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# Memorandum

## Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK  
DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2024  
SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL

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### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Homer City Council Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2024. City Clerk.

Corrected Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2024. **Page 3**



Session 24-21 a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on October 14, 2024 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 ERICKSON, HANSEN, DAVIS, ADERHOLD, VENUTI, CASTNER AND LORD

**STAFF:** CITY MANAGER JACOBSEN  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK PETTIT  
FINANCE DIRECTOR FISCHER  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ENGBRETSSEN  
CITY PLANNER FOSTER  
POLICE CHIEF ROBL  
PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KORT  
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER JIRSA  
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL

#### **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Aderhold had requested participation by electronic means and timely notice was provided.

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

Mayor Castner read the supplemental items into the record as follows: **CONSENT AGENDA** Ordinance 24-51, Ordinance 24-51, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Homer City Zoning Map to Rezone a Portion of the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District to Medical (M) Zoning District. City Planner/Planning Commission. Public Comment Received. o. Resolution 24-110, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Sublease at the Homer Airport Terminal for Sterling Airways, DBA Aleutian Airways, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director. Airport Terminal Floor Plan **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS** g. Comp Plan Steering Committee Report Draft Scenarios for the Comp Plan Rewrite Status Quo, Enhance and Amplify

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

#### **MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

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

#### **RECONSIDERATION**

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

- a. Homer City Council Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024. City Clerk. Recommend approval.
- b. Memorandum CC-24-205 from City Clerk re Liquor License Renewal for Grog Shop East. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum CC-24-206 from Community Development Director re: Addressing Cruise Ship Visits to Homer at Council Request via Resolution 24-049. Recommend approval.
- d. Ordinance 24-48, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY25 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a State of Alaska Online with Libraries Grant for FY25 in the Amount of \$6,462 for Internet Service. City Manager/Library Director. Recommended dates: Introduction October 14, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 28, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-208 from Library Director as backup.

- e. Ordinance 24-49, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY25 Capital Budget to Appropriate \$14,510 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Roads Fund for a Safe Street 4 All Safety Action Plan Grant Match. City Manager/Community Development Director. Recommended dates: Introduction October 14, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 28, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-209 from Community Development Director as backup.

- f. Ordinance 24-50, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY25 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$10,000 from the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund for Construction Work for the Re-establishment of the Beluga Slough Outlet. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction October 14, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 28, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-210 from Public Works Director as backup.

- g. Ordinance 24-51, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Homer City Zoning Map to Rezone a Portion of the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District to Medical (M) Zoning District. City Planner/Planning Commission. Recommended dates: Introduction October 14, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 28, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-211 from City Planner as backup.

- h. Ordinance 24-52, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY25 Capital Budget by Transferring \$15,000 within the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and

Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund. City Manager/Finance Director. Recommended dates: Introduction October 14, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 28, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-212 from City Manager as backup.

- i. Ordinance 24-53, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting the Revised Port of Homer, Alaska Tariff No.1. City Manager/Port Director. Recommended dates: Introduction October 14, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 28, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-213 from Port Director as backup.

- j. Ordinance 24-54, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY25 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$150,000 from the Police Fleet Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance Fund for the Purchase of Two Police Patrol Vehicles. City Manager/Police Chief. Recommended dates: Introduction October 14, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 28, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-214 from Police Chief as backup.

- k. Ordinance 24-55, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY25 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$40,000 from the Public Works Fleet Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund for the Purpose of Repairing the Boiler in City Steam Truck E176. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction October 14, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 28, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-215 from Public Works Director as backup.

- l. Resolution 24-107, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer Alaska Awarding the Contract for the Deep Water Dock North Mooring Dolphin Repair Project to Fortune Sea Marine Services of Homer, Alaska in an Amount Not to Exceed \$24,718 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director.

Memorandum CC-24-216 from Port Director as backup.

- m. Resolution 24-108, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer Alaska Requesting the Governor of the State of Alaska Designated by Proclamation the Area of Prince William Sound Pink Salmon Fishery and any other Applicable Pink Salmon Fisheries as an Area Impacted by an Economic Disaster in 2024, and Supporting a Recovery Plan for Affected Fishermen. Lord/Venuti/Erickson.
- n. Resolution 24-109, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing a Change Order to the Airport Terminal Sidewalk Replacement Project to Replace the Paved Forklift Loading Area with Concrete and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/City Engineer.

Memorandum CC-24-217 from City Engineer as backup.

- o. Resolution 24-110, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Sublease at the Homer Airport Terminal for Sterling Airways, DBA Aleutian Airways, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Director.

Memorandum CC-24-218 from Port Director as backup.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**VISITORS** (10 minutes per visitor)

- a. City of Homer Financial Statements Summary Presentation - Bikky Shrestha, BDO USA, LLP

Mr. Bikky Shrestha with BDO USA, LLP, city auditor, provided a summary presentation of the FY2023 Financial Statement and Audit documents. He responded to questions regarding deviations from the general accounting ledger which indicated inaccuracy stating that there was one issue and it was corrected but was not significant enough to cause concern.

- b. Kenai Peninsula Youth Website Project Update – Ginny Espenshade

Ashe Diaz, and Poppy Smith with Where Can I Homer Project presented a video that they created for the benefit of Homer's Youth regarding appropriate activities. They identified the young lady in the film as Sophia Laboy (sp).

Mr. Diaz and Ms. Smith responded questions from the Council on the following:

- how often are there free activities available?
  - o Daily
- How many people are working on this project?
  - o Seven to Eight
- Do you foresee any hiccups along the way?
  - o Not really
- Mechanism to replenish?
  - o Funding from youth court and the resilience coalition is committed for this FY and the next two fiscal years
  - o looking for younger students to participate currently have one ninth grader encouraging participation by younger student will create sustainability.
- Where's your office and how do people get in touch with you? [Admin@wherecanlhomer.org](mailto:Admin@wherecanlhomer.org) and the group works out of offices within the Homer Foundation.

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

a. Worksession Report

City Manager Jacobsen reported on the presentation by Public Works Director Kort regarding traffic calming and road design, meeting with a vendor regarding equipment options. Council received statistics from Chief Robl and were advised about a program that would offer city wide traffic review by GPS. Public Works will bring back in February a revised document for the Road Criteria Design Manual. They reviewed a draft TRAFFIC Calming Manual provided by Councilmember Lord.

b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Lord reported that Council discussed Ordinance 24-46 and what equipment and options that will provide the City, Ordinance 24-54 on funding for police vehicles outside of budget and received a presentation from the city's auditors on the FY23 Financial Statements and Audit.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Castner took this time to express his thanks to everyone that sent notes and/or stopped him on the street to thank him for his service. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the various volunteers, Commissioners, Boardmembers, residents that make this town work. Thanked the City Staff for carry out and implementing the policies brought forward by Council and then thanked the Councilmembers. Reminding them that looking to the future, that a two year budget was adopted to corral and contain things, warning about adding expenditures outside of the established budget. He then commented on Ordinance 24-54 which was introduced on the Consent Agenda.

d. Borough Report

e. Port & Harbor Advisory Commission

f. Planning Commission Report

g. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Report

i. Comprehensive Plan Rewrite Community Worksession Flyer

Kathy Carssow, Chair reported the Steering Committee met last Wednesday, reviewed community survey cross tabs and 3 growth scenarios. Scenarios will be built on the wealth of planning accomplished by this community. She announced the public worksession at Islands & Ocean Visitor Center, Tuesday, October 22, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ms. Carssow reported that the Committee is awaiting a contract amendment.

h. Economic Development Advisory Commission Report

Jonathon Young, Commissioner, commented on the two documents that was submitted (Memorandum CC- 24-207 re: Business License Program and Memorandum CC-24-206 re: Cruise Ships). He recounted the worksessions and meetings held and the information that was contained in the memorandums.

i. Champions Report

- i. Finance
- ii. Harbor
- iii. Recreation

Councilmember Erickson reported that they were back reviewing potential sites for multi-use building and wanted to make sure to have the correct data to make a healthy decision on choosing the right sized building and parcel. They presented questions about the cost of utilities and noted a location of Borough property behind the track at the middle school up to Noview, the HEA property by the police station, the top of the city owned the lot off of Main Street, South of Pioneer. Public Works Director Kort has reviewed that lot, could be challenges, but close to Pioneer and will be reviewing what would be feasible given roads, utilities, parking, etc.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- a. Ordinance 24-45(S), An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2025 Operating Budget by Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$25,000 from the Port Reserves Fund for the Purpose of the Deep Water Dock North Mooring Dolphin Repair Project. City Manager/Port Director. Introduced September 23, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 14, 2024.

Memorandum CC-24-195 from Port Director as backup.

Mayor Castner introduced the item and opened the public hearing. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to provide testimony, he closed the public hearing and requested a motion and second.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 24-45(S) BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried

- b. Ordinance 24-46, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY25 Capital Budget by Appropriating \$40,000 from the Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails (HART) Roads Fund to Purchase Speed Monitoring Devices. Davis/Lord. Introduced September 23, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 14, 2024

Mayor Castner introduced the item and opened the public hearing.



Pat Case, city resident, commented on the increased traffic, increased speed and lower speed limits will not change that behavior. Needs true traffic calming measures. Mr. Case also noted the pavement is breaking up and the limited space for walking on the side.

Mayor Castner closed the public hearing and requested a motion and second.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 24-46 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was a brief discussion on possible postponement, types of traffic calming clarification on the number of devices the ordinance funds, programmable messaging, benefits provided when placed on Ben Walters Lane and prioritizing limited resources.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried

- c. Ordinance 24-47, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY24 Capital Budget by Appropriating an Additional \$15,000 from the Public Works Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund to the Airport Terminal Sidewalk Replacement Project. City Manager/City Engineer. Introduced September 23, 2024 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 14, 2024

Memorandum CC-24-196 from City Manager as backup.

Mayor Castner opened the public hearing for Ordinance 24-47. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to provide testimony, he closed the public hearing and requested a motion and second.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 24-47 BY READING OF TITLE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There were brief comments regarding support to repair the divots that could be seen from aircraft and taking care of potential accident causing issues prior to an accident happening.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

## **ORDINANCE(S)**

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

- a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Jacobsen review her report for Council noting the following:

- Before and after photos of work on Library Trail
  - o Thanks to Public Works for saving \$50,000 on the project.

- City is working on updating utility billing vendor.
- Homer Animal Shelter 1<sup>st</sup> first Friday event.
- Memorandum regarding the Council vacancy in supplemental packet detailed how to accomplish filling the vacancy.

Council agreed for a short application period and accomplishing everything on November 12<sup>th</sup> starting @ 3:30 p.m.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution 24-105, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting the Fiscal Year 2023 Basic Financial Statements and Acknowledging the Management Letter Submitted by the City's Independent Auditor, BDO USA, LLP and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Financial Report. City Manager/Finance Director.

Mayor Castner introduced the item and requested a motion and second.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 24-105 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND LINES 16, 19 AND 25 TO UPDATE THE DATE TO OCTOBER 14, 2024.

There was a brief discussion on updating the resolution.

VOTE. (Amendment). NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

Mayor Castner requested the Clerk to perform a roll call vote.

VOTE. (Main as amended).YES. ADERHOLD, LORD, VENUTI, DAVIS, ERICKSON, HANSEN.

Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Memorandum CC-24-207 from Economic Development Advisory Commission re: Business License Recommendations.

Council member Lord commented on the information provided within the memorandum.

No Action was taken by Council.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution 24-111, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Confirming the October 1, 2024 Election Results. City Clerk.

Mayor Castner introduced the topic and requested a motion and second.

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 24-111 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk Pettit swore in the newly re-elected officials, Councilmembers Aderhold and Erickson and Rachel Lord as Mayor.

Mayor Lord read a recognition plaque for Mayor Castner. Mayor Castner turned the meeting over to Newly Confirmed Mayor Lord and she then expressed her appreciation for the confidence expressed by public.

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

Jillian Rogers, Manager of the Homer Animal Shelter, expressed her appreciation for Councilmember Venuti and City Manager Jacobsen attending the Open House event and their invaluable support throughout the years.

Ginny Espenshade, city resident provided comments on working with the former Mayor Castner and the impacts to him personally and professionally with the stress and difficulties as well as successes, his support for the area youth and their many sometimes heated discussions with varying viewpoints.

Pat Case, city resident, provided updates on the audible crosswalks and that there was still work to accomplish but they are getting it done. He then reminded Council that crosswalks are still needed on Heath Street and the HAP Loop.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Gatti expressed his appreciation for Mayor Castner and his service, expressed congratulations to Councilmembers on their re-election and welcomed Madame Mayor Lord.

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

Deputy City Clerk Pettit announced the opening for a Student Representative on the EDC, wished Former Mayor Castner well noting it was a pleasure working with him and congratulated the re-elected Councilmembers.

Mayor Lord thanked Deputy City Clerk Pettit for filling in and hoped City Clerk Krause was better soon.

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

City Manager Jacobsen expressed her appreciation to former Mayor Castner for his service and that she learned a lot from him noting that she considers him a friend. She thanked him for his support.

### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Lord stated that she would take her 1st stab at this, and expressed her appreciation for Ken, former Mayor Castner, she might always call him Mayor, but, like Melissa, also, considered him a friend, noted they have had some heated dialogues over the years, to put it mildly, and there's never been any doubt of the depth of the dedication he has shown to this community and to the city, and to the Council and to your role as mayor, and you've left very large shoes to fill. She will aim to do her best, knowing she will hear from him for a differing opinion, and hopes that that never changes. Mayor Lord urged the public to go see Fiddler on the Roof. It's amazing. Our community theater is incredible. I can't wait to see the Nutcracker later on this this holiday season. She expressed thanks to the fishing community noting that Councilmembers Erickson and Venuti and she worked on the resolution that was passed in the Consent Agenda, and we got feedback from North Pacific Fisheries Association, some fishermen from Prince William Sound and other fisheries, and just really appreciate that input. So it's a little thing that we can do as a city to acknowledge that, and to ask the Governor and Commissioners at the State level to try to help out as they can. She was pleased to be able to help do that. Mayor Lord reported that she will be heading to Alaska Federation of Natives later this week, and it is indigenous People's Day, and I want to just honor and share my respect for the Alaska natives across the State. She noted that she will be bringing her oldest daughter to AFN and really looking forward to that.

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

Councilmember Aderhold expressed her appreciation for being re-elected for a 4th term, and looking forward to serving the people of Homer for another 3 years. She thanked everyone very much. Ms. Aderhold expressed to Mayor Castner that she will always appreciate his passion, and thanked him for his service as Mayor, congratulated Ms. Lord on becoming the new Mayor and noted that she was in Texas and got to experience a heat record for this date. It was 99 degrees in Houston today which breaks a record by, 7 degrees, she thought. Ms. Aderhold expressed she was hoping to be back in Homer by the end of the month, but, will see how that goes and is looking forward to seeing Council when she was back in town.

Councilmember Venuti expressed her appreciation to Mayor Castner supporting the youth, picking good people to serve on the advisory bodies and opined he would have done well as a teacher. She expressed her congratulations to Rachel and looks forward to working with Shelly and Donna. Ms. Venuti then noted that if you look at Canada, it would be Thanksgiving today and expressed what a wonderful time to celebrate Thanksgiving when it's not squished into Christmas. She wished a happy thanksgiving to all her Canuck friends, noting that there's a few of them that live in town and always greet each other. Ms. Venuti reported that Fiddler on the Roof was over the top. It really was a full house when she attended on Saturday and a really good show. She expressed knowing most of the people in it, and they did a great job, and couldn't believe their energy and time that went into learning their roles. Ms. Venuti expressed her appreciation to the clerks and the people who helped with the voting, a voting crew, she calls them, for their diligent work to assure that the voting was done smoothly and correctly, it was really appreciated, noting that some cities are having a lot of problem with recruiting volunteers to work the elections. Ms. Venuti expressed her thanks to the City Manager for attending classes to assure Homer is ready in case of emergencies and believed that EOC training was important.

Councilmember Davis expressed his congratulations to Mayor Lord. He noted that he has only worked with one mayor until today and it's been a pleasure, he thanked Mayor Castner for everything he taught him over the years, and during a couple of events. Mr. Davis expressed his congratulations to Donna and Shelly. He then noted community events for the public, on October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Homer Chamber is hosting a Members Luncheon on tourism trends in the area at KPC, on October 26<sup>th</sup> is the fall festival at the Chamber. They'll be having face

painting, cookie, decorating, haunted trail, and much more. Tomorrow, there's something he thought was particularly interesting, the nonprofit organization, Kenai Peninsula Votes is hosting, a showing at KPC of Majority Rules. He commented that what was interesting about the documentary is that it's a national documentary that's being shown all around the US and it's about the experience that Alaska has had with ranked choice voting, and it sort of asks the question could this Alaskan experiment offer a way forward to what ails American politics. Mr. Davis opined that it's going to be interesting to see from the national perspective. He then announced the date, Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., at the Kachemak Bay campus.

Councilmember Erickson stated that she wanted to thank everybody for their faith in her to reelect her again, that she was happy to be able to do that, noting that the last 3 years have been really good. She has really appreciated working with Mayor Castner and will see him in the theater. Ms. Erickson commented on the previous actions of Mayor Castner in appointing people to the advisory bodies and his dedication and love for Homer. Ms. Erickson commented on the youth calendar, seeing it on Facebook, believing it was a needed thing. She expressed her thanks to the work conducted by the EDC, Chamber of Commerce and Port & Harbor Commission regarding the issue of cruise ships visiting Homer. She expressed her appreciation for the recommendations from EDC on a business license program. Ms. Erickson then expressed concerns on the Diamond Creek trail and the recent slides there, wanting to encourage everybody when they are out in the back country to be careful, because you can get some frost underneath that mud, and, believe her, she knows it's not any fun when you fall with a slide of mud on the frozen ground. Lastly, Ms. Erickson echoed the previous sentiments on the production of Fiddler on the Roof, and how much she enjoyed it. She commented on seeing the growth and work of the participants over the years and that it was exciting to be there, and looks forward to seeing what the next production is going to be.

Councilmember Hansen commented that she has been here her whole life. I don't really do change very well, although it's very exciting, and it's like something that she takes pride in herself, having a goal to grow and be a better person. Ms. Hansen stated that it's been rather comfortable to have the same people re-elected the past few times but and to have Mayor Castner be the person that was here, for all her trials and tribulations of being on the Council, he has been very paternal to her. However, she was really excited about the changes, and was appreciative of everyone on Council and very grateful.

Mayor Lord stated that before adjourning she invited folks to stick around for cupcakes to celebrate our outgoing former Mayor Castner and our newly elected Council members and also Council Member Venuti wanted me to remind everyone that October 18th is Alaska Day and city offices will be closed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Lord adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The next regular meeting is Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. A Worksession at 4:00 p.m. All meetings are scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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ZACH PETTIT, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

APPROVED:\_\_\_\_\_