

Session 25-27 a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Homer, Alaska was called to order on Monday, November 10, 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: CITY MANAGER JACOBSEN
CITY ATTORNEY GATTI
CITY CLERK WOODRUFF
PORT DIRECTOR HAWKINS
PLANNING DIRECTOR FOSTER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ENGEBRETSEN

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

Mayor Lord read the Supplemental Items into the Record as follows: Under the **PUBLIC HEARINGS** Item a. Memorandum from Community Development Director Engebretsen and written public comments provided as laydowns.

ADERHOLD/PARSONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- a. Mayoral Recognition for Jason Hoffman for Wastewater Operator of the Year Award

Mayor Lord read a description of Jason's professional accomplishments and contributions to the City's Water and Wastewater treatment programs, presented Jason with the award, and stood for pictures with Jason Hoffman and Todd Cook.

- b. Mayoral Recognition for Harbormaster of the Year Award - Matt Clarke

Mayor Lord read a description of Matt Clarke's contributions to the Port department and stood for pictures.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

William Roth, nonresident, expressed support for Ordinance 25-67 and expanding local fish processing capacity.

Brad Faulkner, city resident, expressed support for Ordinance 25-67 approving a sublease under his lease with the City.

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.)

- b. Ordinance 25-67, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving a Sublease Between Alaska Custom Seafoods, Inc. and Ind and Tide, LLC DBA Peninsula Seafoods Occupying a portion of Internal Building Space for an Office and Additional space as well as Yard Space Consisting of Shared Parking Spaces, Space for an Ice Making Machine and Equipment Storage on the Property Entitled T7S R13W Sec 1 Seward Meridian HM 0920050 Homer Spit Sub No Two Amended Lot 88-4, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Port Property Associate. Recommended Dates Introduction November 10, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 24, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-258 from Port Property Manager as backup.

- b. Ordinance 25-68, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Title 10, Port and Harbor, Sections 10.04.035 Homer Port and Harbor Tariff, 10.04.040 Port Director, 10.04.055 Fees, 10.04.090 Underway Requirement, 10.04.120 Impounded Vessel Procedure, and 10.04.140 Annual Review. City Manager/Port Director. Recommended Dates Introduction November 10, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 24, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-259 from Port Administrative Supervisor as backup.

- c. Resolution 25-095, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Homer Public Library's Policy to Include Confidentiality of Patrons' Phone Numbers and Text-Messaging Choices. City Manager/Library Director. Recommend Adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-260 from Library Director as backup.

- d. Resolution 25-096, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding a Contract to GCI Corporation for Providing Public Internet Service at the Homer Public Library and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Library Director. Recommend Adoption.

Memorandum CC-25-261 from Library Director as backup.

- e. Resolution 25-097, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Confirming the Appointment of Amy Woodruff as City Clerk. Recommend Adoption.

Deputy City Clerk Lynn read the Consent Agenda as presented into the record.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Lord congratulated City Clerk Woodruff on her appointment.

VISITORS

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

a. Worksession Report

City Manager Jacobsen noted that Council met on Friday, November 7th to discuss the Homer Comprehensive Plan, proposed amendments, and input from the Planning Commission. At the Monday, November 10th 4pm Worksession, Council reviewed a revised list of amendments that will be heard tonight.

b. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Erickson reported that the Council continued to review proposed amendments and technical aspects and ended early to prepare for the Regular Meeting.

c. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lord thanked Council, City staff, the contractors, members of the public, and commissioners for their time and effort contributed to the Comprehensive Plan process in addition to the regular duties of their role. She reported attending a conversation convened by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District regarding funding for pools in schools across the district and noted that this is an ongoing conversation that will need to bring in the borough as a participant since they are the owner of the school buildings. Mayor Lord reminded councilmembers of the importance of communicating with City Staff as one body, and engaging through the City Manager.

d. Borough Report

There was no report for this meeting.

e. Planning Commission

There was no report for this meeting.

f. Port & Harbor Advisory Commission

Commissioner Roth reported that the commission reviewed a fiscal report, discussed tariff edits and rate changes, provided feedback on office staffing, approved the 2026 meeting schedule, and is awaiting a report on the status of the Harbor's steel grid.

g. All Hands Training Report

Mayor Lord reported on the November 3, 2025 All Hands Training held at the College. Councilmembers, Commissioners, and Board Members reviewed roles and responsibilities, Robert's Rules of Order and

Parliamentary Procedure, and the importance of prioritizing projects and being mindful of resources and limited staff capacity. A mock meeting helped demonstrate how to operate under Robert's rules.

PUBLIC HEARING(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 October 27, 2025 Public Hearing and Second Reading November 10, 2025.

Memorandum CC-25-254 from City Manager as backup.

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

Mayor Lord opened the public hearing for Ordinance 25-64.

Brad Faulkner, City Resident, testified regarding the prioritization of walkability and funding for trails in the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the bike path on the spit has never been plowed since it was constructed in 2011. He expressed further concern about the routing of pedestrians on the spit and asked that the Council take walkability seriously.

Mayor Lord closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

ERICKSON/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 25-64 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

Mayor Lord deferred to Community Development Director Engebretsen who presented a summary screen displaying proposed amendments and suggested motions.¹

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT OF THE 2045 HOMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING AMENDMENTS 2, 6, 7,8, 10, 12, 16,17,20-30, 34-38, 41-43, 45, 46,48, 49 AND 52.

No Discussion.

VOTE (AMENDMENT) NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT OF THE 2045 HOMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS 31, 32, 39, 40, 50 AND 51

No Discussion.

VOTE (AMENDMENT) NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

¹ Clerk's note- details of the amendments referenced by number in the minutes are available in the supplemental meeting packet beginning on page 3

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT OF THE 2045 HOMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING AMENDMENTS 44 REVISED, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19 REVISED, 33, 47, 53, 55, 56.

No Discussion.

VOTE (AMENDMENT) NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ERICKSON/DAVIS MOVED TO AMEND THE OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT OF THE 2045 HOMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO CHANGE THE NORTHERN PART OF THE GATEWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT, FROM THE STERLING HIGHWAY NORTH, TO URBAN RESIDENTIAL.

ADERHOLD/PARSONS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY MAKING THE ENTIRE AREA NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE STERLING HIGHWAY GATEWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Councilmember Erickson requested more information about what is in the gateway district on the North side of the Sterling Highway.

Community Development Director Engebretsen indicated that there are some commercial businesses in the northern section of the area in question, and acknowledged that there is some concern about how residential use set back from the highway might be impacted by commercial use up against the Sterling Highway.

Councilmember Aderhold clarified that the amendment is to retain the area as it currently is, and that the Title 21 rewrite process could allow for refining the requirements for that district.

VOTE (AMENDMENT) YES: ADERHOLD, DAVIS, HANSEN, PERSONS, VENUTI NO: ERICKSON.

Motion carried.

VOTE (MOTION AS AMENDED) YES: ADERHOLD, DAVIS, HANSEN, PERSONS, VENUTI NO: ERICKSON.

Motion carried.

ERICKSON/VENUTI MOVED TO DELETE ACTION 2A ON P. 34 OF THE OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT OF THE 2045 HOMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Councilmember Venuti noted that this amendment to remove the recommendation to conduct a housing needs assessment was proposed during that day's Worksession due to past comments of Councilmember Davis, who was not present at the worksession.

Councilmember Aderhold expressed that she would be voting no on this amendment, and that recommendation meant that it was an action that the City may or may not take in the future, but it gives the City the opportunity to do that.

Councilmember Erickson expressed that she thought it was important because an assessment could cost \$60,000, and she didn't want pressure to complete an assessment now.

VOTE YES: DAVIS, ERICKSON, HANSEN, VENUTI. NO: ADERHOLD, PARSONS.

Motion carried.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT OF THE 2045 HOMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT #57: (LORD) P 22 3(C) UPDATE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR STEEP SLOPES, DRAINAGE WAVES, AND EROSION PRONE AREAS SUCH AS SHOWN ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS OVERLAY INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN, TO MANAGE GRADING, EROSION, RUNOFF, AND VEGETATION CLEARING. ENCOURAGE THE USE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SITE-RESPONSIVE DESIGN SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE AND REDUCE HAZARD EXPOSURE.

Councilmember Aderhold wondered whether the words ‘such as’ were intentional. Community Development Director Engebretsen indicated that ‘such as but not limited to’ is standard language meaning ‘including what is shown here, but could mean other things not shown in the plan today’

VOTE (AMENDMENT) NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT OF THE 2045 HOMER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT NEW AMENDMENT #58: (DAVIS) P.34, CITY-LED ACTIONS AND ACTIONS 2.(E) AMEND TO: MONITOR SHORT MONITOR SHORT TERM RENTALS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE HOUSING MARKET AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE ANY IMPACT OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS ON YEAR-ROUND HOUSING.

Councilmember Davis shared that in the February version of the comprehensive plan, significant public comment was received that requested additional action regarding Short Term Rentals.

Mayor Lord suggested that the body consider the use of the word ‘any’ in the amendment, noting that it is sweeping language.

Councilmember Davis acknowledged that the amendment as stated implies that the City would mitigate every single aspect of impacts, and suggested removing the word ‘any’

ADERHOLD/DAVIS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY MODIFYING THE WORDING TO SAY ‘AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO MITIGATE IMPACTS OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS ON YEAR-ROUND HOUSING.’

No Discussion.

VOTE (AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION) NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE (MOTION AS AMENDED) NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT ON PAGE 22 ADD ACTION G UNDER STRATEGY 4: DEVELOP FILL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARCELS LOCATED IN TARGETED AREAS DOCUMENTED TO CONTAIN 66% OR GREATER HYDRIC SOILS.

Councilmember Erickson expressed concern about the 66% and wondered what the consequences would be of that number, and whether it was realistic. Community Development Director Engebretsen explained that wetlands are based on soils mapping, and if two-thirds of a property have really wet soil, that's a likely trigger for identifying wetlands and drainage in general. This strategy suggests a path for future regulation, the regulation itself would look into the matter further and figure out what a good boundary would be.

VOTE (AMENDMENT) NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND THE OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT ON P. 33 TO INSERT THE SENTENCE THAT IS BOLD AND UNDERLINED BELOW UNATTAINABLE HOUSING AND THE HIGH COST OF LIVING ARE BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE LIMITED ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, ATTAINABLE HOUSING CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE HOMER'S ABILITY TO RETAIN ESSENTIAL WORKERS, SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND MEET THE NEEDS OF A CHANGING POPULATION. HOMER BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS SHOW THAT 13 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS IDENTIFIED A LACK OF HOUSING FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYEES AS A KEY HIRING BARRIER, SECOND ONLY TO THE SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS. IN INTERVIEWS, THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING WAS ALSO CITED AS A REASON WHY MORE FISHERMEN DO NOT LIVE IN HOMER YEAR-ROUND. SENIORS SEEKING TO AGE IN PLACE AND YOUNGER RESIDENTS STARTING FAMILIES OR ATTENDING COLLEGE LOCALLY OFTEN FACE LIMITED CHOICES THAT ARE AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, AND AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND. CONVERSION OF EXISTING HOMES TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS HAS FURTHER CONSTRAINED AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND HOUSING SUPPLY. WHILE SOME WORKERS FIND MORE ATTAINABLE HOUSING OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, THEY MAY LACK ACCESS TO CITY SERVICES AND REPRESENTATION, WEAKENING CIVIC CONNECTION AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION. MORE BROADLY, HOMER'S HIGH COST OF LIVING—INCLUDING HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND CONSTRUCTION—ADDS ON RESIDENTS AND LOCAL EMPLOYERS ALIKE. EXPANDING HOUSING OPTIONS FOR YEAR-ROUND WORKERS, SENIORS, AND YOUNG PEOPLE IS ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAINING THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND ENSURING HOMER REMAINS A LIVABLE COMMUNITY FOR ALL GENERATIONS.

VOTE (AMENDMENT) NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Lord offered congratulations to Council, Staff, and the Public for their efforts.

Councilmember Aderhold asked about next steps for the Comprehensive Plan process, and expressed interest in seeing a final version of the document as amended.

Community Development Director Engebretsen confirmed that the amended plan would be available in advance of the next Council meeting.

Mayor Lord informed Council that they could either postpone the motion to the next Council meeting and it would come up under pending business, or they could postpone to the next Council meeting with another public hearing.

PARSONS/ADERHOLD MOVED THAT THE MOTION BE POSTPONED TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 24TH WITH ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING.

Councilmember Erickson asked whether the plan was to pass the plan at the next meeting or to postpone until January.

Councilmember Parsons said he envisioned that the postponement to the November 24th meeting would allow for public feedback and that his vote would be based on the feedback he heard.

Councilmember Venuti said she agreed that it would depend on the public comment.

Mayor Lord expressed hope that the plan could be adopted at the next meeting.

VOTE (POSTPONEMENT) NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- b. 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.

Mayor Lord opened the public hearing for Ordinance 25-65

There was no public testimony.

Mayor Lord closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

ERICKSON/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 25-65 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

No Discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Mayor Lord expressed gratitude to the Rasmusen foundation and to Library Director Berry.

- c. 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 Reserve 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.

Mayor Lord opened the public hearing for Ordinance 25-66.

There was no public testimony.

Mayor Lord closed the public hearing and requested a motion.

ADERHOLD /PARSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 25-66 BY READING OF THE TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

No Discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a. City Manager's Report

Mayor Lord introduced the topic and deferred to City Manager.

City Manager Jacobsen acknowledged that the report in the packet was short because she has been out of the office to attend the International City-County Management Association Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida. The next manager's report will include 'catch up' information. She noted that the conference included several useful sessions on Council-Manager relationships. In a follow-up to a July report, the City Manager noted that several out-of-service fire hydrants on Pioneer Avenue will be replaced this week, and that the work will require the removal of a tree near City Hall.

Councilmember Venuti asked whether there will be public outreach regarding the removal of the tree, the City Manager agreed that there would be.

City Manager Jacobsen congratulated City Clerk Woodruff on her appointment and acknowledged the contributions of Scott Lynn, Deputy City Clerk, who put in significant effort as the only Clerk in the office the previous week.

City Manager Jacobsen reported that she is participating in an Asset Management Cohort with the Alaska Municipal League where she gets to experiment with different tools. She looks forward to completing the course and coming back to Council with results to consider. Mayor Lord expressed enthusiasm to learn more.

Councilmember Aderhold noted that on a recent walk she realized that consecutive fire hydrants are out of service on Pioneer Avenue, and recognized the importance of the work to bring them back into service. We can't not have fire hydrants on Pioneer Avenue.

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

William Roth, nonresident, commented on the tariff increase for the harbor. The scheduled increase is for a small percentage each year, which he doesn't mind. However, the daily rate is out of balance with most of the

state, to the point where after five days you have to pay for a month. He pointed out that if he is paying for a month, he might as well use it. He asked Council to consider a 10-day rate or something similar. He expressed gratitude for the recent training for commissioners and councilmembers. He stated his opposition to any rent control model, as that would discourage people from building long-term rentals.

Robert Roth, City resident, commented that he had complaints about the Harbor's insurance policy and daily rates. He stated that there's a consensus that the harbor is against short-term users. He requested that the City not spend money on studies for speed cameras or the HERC center, noting that the farmer's market is more popular.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Gatti recognized the hard work of the Mayor and Council to address the issues in the Comprehensive Plan. He thanked and congratulated City Clerk Woodruff for accepting her new position.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

Deputy City Clerk Lynn thanked the Council for having him at their meeting, and reminded the community that Veteran's day is tomorrow, and the American Legion Parade is at 11 AM.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jacobsen wished all the veterans out there a happy Veterans Day and expressed appreciation for all that they have done for our country. She noted that there are two vacancies open for employment with the City.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Lord wished everyone a happy Veteran's Day. She thanked community members, Homer Police Department, and the Homer Volunteer Fire Department for their contributions to the one-way Halloween event, expressing that it is community at its best. She is grateful to be a part of the City and serving this community.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Davis shared that he is on the Big Island doing a beekeeping gig, and will be back for the next meeting.

Councilmember Hansen thanked the other councilmembers for their hard work at the Comprehensive Plan Worksession the previous week. She thanked her community for showing up to help take care of her family during an absence.

Councilmember Erickson recounted a recent experience where she witnessed numerous vehicles not yielding to an emergency vehicle with lights and sirens, and encouraged people to pay attention on the roads. She appreciated the Police Department for playing dodgeball with Junior High and High School students, and the Police and Fire Departments for playing in a softball game together. She noted that she has witnessed wild and feral animals predated the rabbit population in nature without us having to go out and do anything about it.

Councilmember Aderhold thanked the Clerk's office for the work they've been doing, congratulating Amy and thanking Scott for his wonderful attitude. She noted that she was out of town for three weeks and the opportunity reminded her of how much community we have in Homer and how much she missed in that short time. She appreciates that this is an active community and one that is easy to get involved in.

Councilmember Parsons thanked City Manager Jacobsen for everything she’s been doing, acknowledging that it’s been a lot. He thanked Community Development Director Engebretsen for her leadership through the Comp Plan process and as Acting City Manager. He thanked Shelly Wade with Agnew::Beck and her team for their efforts. He thanked the Planning Commission and other Commissions and Boards who weighed in on the draft Comprehensive Plan. He expressed specific thanks to community members for their detailed feedback informing Council. He noted that he also enjoyed Halloween and reminded the community that he was hosting the next Conversation with a Councilmember. He noted that Alaska is the state with the highest per capita population of veterans in the United States, and that those 1 in 10 Alaskans who are veterans are our friends and neighbors. He wished everyone a fulfilling and rewarding Veterans’ Day.

Councilmember Venuti expressed gratitude to Veterans and acknowledged Veterans on City Staff including City Manager Jacobsen and Deputy City Clerk Lynn. She acknowledged the Army and Navy, and said *Semper Fi* to the Marine Corps, acknowledging their 250th birthday. She said she hoped that the community would come out for the Veteran’s Day parade, and called out housing and health care as two ways that Alaskan communities can take care of veterans in their communities. She said she met some nice young people at the Title 21 meeting at the college who expressed concerns about finding housing when their current housing arrangements went away at the end of March. She celebrated the most successful Empty Bowls fundraiser in the history of the event, which had over 168 bowls donated and raised funds for the Food Pantry. She encouraged listeners to support the food pantry if they have the funds to do so, as they helped a record 177 families. There will be a free thanksgiving meal at the Methodist church on Thanksgiving day at 2pm. She thanked Duncan House for a burger fundraiser that raised over \$4,000 for the food pantry.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lord adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, November 24, 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.

AMY WOODRUFF, CITY CLERK

APPROVED: _____