

Session 25-26, Regular Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on Monday, October 27, 2025 by Mayor Rachel Lord 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, PARSONS, VENUTI

STAFF: ACTING CITY MANAGER ENGEBRETSSEN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK PETTIT
PORT DIRECT HAWKINS
HR DIRECTOR BROWNING
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KORT
FINANCE DIRECTOR FISCHER
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER JIRSA
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL

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

Mayor Lord announced the supplemental items: **CONSENT AGENDA** Item e. Memorandum CC-25-248 from Library Director with revised header information. Item i. Memorandum CC-25-252 from Public Works Director with revised header information. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS** Item e. Planning Commission Report from Chair Scott Smith. Item g. Library Advisory Board Report from Boardmember Kuszmaul. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** Item b. Public Comments Received. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** Item A. Homer Title 21 Update Flier.

DAVIS/VENUTI MOVED OT 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

Jan Keiser, city resident and Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission member, commented that Council will enjoy the Friends of Homer Skate Park presentation. They've got a plan and a great idea that the Commission endorsed.

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Memorandum CC-25-244 from Acting City Clerk re: Authorizing the Issuance of a Letter of Non-Objection to the Marijuana Control Board Regarding Cosmic Cannabis Company. Recommend approval.
- b. Memorandum CC-25-245 from Acting City Clerk re: Approving the Reappointment of Peter Roedl to the Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission. Recommend approval.
- c. Memorandum CC-25-246 from Acting City Clerk re: Authorizing the Issuance of a Letter of Non-Objection to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Regarding the Vacation of a Portion of the Section Line Easement Lying Inside Homer City Limits for T6S R 14W SEC 13 Seward Meridian HM 2001078 Arno Sub Lot #2. Recommend approval.
- d. Memorandum CC-25-247 from Acting City Clerk re: Authorizing the Mayor and Council Attendance at the 2025 Alaska Municipal League Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska December 8-12, 2025. Recommend approval.
- e. Ordinance 25-65, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY26 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a Rasmuson Foundation Grant in the Amount of \$19,000 for a Security Grille at the Homer Public Library. Library Director/City Manager. Introduction October 27, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 10, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-248 from Library Director as backup.

Memorandum CC-25-248 from Library Director with revised header information.

- f. Ordinance 25-66, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY26 Operating Budget by Accepting and Appropriating the 2020 Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Federal Fishery Disaster Relief Funds in the Amount of \$13,137.38 to the Port and Harbor Enterprise Fund. City Manager/Port Director. Introduction October 27, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 10, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-249 from City Manager as backup.

- g. Resolution 25-090, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for Design of the A-Frame Transmission Line Replacement Project to RESPEC Company, LLC of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Amount of \$190,289 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. Public Works Director/City Manager. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-250 from Public Works Director as backup.

- h. Resolution 25-091, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding a Contract for the Construction of the Raw Water Transmission Line Replacement Project to Southcentral Construction, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Amount of \$1,413,485.37 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-251 from Public Works Director as backup.

- i. Resolution 25-092, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding Term Contracts for Engineering, Architectural, and Survey Services and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-252 from Public Works Director as backup.
Memorandum CC-25-252 from Public Works Director with revised header information.

- j. Resolution 25-093, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Loan Agreement with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for an Alaska Clean Water State Revolving Loan in the Not to Exceed Principal Amount of \$75,000 for the Water Master Plan Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-253 from City Manager as backup.

- k. Resolution 25-094, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Loan Agreement with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for an Alaska Clean Water State Revolving Loan in the Not to Exceed Principal Amount of \$75,000 for the Wastewater Master Plan Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-253 from City Manager as backup.

DAVIS/ERICKSON MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. Friends of Homer Skate Park – Kevin Lahaie (10 minutes)

Kevin Lahaie presented on behalf of the Friends of the Homer Skatepark regarding The Homer Skate Park Project. Their goal is to provide a facility where individuals of all ages can recreate outdoors, practice healthy risk taking, and provide a new third space for the community. They hope to raise \$250,000 to construct the first phase of the skate park plan and plan to apply for grants, fundraise, and seek donations. Mr. Lahaie shared the benefits of a skatepark in the community. He explained the proposed location is the grass field attached to the existing skateparks and the HERC building. They are asking that 25,000 square feet of space be donated for their multi-phase project that will be a nice improvement to the entrance to town. They've selected the firm Gridline as contractor for the project. They have 20+ years of experience in building skateparks all over the US including Alaska. He shared pictures of two skateparks in Anchorage.

Mayor Lord and Councilmembers shared comments in support of the concept and noted the uncertainty of the proposed location and possible new location of a community recreation center. Mr. Lahaie responded it will be a bit of time until any construction starts and wanted to bring this project to their attention to what they're working towards. If another location needs to be considered, they are open to looking at that. Mr. Lahaie was encouraged to look at the Land Allocation Plan to see what city properties there are and contact the Kenai Peninsula Borough for possible locations and support. Council looks forward to future updates on the project.

- b. 2045 Comprehensive Plan – Shelly Wade, Agnew::Beck (15 minutes)

Shelly Wade used a series of slides to share the objectives for this meeting are to confirm a timeline for finalizing the Comprehensive Plan, process for developing the public hearing draft, share revisions from the October 13th meeting, and review next steps. She reviewed the community visits, work with the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, engagement with Council and the Planning Commission throughout the public engagement process, multiple meetings with City Advisory Boards and Commissions, and evolution of the draft plans. Immediate next steps include public testimony on the public hearing draft, balancing public hearing input with the 22+ month planning process, and the upcoming worksession to discuss plan finalization. The slide deck is posted on the meetings webpage.

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

a. Worksession Report

Acting City Manager Engebretsen reported Shelly Wade with Agnew::Beck presented on the updated draft of the Comprehensive Plan. They discussed the future land use map, and short-term rentals. There were public comments concerning development in sensitive areas such as bluffs, peatlands, and drainage. There were also some suggestions for managing future development. The Council is scheduled for a public hearing on November 10th.

b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Davis reported they dove right into the Comprehensive Plan, discussing differences in the current versions from February to today, short-term rentals, and changes to the future land use map.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lord reported she's been having lots of conversations about the Comprehensive Plan, as others have. She's been hearing concerns about the status of the HERC building and having conversations around code enforcement around Homer. She welcomed new Fire Chief Dan Jager who was at Committee of the Whole earlier. She attended the Landslide Hazards Workshop along with some City staff. There were presenters from several agencies including Community Development Director Engebretsen from the City. She took away that we know a lot of things, and don't know a lot of things, but there's an appetite to learn and grow, and expand our preparedness. She expressed appreciation for everyone's patience and engagement, and for Deputy City Clerks Pettit and Lynn for their work.

d. Borough Report

Borough Assemblymember Kelly Cooper reported that five new assembly members were recently sworn in, typically there are only 3. There's a new law in effect for restaurants who hire people under 21 to serve alcohol, that they need a new endorsement to do that. With the increase of the tax exemptions on the October ballot it created some unintended consequences with the code chapters, which they will be working through related to stacking and capping exemptions. All property owners with the \$50,000 need to reapply for the \$75,000 exemption. The Borough is working with DEC regarding the transfer station, and they are accepting brush currently. They're also working on a new baler, a shredder for tires for re-use and get back to shredding cardboard, and they have received grants to improve the building. There is more information and a flyer on the Borough website. The Borough owns the buildings at the hospital and they're hosting community conversations about the hospital's needs.

There was discussion confirming the City's \$20,000 is separate from the Borough's exemption, supporting the mailing of election booklets, and noting this year's pamphlet didn't include any fiscal impact of the increase of the tax exemption or on the fiscal impacts of changing the election date.

e. Planning Commission Report

A written report was provided in the supplemental packet.

f. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission Report

Commissioner Lucas Parsley reported they heard the Homer Skatepark presentation at their October 16th meeting and will have discussion at their November meeting. They scheduled their fall park walk-through from Ohlson Lane to Bishop's Beach. Public Works requested more time to review the adopt-a-trail program and what the needs of the city are. They reviewed the draft Community Recreation Policies and Procedures document and recommended it be moved to the City Manager. In November they'll approve their 2026 meeting schedule and election of chair and vice chair.

g. Library Advisory Board Report

A written report was provided in the supplemental packet.

h. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Report

i. Conversations with Councilmember Report (Venuti)

Councilmember Venuti reported 11 people attended along with the City Manager. There was discussion about the landfill, how City elections are impacted by the election date change by the Borough, ADA regulations, and ways to help those impacted in Western Alaska.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 25-63, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY26 Capital Budget by Authorizing the Expenditure of \$10,000 from the Multi-Purpose Community Recreation Fund to Create the Multi-Purpose Community Fund Non-Endowed Field of Interest Fund with the Homer Foundation. Erickson. Introduction October 13, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 27, 2025.

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

ERICKSON/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 25-63 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 25-64, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Adopting the City of Homer 2045 Comprehensive Plan and Recommending Adoption by the Kenai Peninsula Borough. City Manager. Introduction October 13, 2025 Public Hearing October 27, 2025, Public Hearing and Second Reading November 10, 2025.

Mayor Lord opened the public hearing.

Jan Keiser, city resident, commented she wants to see policies and actions that support the city to go farther and be stronger. After comparing the versions, she feels the February version of the plan was bolder and she'd like to see us be bold and visionary. We shouldn't constrain ourselves over staff capacity or physical constraints in the next 20 years. This plan is used by Planning Commission to make their decisions and it's worth the effort because it establishes the vision for our future.

Landa Bailey, city resident, commented regarding the necessity of including strongly worded policy and goals for short term rentals and for affordable and attainable housing. Failure to do so promotes the de facto conversion of lots in Homer from commercial to residential. Current code requires owner occupied bed and breakfasts, short term rental language should be added to regulation and add policy goals to the Comprehensive Plan.

Karen Murdoch, non-city resident, commented the 2045 comp plan will affect her quality of life. She questioned why it was a 10-year plan in the February draft and it's now a 20-year plan. What was the process of changing that. She encouraged adopting it as 10-year plan.

Jennifer Bernard, non-city resident, likes the value placed on sustainable development in the Comprehensive Plan. She encouraged that we don't lose too much of open space and give thought to certain areas to target purchase for conservation purposes and open space. She also commented about walkability in town and the complete streets approach that promotes pedestrian usability.

Kim McNett, commented in support of maintaining green spaces and conservation of wildlife habitat. The wording in the Comprehensive Plan supports this greatly. She encouraged that the future land use map and environmental overlays reflect that vision. The Beluga Wetlands are identified as are the Moose Habitat properties, and there is overwhelming support for more green space. The peatland areas shouldn't be proposed for light industrial, but zoned to reflect the environmental overlays for peat depth. She advocated for rezoning intertidal flatlands where migratory birds pass through.

Karin Marks, city resident, appreciates the acknowledgement of the huge amount of public comment between the February and July drafts. There is still the possibility that some comments are more code related than Comprehensive Plan related, and the plan work is getting us ready for the code. There is a lot to balance with community, walkability, business, and taxes to support some of it. There isn't a lot of land currently without issue, and there are usually ways to use the land.

Rick Foster, city resident, commented his primary concern is the Comprehensive Plan's failure to acknowledge access to potable water in Homer area as a leading factor to limiting growth in Homer, specifically how availability to water has driven population growth outside city limits, particularly to the east. Many of these

areas depend on Homer for potable water. The City doesn't track water deliveries, and the plan doesn't mention it. A truly comprehensive plan should provide guidance in that area. His written comments and recommendations were provided in the packet.

Hal Shepherd, non-city resident and President of the Kachemak Bay Watershed Council, expressed the need for the City to work with groups in the area including the Watershed Council to develop a watershed management plan for the bay, it would address a lot of the concerns that are being brought up this evening. He highlighted steps that could be taken regarding open space, protecting watersheds, and peatlands.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented about the graph that shows 37% in favor of moderate growth. Then 27% for minimum, 8% for no growth, and 4% for smaller economy which totals 39% which is a bigger percentage than moderate. The Planning Commission uses the Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document, so we need to get it right and don't rush it. And don't be afraid of protecting wetlands, unstable slopes and water courses.

Charles Barnwell, city resident and Planning Commissioner, thinks the plan is 85-90% complete. He addressed nine amendments he proposed for Council that were submitted as written comments. They relate to area plans for the Gateway Business District, Diamond Creek Recreation Area, Woodard Creek Watershed and downtown Homer, and emergency hazard mitigation planning. The remaining are in his written submittal.

Hannah Gustafson, city resident, commented that as part of her local coalition work, housing has been an increasing concern over the years. In our most recent Community Health Needs Assessment, shortage of housing here is the #1 priority. Housing is fundamental and has a direct impact on health outcomes, especially for vulnerable populations. It's clear that there is no silver bullet to resolve our housing issue and we can't regulate or build our way out of this situation. However, an approach to a myriad of small changes and solutions can make a big difference for our community. She encouraged slowing down and ensuring the plan is the best it can be.

Penelope Haas, non-city resident commenting on behalf of the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, echoes the sensibility that the previous plan was more visionary and specific in terms of policy. She commented on the differences between the February and July drafts. She agreed with the approach of making small changes related to housing. The City hasn't used the exemption tool like the Borough did. We could push harder for a bed tax. Don't be afraid to pursue open space, it will be appreciated by future generations.

Mayor Lord thanked everyone for their public testimony and written comments. Council will be holding a worksession on November 7th and another public hearing on November 10th. Council will decide then whether to vote on the 10th. Staff will be working with individual Councilmembers for their input, and forms are available for them to propose amendments that staff will compile.

There was brief discussion regarding the Transportation Plan which has already adopted and stands alone, and is referenced in the Comprehensive Plan, but not duplicated in it. Ms. Wade from Agnew::Beck noted where it's addressed in the current draft page 47 and work done to ensure references were made properly.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. City Manager's Report
Homer Title 21 Update Flier

- b. FY26 Monthly Report through September 2025

Acting City Manager Engebretsen announced the Title 21 Open House on November 6th at the college, doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and presentation at 6:00 p.m. She also noted Public Works has reported that the Highland Drive road repairs are progressing nicely, and we're on schedule to open the road on time and on budget.

Mayor Lord reminded Councilmembers to connect with staff on AML travel.

Councilmember Davis asked for an update on the Landslide Hazard Group visit to the new City lot adjacent to Hornaday Park. Acting City Manager Engebretsen noted the group did not go up the trail but one area member, Hig, was open to some future conversation and a possible visit to the site.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum CC-25-255 from Acting City Clerk re: Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore for 2025/2026

Mayor Lord explained the role of Mayor Pro Tempore and opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmember Davis nominated Councilmember Erikson. Councilmember Venuti nominated Councilmember Aderhold.

Councilmembers were provided with slips of paper to cast their vote. Acting City Manager Engebretsen collected the slips and Acting City Clerk Pettit counted the ballots. He announced Councilmember Erickson had five votes and Councilmember Aderhold had one vote.

Councilmembers chose to retain their current seating arrangement.

- b. Memorandum CC-25-256 from Councilmembers Davis and Parsons re: Eric Lane – Council Direction on Sidewalk and Paving.

Councilmember Davis explained he has been approached by several people who live in the vicinity of Eric Lane about a potential project to pave the remainder of Eric Lane. They have concerns about it being too wide or too fast without any traffic calming measures. In talking to Public Works about this he was reminded that they're waiting for direction on the area that's set aside for a sidewalk before planning for the pavement. The recommendation from staff is to leave the site of the future sidewalk as gravel, until there is budget to build it. The other part of this is the question of paving width and lane width on those types of collector roads.

Councilmember Parsons noted the current Design Criteria Manual is about 40 years old and no longer has contemporary recommendations, including lane widths. Based on the current manual a minor collector, like Fairview, would have a 24-foot travel way and 12-foot lanes, which are massive compared to what a local area

needs. This is important because it's a residential street. He shared guidelines from the Nation Association of City Transportation (NACTO) that Lane widths of 10 feet are appropriate in urban areas and have a positive impact on street safety without impacting traffic operations. For designated truck and transit routes, one travel lane of 11 feet may be used. He noted that we're waiting on a plan for what the developer has in mind for Fairview and we'd like it communicated that we want narrower lanes.

Councilmember Davis added that currently the paved portions of Fairview already have 10-foot lanes and people are hoping that the new lanes will be matched to what's already on Fairview in terms of driving width.

Public Works Director Kort was asked to provide comments. The Design Criteria Manual isn't intended to be prescriptive guidance but general guidance for what the City of Homer likes. The engineer doesn't design strictly by the manual but uses it as reference and use engineering judgment for the design. Our City Engineer designed the western part of Eric Lane when worked as a consultant. It has 11-foot lanes and Public Work intention is to eventually and incrementally carry it uniformly all the way through. Narrowing it to 10-foot lanes will create an hourglass effect, which could be considered as traffic calming, but uniformity is lost and ends up as different sections of roads built over time by different people with different visions along the way. His goal is for Public Works to be able to work with the design engineer on a design that Council can provide comments on, then they can finalize it and move forward.

There was conversation about process and expecting Council to comment on every road isn't reasonable. The Design Criteria Manual must be updated, they've been asking for that for some time now. If it's just a guide, it needs to be based on our expectations, and they can discuss other improvements the engineer might want to make. Traffic calming is a big deal in this community and to this Council.

Councilmember Parsons addressed page 8 section f. of the Design Criteria Manual that it shall include designated lane widths. Public Works Director Kort noted the Design Criteria Manual reads that an urban residential street is 10-13 foot per lane, and situations are unique and road design is based on conditions of the site. Staff and Council continued to debate the matter, reiterating points about traffic lane sizes and road designs.

There were comments to clarify what the developer is asking for, which is if the City wants the sidewalk paved or not. The conversation deviated back to road widths and road striping.

DAVIS/PARSONS MOVED TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH STAFF IN ADDRESSING THE CRITERIA OUTLINED FOR ERIC LANE IN MEMORANDUM CC-25-256.

Councilmember Aderhold questioned if the direction is that Councilmembers Davis and Parsons will work with staff? She feels Council agrees where we'd like road design to go, but thinks the memorandum is going a little too far.

Councilmember Davis explained it directs the City Manager to work with staff to address the criteria outline for Eric Lane.

Acting City Manager Engebretsen confirmed this is asking for 28 feet of pavement, 10-foot lanes are preferred, and there's some flexibility based on input from the engineer who is stamping the design and looking at traffic safety, which is the premise the City will work with the engineer on.

Mayor Lord noted the expectation is that the Council will receive updates on this and that their intentions are honored and not come to Council for approval.

DAVIS/VENUTI MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REPLACE THE WORD ADDRESSING WITH IMPLEMENTING.

There were comments in opposition to the motion.

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

Motion failed.

There was no further discussion on the main motion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Jackie Eisenburg, city resident, commented she was hired by Peninsula Seafoods to expand their business to Homer to buy commercial fish. They're working with Brad Faulkner on a sub-lease on his leased property. She explained their plan for including equipment and parking. They've had issue in re-submitting the sub-lease and having problems with moving forward. She asked for Council support with their endeavor.

Brad Faulkner, city resident and city lessee since 1994, shared statistics on the history of his lease and commented about issues he has with the need to come to Council for sub-leases, it really ties his hands. He talked through issues with trying to work through the Peninsula Seafoods sub-lease.

Former Mayor Ken Castner, city resident, congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. He commented regarding standards being uniformly applied. He's interested in Title 21 and would like to see it locked in on what a zoning district is and eliminate the concept that an adjacent lot in a different district have some of the same rights. He also wants to see conditions on conditional use permits, whether it be parking, fencing, or something. Lastly, the City's awash with rabbits and he wants to know what they're going to do about it.

Robert Archibald, city resident, commented regarding sidewalks as a Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner. Who's going to put them in? City? Contractor? A lot of places put sidewalks in when roads are build and we're remiss in not making that happen in this town. He also commented about his previous Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council report that he has copies of the Annual Report and invited folks to reach out to him if they have questions. <https://www.pwsrccac.org/document/2024-2025-annual-report/>

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti thanked everyone for an interesting meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

Acting City Clerk Pettit noted the written public comments in the worksession packet should have been included in the regular packet.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

Acting City Manager Engbretsen commented she's happy to meet with people on the sub-lease paperwork.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Lord commented that Julius Ceasar was amazing, she's grateful for theater in this town, it was a great show with modern adaptation. Shoutout to Matt Clarke for being awarded the Harbormaster of the Year by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators. She acknowledged there are a ton of people in this town who work for the federal government, and they are not getting paychecks. She's thinking about all our friends around the community who are impacted. Additionally, USDA has decided to direct states to discontinue SNAP funding, that is a huge hit and the Food Pantry put out a call for support. Halloween is a big favorite in our home, she gave preemptive shoutout to those making it a success around Homer.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Aderhold had no comment.

Councilmember Venuti, commented the Empty Bowl project is scheduled for November 7th at the Methodist Church. She agrees with the Mayor that the Food Pantry could use donations. She wished everyone a safe Halloween, be safe and wear a costume that lights up. She thanked Deputy City Clerk Pettit who's leaving, he's served the City well. Young's is gone, down to bare ground and that building is about the same age as the HERC. She was on Zoom for parts of the hazardous bluff gathering, and was amazed at the number of people there. She encouraged people to watch out for the moose and wished everyone Happy Halloween.

Councilmember Parsons, thanked Deputy City Clerk Pettit and the Clerk's Office, and Acting City Manager Engbretsen for filling in. Halloween in Homer is one of his favorites, it make him think of ET the Extra Terrestrial movie where kids are running around all over the place, and that what it feels like in Homer.

Councilmember Davis, commented that at 6 pm tomorrow at KPC is a showing of God and Country about Christian Nationalism.

Councilmember Erickson, shared her appreciation working with Deputy City Clerk Pettit, he'll will be missed here and at the hockey rink. She was pleasantly surprised to see that Matt Clarke won the Harbormaster of the Year award. She did the tour of the landslides and we don't think about how much water we've gotten over the past years. There's an issue every once in a while, and in January there was a lot more. We ask ourselves what can we do to make the bluff more stable, and there's a big thing about being responsible and paying attention. She shared her experience with friends impacted by bluff instability and the importance of being there to help them. She thanked Council for their faith in her as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Hansen, commented that Homer football was amazing, and Homer will be having a local wrestling tournament in Homer on November 7th and 8th. Kudos to Matt Clarke, it's fun to grow up in Homer and see all these kids growing up. She shared that Homer Council on the Arts has been making bowls for the soup

so there should be some awesome ones, and there are lots of critters at the Homer Animal Shelter that need adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Lord adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. and 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.

Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

Approved: _____