

Session 25-25 a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on October 13, 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, LORD, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER JACOBSEN
CITY CLERK KRAUSE
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER JIRSA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ENGBRETSSEN
FINANCE DIRECTOR FISCHER
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KORT
CITY PLANNER FOSTER
RECREATION MANAGER ILLG
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI

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

Mayor Lord announced the following supplemental items: **ORDINANCES** item a. Ordinance 25-64, Adopting the City of Homer 2045 Comprehensive Plan and Recommending Adoption by the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Public Comment Received. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** a. City Manager's Report Fourth Quarter Project Update Report. **RESOLUTIONS** item a. Resolution 25-088, Selecting Two City Owned Properties in Downtown Homer as the Preferred Location for a Future Multi-Use Community Center. Erickson/Mayor Memorandum CC-25-244 from Councilmember Erickson as backup and Public Comment received. item b. Resolution 25-089, Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Regular Election held October 7, 2025, to Elect One City Council Member for a One Year Term and Two City Council Members for Three Year Terms Each. City Clerk/Canvass Board. Substitute Resolution of the same title, Official Certification of the Election and Canvass Board Oath.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no proclamations or recognitions presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Jan Keiser, city resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan. She summarized her comments from the previous meetings, emphasizing that words matter in the plan. She

commented regarding the Future Land Use Map, the need to get definitions made, and shared what she considered errors and omissions on the Future Land Use Map.

Mike Illg, city resident and City of Homer Recreation Manager, commented in support of Resolution 25-088, designating two city owned properties in downtown Homer as the preferred location for a future Multi-Use Community Center. He noted the benefits of the area and the importance of this step in moving forward.

Amy Christensen, city resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan. She noted the cost of the project and doesn't feel it addresses a lot of the citizens concerns about the areas the City owns. Renewable energy isn't addressed and she hopes they look at the citizen comments that she doesn't believe were taken into account.

Kathy Carrsow, city resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan, and noted her letter to Council on September 11th urging them to refer the public hearing draft back to the Planning Commission. She's concerned the draft hasn't had the opportunity for citizens review over the summer months, in addition to the consultant responses to the Planning Commissioner's comments provided at this meeting. She proposed a committee to work on the land use environment chapter.

Judith Miller, non-resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan and requested an extended public review period. She's interested in encouraging aviation economic development and related housing, and feels the plan falls short in relation to the Homer Airport. She noted areas of the plan that are hard to follow, and little to no recommendations for the airport or aviation.

Penelope Haas, non-resident commenting on behalf of the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan and urged Council to take it slow and seriously. She feels the document is more or less out of sync with what the public is saying. From the survey, the top 3 priorities were affordable or attainable housing, year-round jobs, and protecting open space from development. She said there isn't a map in the plan on how we get there and emphasized the importance of open space, and added the survey shows people don't want the Harbor expansion.

Ed Berg, city resident, Geology instructor at KPC and retired ecologist from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan. He believes the Beluga Slough needs to be classified as a conservation area and explained about soil matters and peatlands in that area to emphasize his reasonings.

Shirley Evans, non-resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan. She thinks the consultants did well with community outreach and compiling results. She doesn't feel the task is completed, it lacks GIS map overlays and how the maps relate to specific properties. She is concerned about the lack of attention to impacts of short-term rentals.

Kate Finn, city resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan. She feels it's incomplete and isn't very reflective of what citizens prioritized during the public input sessions. She noted an example of a private property on the spit who's owners are interested in filling the lot, and suggested the City purchase it and designate it open space. She has concerns about the notion of neighborhood flex and who reviews that, and the area at the bottom of West Hill.

Sandy Garrity, city resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan. She doesn't feel short term rentals are adequately addressed, and they are negatively impacting the neighborhoods. She also expressed concern about a marine industrial property in an open space area. She supports the plan going back to the Planning Commission and a plan that incorporates their recommendations.

Pat Case, city resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan. He commented on the importance of affordable housing, and encouraged we keep that in mind and ensure it's addressed in the plan.

Robert Roth, city resident, commented if and when a community center is built that they make it accessible to all and big groups don't take it over.

Landa Bailey, city resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan and the importance of the plan in making decisions for the City. She echoes the comments of those before her and emphasized her care for housing. She encouraged that the plan address short term rentals and their impacts on affordable housing. She's concerned about the plan and impacts of federal and state funding drying up. She encouraged the committee that Ms. Carrsow recommended and sending it back to the Planning Commission.

Scott Adams, city resident, commented regarding the rising price of homes in Homer. We've gone past affordability here. He commented regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan and the past work of the Planning Commission on a recent development, and the value of public comments.

Mark Zeiset, city resident, thanked Council for the Marine Industrial space. He's able to work and support his family because of that.

Karin Marks, city resident, commented regarding Ordinance 25-54 and noted that the Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDC) would be willing to take on the task in the memo. Regarding Ordinance 25-64 and the draft Comprehensive Plan, she noted there are a lot of views out there that aren't being represented at the meeting. In her view the plan is an overview not a laundry list, and more specifics will be addressed in Title 21. She'd like to see it stay with Council and move forward. Title 21 is the meat of the issue. She commented on the EDC's work related to short-term rentals.

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Homer City Council Special and Regular Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2025. City Clerk. Recommend approval.
- b. Memorandum CC-25-239 from City Clerk re: Letter from City Council to the Alaska Delegation re: Oil and Gas Lease Sale Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Public Hearing and Comment Period. Recommend approval.
- c. 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.

- d. Resolution 25-086, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Commending the Alaska Municipal League on its 75th Anniversary and Recognizing the Impact of its "Stronger at 75" Campaign to Celebrate and Strengthen Local Govt. Aderhold. Recommend adoption.
- e. Resolution 25-087, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Confirming the City Manager's Appointment of Daniel Jager as Fire Chief for the City of Homer. City Manager. Recommend confirmation.

Memorandum CC-25-240 from City Manager as backup.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council Annual Report - Robert Archibald, President (10 Minutes)

Robert Archibald provided a brief history of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (RCAC). Issues they've been working on include dealings with the Joint Pipeline office that was formed after the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the digression of people with the office, resulting in the RCAC initiating a Government Accountability Office audit. Early retirement and personnel reductions have significantly impacted the ability to comprehensively monitor operations to ensure compliance with applicable laws. The RCAC continues to monitor the situation and plans for further conversation with the Alaska delegation. Another issue is a secondary containment liner at the Valdez Marine Terminal. He explained more about the importance of the liner and said they're working to hire the best people in the field to determine a way to inspect this liner. He reported on the impact of the reduction of funding and staffing for NOAA and the National Data Bouy Center, and reductions of workforce for Conoco Philips and Alyeska. Lastly he reported on Governor Dunleavy's Regulatory Reduction Administration Order 360, which is concerning because it reduces the number of state regulatory requirements for agencies.

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

- a. Worksession Report

City Manager Jacobsen reported that Finance Director Fischer provided the FY25 Year in Review report and Council engaged in discussion.

- b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Aderhold reported that Council discussed Memorandum CC-25-239 and the letter to the Alaska delegation, Ordinance 25-64 and the Comprehensive Plan, Resolution 25-088 and the two parcels being designated for a future Multi-Use Community Recreation Center, the heard an introduction from new Fire Chief Dan Jager.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lord acknowledged today is Indigenous Peoples Day. She expressed support for the folks in the YK Delta and Bering Strait Region who have been impacted by significant flooding, impacts locally from the king tides we've experience, and our ongoing work with our partners at AKDOT. She commented about PARCAC's proposal of a resolution to form a task force to talk about the high school pool and theater, and that is a matter more appropriately addressed with our partners with the City at the table, but not in the lead. She explained the process for conducting city task forces and the open meetings act. Mayor Lord reminded listeners about the upcoming All Hands Training with Council, Commissions, and Boards, and talked about some of the planning that's gone in to it.

d. Borough Report

e. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

f. Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Board

ADA Board Member Pat Case reported the Board discussed the doors to City Hall and they've begun their annual review of the City's Transition Plan. He also commented about accessible voting being available at City Hall. They appreciate the addition of a lift for the harbor being included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Last summer they did an inspection of the Poopdeck Trail and he's been working on a plan for improvement of the pitch at the upper part.

g. Canvass Board Report

City Clerk Krause reported the Canvass Board met on Friday, October 10th to canvass the October 7th election and count eligible absentee, special needs, and question ballots. The Canvass Board reconvened on Monday, October 13th to finalize the counting of additional ballots that were overlooked and not counted on the 10th. Upon discovering the oversight, the clerk's office staff immediately verified the ballot's chain of custody and took prompt corrective action to ensure all valid ballots were included in the final Canvas totals.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Ordinance 25-61, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Appropriating an Additional \$5,000 from the Water Capital Asset Repair Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund to the Paintbrush Booster Pump Station Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction September 22, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 13, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-232 from City Engineer as backup.

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

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 25-61 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 25-62, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY26 Capital Budget by Accepting and Appropriating a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Grant in the Amount of \$1,500,000 for Land Acquisition and Work Related to the Bridge Creek Watershed Protection District and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. Community Development Director/City Manager. Introduction September 22, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading October 13, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-241 from Community Development Director as backup.

Memorandum CC-25-234 from Community Development Director as backup.

Mayor Lord opened the public hearing.

Scott Adams, city resident, noted the City is buying large swaths of land outside city limits and he wonders if the public can hunt on them. He also commented that this property could have been sold and subdivided for more housing.

Jan Keiser, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 25-62 and applauds the City for taking this action to help protect our watershed.

Pat Case, city resident, commented in support of getting grants and has questions about the parameters of the grant and how much the City will have to expend in additional funds.

Rika Mouw, city resident, supports Ordinance 25-62 and mirrors Jan Keiser's comments supporting protecting the City's watershed.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 25-62 BY READING OF TITLE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Councilmember Aderhold explained there is no match associated with this grant with NOAA. It's funding that was set aside to conserve properties and is similar to the grant we used to purchase properties in the Beluga Lake Wetlands area. She noted this is the last opportunity for this type of grant funding.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

- a. 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 and Second Reading October 27, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-242 from Planning Director/Community Dev. Director as backup.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 25-64 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Mayor Lord provided an overview of the process to date and the information in the packet, including the summarized Planning Commission comments and staff's recommendations on the comments. She feels this is before the Council now and it should not be referred back to the Planning Commission, and she is committed to doing her part to help Council work through it. She supports the notion that there be a final draft to come before Council prior to final adoption.

Council discussed next steps. Some felt sending it back to the Planning Commission was appropriate, but no action was taken to do so. Council members concurred this will take time to work through and will have additional meetings to do so, it was proposed they have an extended off cycle worksession. They addressed some of the previous challenges with the drafts that had been provided. In relation to information presented and proposed amendments, it was suggested that the technical edits should be included in an updated draft and more substantial amendments should be provided in a list for ease of reference and consideration.

Council discussed availability for an extended work session. City Manager Jacobsen will put together a calendar invitation to get something scheduled. Staff will work with the consultant to prepare a document for council members to provide proposed amendments.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT SUBTANTIVE AMENDMENTS 1 AND 2 AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS 1 THROUGH 17 TONIGHT.

Councilmember Aderhold commented against including technical amendment 1 because she wants the formatting addressed as she outlined in her comments.

ADHEROLD/ERICKSON MOVED TO REMOVE TECHNICAL AMENDMENT 1 FROM THE LIST.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was brief discussion about process for seeing updates and working through an iterative process.

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

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/DAVIS MOVED TO ADD A COVER PAGE FOR THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, THAT THE PAGE NUMBERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND THE CORE PLAN BE DIFFERENTIATED, THAT ALL COVER PAGES AND ALL CHAPTER START OF EACH CHAPTER BEGIN ON FACING ODD NUMBER PAGE, AND THAT IN THE CORE PLAN THE PAGINATION AND HEAD OR FOOTER INDICATE WHICH CHAPTER YOU'RE IN.

Councilmember Erickson suggested including an appendix that reflects changes. Mayor Lord noted that the changes will be captured and tracked through the process they're working on.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/ERICKSON MOVED TO ADD SECOND PUBLIC HEARING AT THEIR FIRST MEETING IN NOVEMBER.
VOTE NON-OBJECTION UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE (introduction): NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a. City Manager's Report

City Manager Jacobsen noted her written report in the packet and commented regarding efforts by the State in forward movement on a spit erosion plan.

There was brief conversation regarding interest in continuing to put staff effort into researching speed monitoring devices with enhanced camera features. Councilmember Davis has the goal of asking for prices and having the intention of taking a closer look at traffic calming in the city. A device that flashes and takes a picture has been shown to reduce speeding and what happens after a picture is taken is up to the police. Other Councilmembers supported looking into the cost and what the pros and cons would be.

Councilmember Erickson appreciated the opportunity to meet the Fire Chief Jager when he Zoomed in at Committee of the Whole, and she asked about the status of the Deputy Fire Chief position. City Manager Jacobsen explained the position is unfunded in the budget but she'll be working with the Finance Director on the possibility of getting it funded before the mid-biennium budget amendments.

Councilmember Aderhold will be out of town during the landslide hazard presentations and she hopes someone will have some notes to share when she's back.

PENDING BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance 25-54, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Title 8 Permits, Licenses and Regulations by Adding Chapter 8.13 Temporary Retail Services. Davis/Aderhold. Introduction Postponed and Referred August 11, 2025 to Planning Commission and Economic Development Advisory Commission. Introduction on September 22, 2025 Postponed to October 13, 2025. Public Hearing and Second Reading October 27, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-243 from Councilmembers Aderhold and Davis as backup.
Memorandum CC-25-231 from Community Development Director as backup.
Memorandum CC-25-204 from City Manager as backup.

Mayor Lord announced the motion on the floor from August 11, 2025: “DAVIS/ADERHOLD MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 25-54 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.”, and opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Davis explained this ordinance was referred to the Planning Commission and EDC and both groups recommended denial. The intent was not to ask for a recommendation but to seek their input on how to improve on the ordinance. His intent is to refer it back to the Commissions with the memo in the packet and ask that they consider matters that would improve the language and how to improve on issues they addressed in their discussions.

Councilmember Venuti questioned sending it back again. She felt they had the ability to recommend a denial if they don't agree with the ordinance.

Councilmember Erickson suggested putting it off until spring and after the work on the Comp Plan and Title 21 is completed. By that time they will have some land uses where something like this might be appropriate. She prefers to see more planned development than allowing temporary buildings right now. She thinks this is putting the cart before the horse. She likes the idea of a deep dive into the itinerant merchant permit code.

Councilmember Davis suggested perhaps they didn't give them clear direction about what they were looking for, and the Economic Development Advisory Commission Chair mentioned earlier they're interested in taking this up again. He also acknowledged there isn't a rush and perhaps expecting them to turn it around so quickly wasn't helpful.

Councilmember Aderhold expressed her preference would be a more substantial review of the itinerant merchant permit. She's unsure sending this back to the Commissions would help that aspect of the conversation or only focus it on Pioneer Avenue. Her understanding is that the EDAC is looking at taking a look at the broader picture with the itinerant merchant code.

Councilmember Parsons shared his support of getting more feedback on the general idea of what's being proposed in the ordinance.

DAVIS/ADERHOLD MOVED TO REFER ORDINANCE 25-54 BACK TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION AND PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ADDITIONAL REVIEW, INCLUDING A REVISION OF THE ITENERANT MERCHANT CODE, AND FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AS NOTED IN THE MEMORANDUM IN THE PACKET.

City Manager Jacobsen noted the motion should be referred to a date specific. She reminded them that key staff for this work is currently committed to the Comp Plan and Title 21 work, Homer Accelerated Roads and

Trails (HART) Plan work, Multi-Purpose Community Recreation Center work, and there is an upcoming ballot proposition that staff will be working on in the spring, so direction on how to prioritize this will be needed.

Mayor Lord acknowledged the City Manager's comments and working within staff capacity.

DAVIS/PARSONS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE A DATE OF COUNCILS FIRST MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

There were comments that seems pretty fast, given there's limited meetings in December, and February is not that far away. Mayor Lord noted priorities of Council that staff is working on, as were mentioned earlier by the City Manager, this is an important topic, and right now this is the busiest she's experienced. She's concerned about the ability to do this topic justice.

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

Motion failed.

DAVIS/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD THE CLAUSE "TO BE TAKEN UP WHEN THE COMMISSIONS LOOK AT ITENERANT MERCHANT CODE AS HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.

There were comments that this addressed the EDC but not the Planning Commission, and that this code would need to be done by April for people coming in the spring to set up, so Council would have to have it back by March. Discussion on process related to the need to postpone to a date certain continued, and point was raised that itinerant merchant is in another section of code and while they may be related, it would be a separate ordinance.

Councilmember Aderhold asked to pull her name as co-sponsor on this ordinance. She thinks there's a plan to look at this code, there is a lot of things going on right now, and she will be voting no.

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

Motion failed.

VOTE: (motion to postpone): YES: DAVIS, HANSON
NO: VENUTI, ERICKSON, ADERHOLD, PARSONS,

Motion failed.

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

Mayor Lord voted no to break the tie. Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 25-088, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Selecting Two City Owned Properties in Downtown Homer as the Preferred Location for a Future Multi-Use Community Center. Erickson/Mayor.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-088 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Erickson shared her enthusiasm for taking this step in designating a recreation center location. The location will bring water and sewer into the town center area, there is room for expansion at a future date, room for parking, and potential to designate an area for itinerant merchants. She talked about things that happened in the past like the Street Fair, that don't happen anymore and accessing this area could change that.

Councilmember Aderhold added there have been comments that current HERC location is the best place, and she agrees, but there are too many complications with that location now. She was rooting for the HEA lot, but that's cost prohibitive. Although it's not her favorite option, it's a good location and will bring some vibrancy to the area.

Councilmember Parsons asked for clarification on this decision. He noted some Commissions were not in support of this location.

Mayor Lord explained that the resolution is a statement of Council's intent. There is other work that needs to be done and they will be focusing their work here.

Councilmember Venuti shared her support for this location, given the issues at the HERC site.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 25-089, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Regular Election held October 7, 2025, to Elect One City Council Member for a One Year Term and Two City Council Members for Three Year Terms Each. City Clerk/Canvass Board.

Resolution 25-089(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Certifying the Results of the City of Homer Regular Election held October 7, 2025, to Elect One City Council Member for a One Year Term and Two City Council Members for Three Year Terms Each. City Clerk/Canvass Board.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-089 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 25-089 WITH RESOLUTION 25-089(S).

There was no discussion on the motion to substitute.

VOTE (substitution): NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (main motion): NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

City Clerk Krause administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilmembers Hansen, Davis, and Parsons.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Michael Armstrong, non-resident, shared about his 23 year history working with the Homer News starting as an editorial assistant and up to editor for five years. He commented regarding the recent matter of the current owner of the Homer News, Carpenter Media Group acquiescing to a public official's demands rather than working with its editors on a story she challenged. He encouraged support for the First Amendment.

Nona Safra, city resident, shared her history of work in journalism, and commented in support of free press and the importance of having an independent local newspaper in the Homer. The First Amendment matters for all.

Pat Case, city resident, congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers, he looks forward to working with them. He announced the new co-directors of the Independent Living Center, Lisa Ellison is the Director of Operations and Maggie Winston is the Director of Community Outreach and Advocacy.

Robert Roth, city resident, commented in opposition of speed cameras. It would be an invasion of privacy, and people who drive to slow should be ticketed also.

Jan Keiser, city resident, congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. She encouraged them to follow through on the challenges of working through the work on the Comprehensive Plan. She noted sections regarding short-term rentals and contaminated properties, and ways the topics needs to be addressed.

Kathy Carrsow, city resident, appreciated the celebration on the Comprehensive Plan, she hopes they don't hate themselves for the path they decided to take. She expressed its going to be challenging, and the land use map needs to be much more specific.

Scott Adams, city resident, commented about the Homer football team going to State, upcoming volleyball, Kevin Bell Ice Area, Halloween, and the Navy's 250th birthday. He also commented about the money allocated to the Paintbrush Booster Station and issues with water pressure that need to be addressed, support for speed monitoring devices, replacing signage at the Harbor, and the natural gas surcharge.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti congratulated newly elected Councilmembers.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Krause announced openings on the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jacobsen congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers, reported an opening for a Deputy City Clerk, and wished the Navy happy birthday.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Lord said she lives up above the high school and enjoys listening to the football games, and added that the cross country boys and girls teams won state, and middle school boys soccer won Boroughs. She shared about the importance of keeping kids engaged in activities.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Venuti commented that Katie Bynagle was recognized as Vice Principal of the Year, she's well deserving of the award. Her heart goes out to all the people in Western Alaska who have been impacted by the floods, she also suffered the loss of her home in the 1964 earthquake so understands what they're going through. She thanked KBBI, they've just had another successful fund drive, and recognized Melissa Coe, a high school reporter who is on air from time to time. She reminded drivers to turn on their headlights, and thanked all the candidates who ran for Council

Councilmember Parsons shared his appreciation for the community, he appreciated the comments tonight, and for people who reached out to him this past week.

Councilmember Aderhold congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers, she looks forward to working with them. She thanked the election workers, they work hard and need to be recognized. She shared that she'll be participating by Zoom for the next meeting and encouraged people to take a walk down Ohlson Lane. The paving looks good and noted the tactile pads crossing Jenny Way point the wrong direction. She hopes in the future road designs that we are aware of that. She supports free press and misses having the reporters here in the room.

Councilmember Davis is glad the election is over and he appreciated having so many people participate. Having the three incumbents win by such a large margin says there's some public confidence in the governance of the City. He shared that the Homer High School Choir is in Soldotna today and tomorrow for the Borough-wide Honors Choir. On Saturday, there will be a citizens Town Hall on the First Amendment and separation of church and state.

Councilmember Erickson shared she's been reflecting after seeing media coverage of different leaders from the Middle Eastern countries and Europe walking hand and hand in friendship, despite different backgrounds to witness freeing of hostages and for the hope of peace. She believes in free speech and thinks its time for rallies in the City that unite us toward something good in our town, rather than dividing us. She acknowledged divisive language she sees on Homer Communications that creates fear around recent rallies. She announced the upcoming Snowmads membership meeting and shared about the work they've been doing.

Councilmember Hansen commented about humbling moment she's had since the election. She's working a second job that keeps her running and she had a few minutes behind a slow-moving person who opened up

about a personal situation, and she took time slow down and listen. She also feels very humbled to have been re-elected and appreciates the support.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council Mayor Lord adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole at 5:00 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: _____