek Recreation site and the recreation lands on the east side of the highway.

Ingrid Harrald, Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner, commented in support of Resolution 23-088 regarding the Karen Hornaday Park Plan. The Commission has been prioritizing the park for many years without much forward momentum, and they support any forward momentum from Council. They look forward to being part of any consulting that happens if this goes through.

Pat Case, city resident, cautioned in any new construction at Karen Hornaday Park to ensure there is an inspector to certify all construction is done according to ADA compliance this time. He concurred with an early comment that a lot of the things that come through are vague and hard to comment on.

Lacy Velsko, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, reported the Commissions support of the large vessel haul out and the wood grid repair projects on the Capital Improvement Plan. She shared the benefits of the wood grid to vessel owners and that it could use power and lighting. The Commission also discussed an ADA ramp at the harbor and agreed they need more information to make a decision.

Bruce Friend, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, added they had a presentation from HDR regarding their communications plan for the Homer Harbor Expansion Project and the Commission felt the proposal didn't address what they felt the public needed, it needs to be broadened.

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 August 14, 2023. City Clerk. Recommend Adoption.
- b. Memorandum CC-23-185 from Mayor Re: Appointment of Daisy Walker to Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission. Recommend Approval.

- c. Memorandum CC-23-186 from City Clerk Re: Liquor License Transfers for The Grog Shop, Homer Liquor and Wine, Patel's, Patel's 2, and Rum Locker. Recommend Approval.
- d. Resolution 23-080, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Sublease Assignment at the Homer Airport Terminal to Sterling Airways DBA Aleutian Airways, an Alaska Corporation for a 3 Year Sublease with Option for (2) Nine Month Extensions and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-23-187 from Port Director as backup.

- e. Resolution 23-081, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the Economic Development Advisory Commission Bylaws by Amending Article V. City Staff Roles and Article VI. Meetings. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- f. Resolution 23-082, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting the Revised Homer Public Library Policies and Procedures. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-23-188 from Library Director as backup.

- g. Resolution 23-083, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Providing Comments on the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Aderhold. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-23-189 from Council Member Aderhold as backup.

Moved to Resolutions a. Davis.

- h. Resolution 23-084, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding a Contract to East Road Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$27,267 to Upgrade the East Fairview Avenue Trail and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-23-190 from the Public Works Director as backup.

- i. Resolution 23-085, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding a Contract to East Road Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$15,456 to Complete the Lee Avenue Trail and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-23-191 from the Public Works Director as backup.

- j. Resolution 23-086, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding a Contract to HDR Engineering, Inc in the amount of \$15,061 to Assist with the Procurement of Membrane

Filter Trains for the Water Treatment Plant and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Memorandum CC-23-192 from the Public Works Director as backup.

- k. Resolution 23-087, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding a Contract to East Road Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$14,444 to Upgrade the Storybook Trail and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-23-193 from the Public Works Director as backup.

- l. Resolution 23-088, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding the Design Services Contract for the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan to Corvus Design, Inc. in the Amount of \$39,945 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-23-194 from Associate Planner as backup.

Item g. moved to Resolutions item a. Davis.

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda and recommendations.

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

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

- a. Worksession Report

City Manager Dumochel reported Special Projects and Communications Coordinator Carroll provided an overview of the draft 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan and requested Mayor and Council Members submit their top 8 priorities by next week.

- b. Committee of the Whole Report

Council Member Aderhold reported Council discussed Resolution 23-080 and Aleutian Airways lease, Resolution 23-082 adopting the revised library policies, and Resolution 23-088 and the Karen

Hornaday Park Master Plan. They discussed the need for more consistent information related to awarding contracts, and heard a presentation from Fire Chief Kirko on wildland fire awareness.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner commented Department of Transportation Commissioner Anderson was in town a few weeks ago and learned a lot about our needs. Mayor encouraged listeners to submit public comments on including Kachemak Drive in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by September 3rd.

d. Borough Report

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Member Lane Chesley reported the Assembly will be meeting here on September 19th and will be hearing a Homer Harbor Expansion Project update from Port Director Hawkins. Borough Administration commented regarding Homer's Ordinance 23-21(S)(A) and platting matters and Planning Director Robert Ruffner supports Council postponing this to September 25th so he and legal can review the final ordinance since the Borough code is controlling and city code is advisory related to platting. The Assembly will hold the first public hearing on the materials sight ordinance and shared statistics on work the committee completed in the process.

e. Library Advisory Board

Library Advisory Board Chair Kate Finn commented the Board held a work session in July on the Libraries Policies and Procedures update. At their August meeting, they approved the policies and procedures, expressed support of the creation of a Library Department, and made their recommendations on the Capital Improvement Plan. She noted the new library projects to replace the library siding, a sliding gate at the main entrance, and engineering analysis of a remodel. She reviewed the Summer Reading Program statistics.

f. Planning Commission

i. Planning Commission Written Report

g. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Economic Development Advisory Chair Karin Marks provided an overview of the on the Commission's discussion of Ordinance 23-40 at their last meeting. It was their first time working through a zoning ordinance and they did not reach consensus on their decisions. They did have consensus that the zones listed in the ordinance should not be treated the same for this kind of change.

h. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner Ingrid Harrald thanked Council for appointing Daisy Walker as student representative to the Commission. At their last meeting they had a presentation from Patricia Relay, Executive Director of the Pratt Museum, about their future plans.

The Commission discussed a donation for an art sculpture for the Baycrest Garden and will have further discussion on differences between art donations versus a memorial. They reviewed and provided recommendations for the Capital Improvement Plan, and discussed the 40th anniversary of the Sister City relationship with Teshio, Japan. She encouraged Chairs be invited to the work session on Ordinance 23-49, and touched on Community Recreation updates.

i. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner Lacy Velsko reported on the Commission's discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan, and the Communications Plan proposal from HDR.

j. Alaska Municipal League Summer Conference Reports

Written reports from Council Members Aderhold and Venuti were included in the packet and City Manager Dumouchel provided a brief overview of events at the request of the Mayor.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 23-21(S)(A), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Section 22.10.050 to Specify that Preliminary Plats Approved by the City Shall Include all Development Commitments Made to the City. Davis/Erickson. Introduction April 10, 2023 and Refer to Planning Commission, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 28, 2023.

Memorandum CC-23-195 from City Planner as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Scott Adams, city resident, commented regarding the Planning Commissions discussion at their last meeting and appearing unsure about what they were supposed to be addressing. He encouraged that sidewalks should be included in subdivisions.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

Mayor Castner announced the motion on the floor from June 26th to adopt Ordinance 23-21(S)(A) by reading of title only for second and final reading, and opened the floor to discussion.

Council Member Davis shared his appreciation that the Borough Planner is interested in weighing in, and noted the Commission's request to postpone so they can consider it further.

DAVIS/ERICKSON MOVED TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 23-21(S)(A) UNTIL THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 25TH SO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL TIME TO DRAFT AND DISCUSS THEIR COMMENTS.

Council Member Lord asked that during the postponement there's also a review by the Borough Planning Department.

There was brief discussion confirming the Planning Commission has the materials they need, but they just need more time to review and discuss before making any recommendations.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 23-40, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Sections 21.12 Rural Residential District; 21.14 Urban Residential District; 21.18 Central Business District; 21.24 General Commercial 1 District; 21.26 General Commercial 2 District Regarding Conditional Uses in each District. Lord/Mayor Recommend Introduction June 12, 2023, referred to Planning Commission, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 28, 2023.

Memorandum CC-23-196 from City Planner as backup.

Memorandum CC-23-197 from Economic Development Manager as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Scott Adams, city resident, commented regarding a rezone that happened a year ago because they wanted to encourage additional buildings on a lot to help with housing needs. This step back makes some people shake their heads because they spoke against it and it still passed and now is being pushed in the other direction.

Karin Marks, city resident, small business owner, and property owner in the Central Business District, commented commercial zones are different and supports removing the commercial districts from the Ordinance 23-40.

Mel Kim commented his desire for Council to develop in a way that's sustainable and also address the housing needs in our community. Most rentals go for an amount that requires a person to make at least \$27 per hour, and most places don't pay that much.

Pat Case, city resident, commented about the negative impacts of single use zoning to a community's downtown core business and neighborhoods. It's important to have diversity in the downtown to promote business, inclusiveness, and many things that are healthy.

Rika Mouw, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 23-40 so the conditional use permit (CUP) process is in place for each district. She supports multi-use but feels CUP's need to be part of that process.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 23-40 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Council Member Lord explained her motivation to bring this forward based on people's concerns of the removal of the CUP process for increased density across zoning districts. She supports multi-use zoning, considering how development impacts other people's quality of life and land values, and the opportunity for the community and neighbors to participate in the conversation.

Mayor Castner added the original goal was to remove CUP requirements on matters that have been regularly permitted without conditions, and shifting them to permitted use. He highlighted the benefit of the CUP process and opportunity for public review when increasing density.

At the request of Council, City Planner Foster commented there have been some zoning permits that were impacted by Ordinance 22-68(A), but he hasn't done any analysis of how many or the impacts. He explained the internal process for issuing a zoning permit by the Planning Department and the requirement that the permit be displayed at the construction site, compared to a conditional use permit that requires a public hearing and the ability for the Commission to impose conditions on the permit. He also provided an overview of circumstances that would trigger a CUP in the districts and noted lot size requirements may prohibit four structures, there may only be room to permit two. Lastly he reviewed the information in the packet that included summary of their work session discussions and confirmed at their last meeting they unanimously supported Ordinance 23-40 for all seven zoning districts.

Council Member Davis shared his objection to the ordinance based on his awareness of how hard it is for people moving here to find a place to live. He added that the original ordinance gave property owners more freedom to do what they want on their property, which seems less egregious than to have a system in place for a year and change it immediately with adoption of this ordinance. If this is adopted tonight he feels the effective date should be extended, and that the Planning Commission should weigh in on how it should be rolled out.

City Attorney Gatti reminded Council of the pending litigation regarding Ordinance 22-68(A). With respect to whether Council can change something they've adopted previously, they're the legislative body with authority to do so.

DAVIS/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND RESTORING PERMITTED USES CURRENTLY LINED OUT IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, GENERAL COMMERCIAL 1, GENERAL COMMERCIAL 2, RESIDENTIAL OFFICE DISTRICT, AND URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND ADDING THE PHRASE "PROVIDED THAT NO MORE THAN ONE OF THE FOUR UNITS AT A TIME SHALL BE OPERATED AS A SHORT TERM RENTAL".

Council Member Davis explained he left out Rural Residential because he understands the value of the rural setting they live in and many are on septic systems that wouldn't lend themselves to multiple

units. The Gateway District is the beautiful entry to our town and lack of apparent sprawl is an asset that we should value.

Council Member Lord expressed concern of the language regarding short term rentals and due to lack of code related to them.

VOTE (amendment): YES: ADERHOLD, LORD, DAVIS
NO: VENUTI, ERICKSON, HANSEN

Motion failed.

There was no further discussion on the main motion.

VOTE (main motion): YES: LORD, VENUTI, ERICKSON
NO: ADERHOLD, HANSEN, DAVIS

Mayor Castner voted yes to break the tie.

Motion carried.

- c. Ordinance 23-48, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code Title 20 Animals. Lord. Introduction August 14, 2023, Public Hearing and Second Reading August 28, 2023.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 23-48. He appreciates the enforcement language and sees the need for more public education.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 23-48 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Council Member Lord thanked Shelter Manager Jillian Rogers and her staff, Chief Robl and Lt. Browning, and the City Clerk for collaborating on this ordinance, and agrees education is important.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 20.08.010 (C) LINE 109 ADD THE WORD HUMANELY BEFORE DESTROY TO READ AS FOLLOWS: C. THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ~~OR A PEACE OFFICER~~ MAY CAPTURE OR **HUMANELY** DESTROY BY ANY MEANS AN ANIMAL AT LARGE THAT PRESENTS AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 20.08.050 (I). LINE 261 RETAIN THE WORD “REASONABLE” AND STRIKE AN, TO READ AS FOLLOWS: I. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, ~~A PEACE OFFICER~~ OR A LICENSED VETERINARIAN MAY HUMANELY EUTHANIZE AN ANIMAL THAT IN THAT PERSON’S OPINION IS SO SERIOUSLY ILL OR INJURED THAT MEDICAL TREATMENT WOULD NEEDLESSLY PROLONG THE ANIMAL’S SUFFERING; ~~PROVIDED, THAT IF~~ THE ANIMAL BEARS IDENTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP, THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, ~~LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER~~ OR LICENSED VETERINARIAN FIRST SHALL MAKE A REASONABLE ~~AN~~ EFFORT TO ~~INFORM~~ **CONTACT** THE OWNER OF THE ANIMAL’S CONDITION AND ~~OBTAIN THE OWNER’S CONSENT TO~~ **BEFORE** EUTHANIZING THE ANIMAL.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 20.20.010 (B) STRIKE NEW LANGUAGE STARTING ON LINE 450 AND REPLACE WITH: **B. NO PERSON MAY PERMIT ANY DOG TO HABITUALLY ANNOY ANY ANIMAL OR BIRD EITHER DOMESTIC OR WILD. ANY DOG THAT EVINCES A DISPOSITION WHICH MAKES IT LIKELY THAT IT WILL WITHOUT PROVOCATION BITE AN ANIMAL OR FOWL, WILL BE CONSIDERED A VICIOUS ANIMAL SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 20.20.030.**

NO PERSON MAY PERMIT ANY DOG TO HABITUALLY ANNOY ANY ANIMAL OR BIRD EITHER DOMESTIC OR WILD. ANY DOG THAT HABITUALLY ENGAGES IN THIS BEHAVIOR WILL BE CONSIDERED A VICIOUS ANIMAL AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 20.20.030 (A) & (D).

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE FINE SCHEDULE TABLE THAT STARTS AT LINE 765, NUISANCE ANIMALS TO STRIKE THE WORDS “THREE OR MORE PRIOR CONVICTIONS SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF”

Council Member Lord noted this was brought up in public testimony at Committee of the Whole, and she confirmed with Ms. Rogers that a person doesn’t have to break the rules three times in order to get fined.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Dumouchel noted his report in the packet and highlighted his memorandum granting the City Planner, Volunteer Fire Chief, City Engineer, and Public Works Director the authority to enforce elements of HCC Chapter 5.16, Nuisance Abatement. He also shared that the draft Transportation Plan is available for public review and input, and a significant increased dog poop in City parks, encouraging that people clean up after their pets.

There was discussion regarding the termination of the GovOS contract for short term rental tracking and looking at what other communities are doing regarding short term rental code and enforcement.

It was request to have updates on the Comp Plan and Title 21 re-write that was approved in the capital budget and the Harbor Expansion Project.

Mayor Castner expressed his continued and growing frustration that last year's audit isn't completed yet, and Council Member Lord asked for a summary of what the issues are, a comparative on the turnaround time for audits on the peninsula and other municipalities our size and Kodiak, and what possible remedies are available.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 23-083, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Providing Comments on the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Aderhold.

Memorandum CC-23-189 from Council Member Aderhold as backup.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-083 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

DAVIS/ADERHOLD MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 23-083(S-2) FOR 23-083.

Council Member Aderhold recommended voting the substitute down and amending the original resolution to address the enlarged culvert at Diamond Creek. She explained the new language proposed in the substitute is in the wrong section, this is part of an existing project and should be add as a bullet at line 229 of Resolution 23-083. She provided back ground on the development of the resolution and how the comments from the resolution are input into the public comment portal in a specific way based on the project.

Council Member Davis commented in support of the substitute and shared his perspective of the significance of keeping the language as is and at the beginning of the document.

There were other comments on both sides of the discussion.

VOTE (substitution): NO: ADERHOLD, LORD, DAVIS, HANSEN, ERICKSON, VENUTI

Motion failed.

Council Member Aderhold reviewed her process for developing Resolution 23-083 and nuances of drafting the recommendations to be uploaded into the comment portal.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND LINE 215 TO ADD:

o Both the Alaska State Park’s Diamond Creek Recreation site west of the Sterling Highway, and the City of Homer’s Diamond Creek Recreation Area east of the highway, are heavily used by visitors and residents alike.

o With work scheduled to commence soon on a project to widen the highway to accommodate a northbound left-turn lane, the construction of a safe pedestrian crossing between the two areas is more critical and timely than ever, and the City of Homer joins many other individuals and organizations in urging DOT&PF to update its plans to incorporate this improvement.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND AFTER LINE 125 ADD

• Include City of Homer Wayfinding recommendations in signage replacement. The City adopted a Wayfinding plan in 2022. This plan includes several changes to DOT signage to better assist the traveling public in finding their way around the community. The City requests DOT assistance in installing vehicle signage in accordance with the attached plan.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

LORD/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND TO ADD AFTER LINE 96 TO ADD INSTALL A TURN LANE ON THE STERLING HIGHWAY AT SOUNDVIEW AVENUE TO IMPROVE SAFETY WITH TRAFFIC FROM WEST HOMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

There was brief discussion in support of including this language.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

DAVIS/ADERHOLD TO AMEND LINE 51 TO ADD FEDERAL BEFORE FUNDING SECURED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Robert Archibald, city resident, suggested confirming whether Soundview is in the area of Sterling Highway mile post 157 to 169, and thanked Council for the work they do.

Wayne Aderhold, city resident, commented regarding constructive conversations with the Police Department on bicycles on the road that have happened since he brought it up at a recent council meeting.

Tom Zitzmann, city resident, thanked the Mayor for his comments regarding the audit. He explained in his experience a late delivery of an audit report could be the capacity of the state public accounting firms, the negotiated fee, or the condition of the books and records of the entity being audited. In his experience as an auditor of financial statements a delay such as this is due to the condition of the

entities books and records. He added concerns of the lack of books and records to substantiate the statements the Port & Harbor is in good shape related to the expansion project.

Camille Johnson thanked Council for their work and working together with other organizations.

Pat Case, city resident, thanked Council for their work in making Homer a more active and walkable community. He shared regarding the older population base on the Kenai Peninsula and #1 cause of death in the area is heart disease. It's important to get our community out walking. He hopes to have his walkability report ready to share with Council by their September 25th meeting.

Scott Adams, city resident, shared his appreciation for the comments they're bringing forward to DOT and encouraged adding reduced speed limits to 25 mph out East Road past Paul Banks and moving the school zone sign past Blackwell's business. He supports the Soundview improvement at West Homer. He thinks the storm drain management plan is great, but there needs to be measures to control the storm water and he'd like to see a storm drain system come in. He shared concern of the area at the Spit Road and Kachemak Drive, noting the potential development there. He also noted the kennel language in Title 20 doesn't address the size or number of animals, and the need for short term rental language in city code.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Gatti had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen commented about voter registration and Student Representative Seats on Boards and Commissions.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dumouchel had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner apologized for earlier comments to Council Member Aderhold about asking questions during reports. He commented the movie Openheimer is playing and he took part in the planting of a cutting from the Peace Tree at the library on the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. There are a lot of public meetings coming up and he hopes people tune in. He encouraged every kid should see the production of Hamilton in Anchorage, and he shared his support of implementing city business licenses.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Hansen had no comments.

Council Member Erickson thanked Council Member Aderhold for her work on Resolution 23-083 and Council Member Davis for the additional information. She shared about a meeting with Billy Day to go over the trails alliance map and encouraged listeners to take a look at it and realize the significance of combining the trail systems. The Caribou Lake trail has made it through the first phase and trail rehabilitation will start after moose hunting season.

Council Member Davis had no comments.


Council Member Aderhold shared she welcomed the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council on behalf of the Mayor and highlighted sessions she attended on the Kasitsna Bay Lab and about oil spill preparedness in arctic environments, including a flame throwing jet ski. They have a recertification coming up with the Coast Guard and hopes Council can submit a letter of support for that. She also encouraged seeing Hamilton and the Pier 1.0 musical here in Homer.

Council Member Venuti thanked Council Member Aderhold for her work on Resolution 23-083, and thanked everyone for their public comments. She noted KBBI Reading Behind the Lines and the book *How Big Things get Done*. She shared about classes underway at the college and that Covid is still happening, and encouraged everyone to check that their headlights are working.

Council Member Lord also encouraged seeing Hamilton, thanked Council Member Aderhold for her work on Resolution 23-083, and advised that she will miss the next meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Work Session at 4:00 p.m. and Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.



Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: September 11, 2023